

An outspoken critic of pork-barrel spending, U.S. Rep. John Campbell has written a bill that would effectively abolish the United States House Committee on Appropriations.

One of the most powerful committees in the House of Representatives, the body oversees the federal government's purse strings.

House Resolution 17 would give each committee in the House the power to appropriate money for its own needs.

The House Committee on the Budget would oversee the process.

“This bill wholeheartedly acknowledges that an egregious amount of overspending, waste, fraud and abuse exists within both parties throughout the spending process which is shepherded by the Appropriations Committee,” Campbell wrote in a commentary on Flashreport.org, a conservative blogging website.

“The House of Representatives invests its spending power in the 25 individuals of this spending panel, whose sole purpose it is to spend the taxpayers' money; and they do a damn good job at it, and if you ask me, too good.

“There is no doubt; many Members of Congress have been tempted by the enormous power of spending \$3 trillion per year of someone else's money.”