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A roundup of what we're noticing in the [Reporting Group](#) as we dig into government data and disclosures:

Today's Politiwidgets: The Hill [notes](#) this Washington Examiner [editorial](#) arguing against Rep. Fred Upton, D-Mich., ascending to the chairmanship of the Energy and Commerce Committee when the 112th Congress convenes next January, something that David Weigel, then writing for the Washington Post, [noted was likely](#) last June. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, who famously apologized to BP for the Obama administration's "[shakedown](#)" of the company in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, has seniority, but Republican rules limit the amount of time a member can chair a committee, and Barton's turn has expired. Here are the top donors to both Upton and Barton:

Here is what an alert will look like.



Representative **Fred** **Upton**

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Here is what an alert will look like.



Representative **Joe** **Barton**

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Signing sunlight: Jim Harper of [Washington Watch](#) and the Cato Institute [catalogs](#) President Barack Obama's track record of keeping bills online for five days before he signs them.

Help wanted: Here's a list of [vacancies](#) in inspector general offices throughout government.

Ocean's electioneering: Ocean Champions, a [501\(c\)4 advocacy organization](#) that also runs a connected [political action committee](#), promotes national ocean policies that they say will benefit the earth's environment, and also endorses members of Congress. In 2010, they ran one [electioneering communication](#), criticizing Andy Harris, who defeated Rep. Frank Kratovil, D-Md., in the Old Line State's first district. Donations for the ad—some \$150,000—came from a single donor, Anne Earhart of Laguna Beach, Calif.

The Daily Poligraph: The Financial Times [reports](#) that U.S. companies welcome power shift. Original