

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Senate blocks Sen. Johnson's amendments to eliminate \$9.8 billion in earmarks, restrict federally funded transportation of illegal migrants in omnibus

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WASHINGTON – On Thursday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) secured a full vote of the United States Senate on his amendments to the \$1.7 trillion, 4,000+ page omnibus spending bill. Sen. Johnson offered amendments to eliminate \$9.8 billion in earmarks from the bill and to restrict federally funded transportation of illegal migrants. Unfortunately, the Senate voted in favor of keeping the nearly \$10 billion of earmarks that will go to states that are sitting on almost \$400 billion in surpluses.

In a [press conference](#) on Tuesday, Sen. Johnson argued that earmarks are “the gateway drug to the massive deficit spending, to the mortgaging of our children’s futures. It has to stop.” On the [Senate floor](#) today, the senator explained how the of earmarks will go to states that are already “sitting on close to \$400 billion of surpluses.” In response to the growing crisis on our southern border, Sen. Johnson [explained](#) that his amendment “takes whatever funds are appropriated for transporting illegal immigrants – it only allows those funds to be used to send them home or to a safe third country or to Mexico or to a detention facility here in America.”

The full text of the amendments can be found [here](#) and [here](#).