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Double-speak Denny says one thing, does another on earmarks

Congressman votes against earmarks and then promises Eureka clinic one

(Helena, Mont.) - Congressman Dennis R. Rehberg is spending his Spring Break promising Montanans earmarks that earlier this month he voted against. Rehberg is advocating for a moratorium on earmarks that would cost Montana millions of dollars in federal funds for libraries, hospitals, schools and water projects.

"This is the worst kind of political double-speak," Kevin O'Brien, spokesman for the Montana Democratic Party, said. "The ink had barely dried before Congressman Rehberg's latest promise was broken. The equivocating needs to stop and the Congressman needs to be straight on whether he's for or against funding for Montana projects."

Yesterday, while meeting with officials from North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, "Rehberg appeared interested in pushing for the funding" for a clinic in Eureka. The northwest Montana hospital is requesting a \$2 million dollar earmark. [[Missoulian](#), 3/26/2008]

One problem: in Washington, Rehberg is advocating for a moratorium on ALL earmarks--which would leave sole discretion on spending to President Bush and his beltway budget gurus. Earlier this month, Rehberg voted for a Republican-offered budget that would strip all funding for projects like North Valley Hospital, water projects like the St. Mary's, Dry-Prairie, or North Central Rural Water System, and infrastructure projects like the Kalispell bypass, Shiloh Road in Billings, and the Custer Ave. interchange in Helena. [Great [Falls Tribune](#), 3/15/2008]

Rehberg's recent tough talk on earmarks surprised a lot of folks because his actions over the years have told a different story. Rehberg has voted for millions of dollars to build a 'bridge to nowhere' in Alaska and even encouraging Carter County to use taxpayer dollars to hire one of Jack Abramoff's lobbyists. [[Billings Gazette](#), 10/9/2005]

To quote James Tolkan's character for the 1986 blockbuster *Top Gun*, "Son, your ego is writing checks your body can't cash."

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