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# **House Moves to Stick Taxpayers With \$3.6 Billion Bill for a Day's Work**

*House Authorizes \$3.6 Billion in Spending on Same Day  
Administration Announces Record Deficit*

**Mesa, Arizona** - Arizona Congressman Jeff Flake, who represents the state's Sixth District, today scolded the House of Representatives for authorizing \$3.6 billion in spending over five years during the 24 hours they were in session this week.

Ironically, this spending spree came the same day the Bush Administration announced a record \$374.2 billion deficit for fiscal year 2003. Even more disappointing, this spending was passed by voice vote without giving Members a chance to vote on record.

**"In light of the House's spending spree this week, I think the old adage 'another day, another dollar' might have to be updated,"** said Flake. **"However, I don't know that taxpayers are going to like the sound of 'another day, another 3.6 billion dollars.'"**

**"The sad truth is that Congress seems to have abandoned all efforts at fiscal restraint."**

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