

**THEY DID WHAT
WITH MY HARD
EARNED MONEY?**



**FIRE CONGRESS
BOONDOGLERS**

DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY

DEMAND RESPONSIBILITY

Republican Rep. Paul Ryan, R-WI. announced the recipients of his first Budget Boondoggle Awards. The Ferry to Nowhere – a \$20-million earmark for a craft connecting the Alaskan communities of Anchorage and Port MacKenzie – serving a total of 40 residents.

-- The National Drug Intelligence Center's "jobs program" – a \$39-million earmark for a duplicative program that the President has sought to eliminate since at least 2005.

Honorable Mention went to the Omnibus Appropriations Bill with its \$18 billion in earmarks

To see details on more wasted billions visit <http://www.cagw.org/> click on the pig book and scroll down this is the site of Citizens Against Government Waste.

Also there are too many too highly paid government employees many making over \$100,000 a year. Congressmen get about \$200,000 a year in pay and benefits plus retirement. And they give themselves a multi thousand dollar raise every year. Yet they want to cut pay and benefits promised to our soldiers

U.S. Senator William Proxmire gave Golden Fleece Awards from 1975 to 1988 to highlight government waste of which some were: * Federal Aviation Administration for spending \$57,800 on a study of the physical measurements of 432 airline stewardesses, paying special attention to the "length of the buttocks" and how their knees were arranged when they were seated.

* National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) funded project by psychologist Harris Rubin for \$121,000, on developing "some objective evidence concerning marijuana's effect on sexual arousal by exposing groups of male pot-smokers to pornographic films.

* National Institute for Mental Health for spending \$97,000 to study, among other things, what went on in a Peruvian brothel; the researchers said they made repeated visits in the interests of accuracy.

* Office of Education for spending \$219,592 in a "curriculum package" to teach college students how to watch television.

* United States Department of the Army for a 1981 study on how to buy Worcestershire sauce.

* United States Department of Justice for conducting a study on why prisoners want to get out of jail.

The above is only a drop in the bucket of the wasted billions of our hard earned money. What can we do about it. Tell your representatives and senators to stop wasting our money and to make cutbacks in government spending. The rich should have to pay their fair share of taxes.

We need to keep informed of what is going on and demand action.

And the situation is even worse when you see what our congress and president have done. Look at the US Debt Clock at <http://www.usdebtclock.org/> Congress has been so stupid as to repeatedly borrow money from rich bankers and China to pay for unnecessary pork. You will find that the government owes a huge amount of interest (several trillion) to bankers and China because of their irresponsible actions. No wonder these rich bankers are getting richer and they pay almost no taxes. China is using this money to finance its military. **This is something that can be used against us. Congress and the President have been irresponsible in dealing with this and it has put our nation at risk.** Many countries demand payment in cash including the oil sources. If we can't pay them in cash, oil and other needed things will stop causing a massive nation wide shutdown. This is the terrible truth. Both the Democratic and Republican parties have become self serving money making machines and have failed the American people. But blaming is not fixing we need to fix this situation before there is a national crisis. Call them demand responsible positive actions now.