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Hastings: 'Reid-Boxer Omnibus needs to be blocked, shelved or defeated'

WASHINGTON D.C. – Natural Resources Committee Chairman-elect Doc Hastings (WA-04) released the following statement after U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid announced intentions to pass a public lands and waterways [omnibus bill](#) crafted by himself and Senator Barbara Boxer during the final days of the lame-duck Democrat Congress:

"One bloated, costly Senate omnibus was just killed and this monster deserves the same fate.

"This thousand-plus page omnibus would create entirely new spending programs, stifle job creation, expand EPA's power to control the economy and kill jobs, block more American-made energy, and complicate Border Patrol's ability to secure our border from criminals, drug gangs and potential terrorists.

"Harry Reid, Barbara Boxer and Senate Democrats are ignoring the stark message sent by voters in November that they want an end to backroom deals that produce giant bills loaded with new spending and job-killing policies. The American people loudly declared that this isn't how they want business conducted by Congress.

"This Reid-Boxer omnibus needs to be blocked, shelved or defeated. There will be plenty of time in the next Congress to individually consider the measures piled into this omnibus. They shouldn't be jammed through in the last days of a lame-duck session."

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