

The *Winchester* (Virginia) *Star* [reports today](#) on the House Republicans' challenge to Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats on an earmark moratorium.

*At the GOP's annual retreat, House Republicans agreed overall to the plan as [a first step](#) toward earmark reform. They also urged Democrats to accept the proposal at their party's annual retreat, which is set for this week.*

*Ninety-nine co-sponsors, including Rep. Jeff Flake of Arizona, Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas, and Rep. [Mike Pence](#) of Indiana, have joined the effort because of their criticism of earmarks. Flake, Hensarling, and Pence are Republicans.*