

## **Earmark Resolution to Amend the Rules of the House**

### **Section by Section**

- I. Prohibits any earmark for a non-public entity. However, the provision includes an exemption for an institution of higher education (as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965).
  
- II. Prohibits any earmark for any entity named after an individual serving in Congress.
  
- III. Requires the Clerk of the House to develop a website for the purpose of publishing “Member Spending Requests,” to which Members are required to submit for publishing the amount requested, project name, and a project description on their website within 24 hours of making an earmark request.
  
- IV. Requires a letter of support from every non-Federal recipient of an earmark certifying that it will provide matching funds in an amount not less than 10% of the amount of the earmark. This letter would have to accompany the earmark request.
  
- V. Extends the financial interest certification to include all family members
  - a. Defines family according to the terms used in the Ethics in Government Act (5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 109(16)). Current rules only require certification that there is no financial interest for the Member and the Member’s spouse.