

Clinton among tops in 'earmark' spending

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WASHINGTON -- U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., helped get more than \$340 million worth of home-state projects in last year's federal spending bills. That figure puts the Democratic presidential candidate among the top 10 Senate recipients of what are commonly known as earmarks, a study by Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonpartisan budget watchdog group, says. The report says Clinton supported almost four times as much earmarked spending as Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., her rival for the Democratic nomination. Obama's \$91 million total placed him in the bottom quarter of senators who seek earmarks, The Washington Post said. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the probable Republican presidential nominee, was one of five senators to reject earmarks entirely and is using his blanket earmark opposition as part of his regular attack on Clinton.

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