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## Congress Should Cut the Number of Congressional Records Printed Every Day to Save Millions of Dollars Per Year

Congress has finally decided to make a serious effort at cutting discretionary spending. The best place to begin looking is in their own budget—FY 2006 Legislative Branch appropriations.

Congressman Jeff Flake (R-AZ) has offered an amendment that would cut the number of Congressional Records—the official proceedings of Congress—printed every day from 6000 to 1000 editions. This would save taxpayers \$5.4 million a year. 57 fewer tons of paper would be delivered to Capitol Hill every year.

There is no need for such a large daily printing of the loquacious orations of Congress. Electronic versions of each day's edition are available on the internet, and are searchable back to 1989. Thousands of copies, printed at taxpayers' expense, are simply not needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. **Americans for Tax Reform urges Congress to adopt this amendment to the Legislative Branch appropriations bill.** It is a good down payment toward cutting waste and fat from the government and saving taxpayers' dollars. It also gives Congress credibility when cutting spending from departments and agencies.

## **ATR URGES SUPPORT FOR THIS AMENDMENT**