

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Lee Terry (R-NE) today announced that from now on he would not only comply with the new House rules on the disclosure of earmarking of federal funds in legislation, but will post the funding requests that he submits on his official website. Congressman Terry has consistently supported earmark reform and is taking it to the next level with this action.

"To my knowledge, I am the first Member of Congress to take this step, said Terry."

"Earmarks have come under appropriate criticism because of the secretive, mysterious nature of the earmark process which has led to corruption and personal gain by a few. I believe sunshine is the best disinfectant. I believe in transparency, therefore I will post on my congressional website any and all earmarks I request, Terry added."

The earmark reforms contained in the new rules package adopted in January by the U.S. House of Representative require that all bills or joint resolutions (not just appropriations bills) considered in the House include either a list of earmarks in the text or committee report and the name of the Member requesting each earmark or a statement that no such earmarks are included. The rules also require every Member requesting an earmark to provide a written explanation of the request and "publicly" certify that the Member or spouse has no financial interest in the earmark. The earmark lists are to be made available to the public electronically through committee publications or in the *Congressional Record*.

