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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to further strengthen
the rule regarding congressional earmarks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CULBERSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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further strengthen the rule regarding congressional earmarks.

1 *Resolved*, That (a) paragraph (a) of clause 9 of rule
2 XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 “(a) It shall not be in order to consider—

5 “(1) a bill or joint resolution reported by a
6 committee if that bill or joint resolution or accom-
7 panying report contains any congressional earmark,
8 limited tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit unless—

1 “(A) in the case of an earmark, it is for
2 Federal, State, or local unit of government for
3 a purpose authorized by law;

4 “(B) the Member, Delegate, or Resident
5 Commissioner sponsoring such congressional
6 earmark, limited tax benefit, or limited tariff
7 benefit is identified;

8 “(C) the congressional earmark, limited
9 tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit is initiated
10 in committee;

11 “(D) the congressional earmark, limited
12 tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit falls within
13 the applicable section 302(a) allocation and
14 does not increase total spending for any fiscal
15 year; and

16 “(E) in the case of an earmark, the ex-
17 penditure is authorized by law (except to con-
18 tinue appropriations for public works and ob-
19 jects that are already in progress);

20 “(2) a bill or joint resolution not reported by a
21 committee if it contains any congressional earmark,
22 limited tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit; or

23 “(3) an amendment to a bill or joint resolution
24 described in paragraph (1) or (2).”.

1 (b) Paragraph (d) of clause 9 of rule XXI of the
2 Rules of the House of Representatives is repealed and
3 paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of such clause are redesign-
4 nated as paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), respectively.