

What They're Saying ...

More Support For The Line-Item Veto Legislation

"[W]e're urging Congress to give this President and future Presidents the opportunity to be able to have what is very much similar to a line-item veto. ... I appreciate the support of both Republicans and Democrats on the Hill in supporting the bill that we've submitted. I urge the Congress to pass this type of legislation so that we can work together to get our deficit cut in half by 2009, but, more importantly, assure the American people that we're being wise about how we use their money."

– President Bush, 6/8/06

Editorials Support Line-Item Veto Legislation

The Wall Street Journal: "A McLaughlin poll released this week finds that 72% of voters now believe the budget is growing too fast. Enacting the line-item veto would be Congress's way of telling the President: Stop us before we spend again." (Editorial, "Walk the Line," *The Wall Street Journal*, 3/9/06)

The Boston Globe: "President Bush asked Congress this week for a line-item veto, and he should get it." (Editorial, "Hand Bush The Veto Pen," *The Boston Globe*, 3/8/06)

The Pueblo [CO] Chieftain: "Rather than giving a president carte blanche line-item veto power, the new approach would allow the president to send individual spending items back to Congress for an up-or-down vote. ... Congress should pass this modified line-item veto bill. Someone in Washington needs to tighten the spending spigot." (Editorial, "Reining In Spendthrifts," *The Pueblo [CO] Chieftain*, 5/4/06)

The Christian Science Monitor: "This and other deficit-reducing steps could help bring the Federal red ink - that now consumes more than 3 percent of the US economy – down to a pale shade of pink, or perhaps even black." (Editorial, "Let Presidents Drain Federal Red Ink," *The Christian Science Monitor*, 3/8/06)

[Massachusetts] Telegram & Gazette: "The ability of governors in 43 states to veto unwise budget items has proved to be a powerful tool for fiscal discipline. Empowering the President to trim fat selectively from the pork-laden appropriations bills would have similar benefits on the federal level." (Editorial, "Try, Try Again; Federal Line-Item Veto Deserves Another Chance," [Massachusetts] *Telegram & Gazette*, 3/8/06)

The Paducah Sun: "President Bush's attempt to revive the line-item veto is well-timed." (Editorial, "Timely Proposal," *The Paducah Sun*, 3/8/06)

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel: "The line-item veto is one of those ideas that enjoys - and deserves - wide bipartisan support in Congress." (Editorial, "Taking A Scalpel To Pork," *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, 3/21/06)

The Augusta [GA] Chronicle: "A line-item veto isn't a cure-all for overspending, but it's a healthy step in the right direction because it promotes accountability." (Editorial, "New Life For The Line-Item Veto," *The Augusta [GA] Chronicle*, 3/24/06)

The [Mesa, AZ] East Valley Tribune: "If only by forcing Congress to think twice about funding projects, the line-item veto would be a valuable step toward restoring systematic discipline to federal spending." (Editorial, "Line-Item Veto An Important Tool For Reining In Earmarks," *The [Mesa, AZ] East Valley Tribune*, 3/17/06)

The [Everett, WA] Herald: "Congress, for the greater good of a government that's bleeding red ink, should oblige him by approving Bush's proposal for a line-item veto. The President's plan would create an important fiscal-discipline tool at a time when Congressional 'earmarks' – individual spending items slipped into larger bills, often at the last minute and without debate – have exploded." (Editorial, "A Small But Necessary Tool For Fiscal Discipline," *The [Everett, WA] Herald*, 3/7/06)