Rep. John Campbell isn’t completely opposed to using earmarks to get money for Back Bay dredging, but he wants to see the system reformed first. For now, there isn’t any money to help with the dredging due to the country’s budget deficit, and the congressman fears using federal dollars to help the city.

“It can’t be seen as welfare for rich yacht owners,” Campbell said.

While he doesn’t believe in adding spending to bills, the practice that’s known as “earmarking,” Campbell said he would have no problem tossing some cuts into one.

After announcing his new legislation concerning a tax break to commuters on Wednesday, Campbell later said in response to comments from Democratic challenger Steve Young that he wouldn’t have any problem cutting the budget “to just about any department because we spend too much on all of them,” so he could pay for the gas bill.