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Yesterday, the [Advisory Committee on Transparency \(http://transparencycaucus.org/\)](http://transparencycaucus.org/) hosted “[the Future of Earmark Transparency \(http://blog.sunlightfoundation.com/2010/11/08/the-future-of-earmark-transparency-event-announcement/\)](http://blog.sunlightfoundation.com/2010/11/08/the-future-of-earmark-transparency-event-announcement/)” on Capitol Hill.

Speaking at the event were **Steve Ellis**, Vice President of Taxpayers for Common Sense; **Jim Harper**, Director of Information Policy Studies at the Cato Institute and founder of WashingtonWatch.com; and **Daniel Schuman**, Policy Counsel at the Sunlight Foundation and Director of the Advisory Committee on Transparency.

The Advisory Committee on Transparency is a project of the Sunlight Foundation, and has 18 member organizations. Background materials on earmark transparency are available after the jump.

Resources

- [Timeline of earmarks reforms \(http://www.opencongress.org/wiki/Earmark_Reform_Bills\)](http://www.opencongress.org/wiki/Earmark_Reform_Bills) and all bills introduced in the 111th Congress (via Sunlight)
- WashingtonWatch.com's crowd-sourced [earmarks database \(http://www.washingtonwatch.com/bills/earmarks/\)](http://www.washingtonwatch.com/bills/earmarks/)
- Taxpayers for Common Sense [earmarks database \(http://www.taxpayer.net/earmarks.php\)](http://www.taxpayer.net/earmarks.php)
- “[Common Sense Earmark Reforms for the 112th Congress \(http://is.gd/gZ8qn\)](http://is.gd/gZ8qn),” released by a coalition of good government groups and several Washington lobbyists (via TCS)
- [Report \(http://is.gd/gZ8BF\)](http://is.gd/gZ8BF) on Senate HSGAC hearings on the Earmark Transparency Act
- “[Boehner, Cantor vow vote to ban Earmarks next Congress \(http://is.gd/gZ8Jp\)](http://is.gd/gZ8Jp)” (via *the Hill*) 11/12/2010
- “[Demint Gathers Earmark Ban Support \(http://is.gd/gZ8R0\)](http://is.gd/gZ8R0)” (via *Washington Wire*) 11/9/2010
- “[McConnell: Earmark ban won't save any money \(http://is.gd/gZ8ZF\)](http://is.gd/gZ8ZF)” (via *the Hill*) 11/7/2010
- [President Obama's State of the Union Address \(http://is.gd/gZ9e8\)](http://is.gd/gZ9e8) 1/27/2010 calling for a unified earmarks database

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The Advisory Committee on Transparency's purpose is to support the Congressional Transparency Caucus's mission of promoting government transparency by:

- Providing members of Congress with expert advice and resources on transparency issues, and