

TRUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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FANCY FISCAL FOOTWORK HIDES REAL COST OF GOVERNMENT

Using "credit cards with no limit" and employing "smoke and mirror budgeting" that, if practiced in the private sector, would "get corporate officials sent to jail," Congress has gone on a spending spree. Your share of the bill is \$31,174.89.

That's how Joseph J. DioGuardi, the only practicing certified public accountant ever to serve in the U.S. Congress, describes the way legislators spend money in his new exposé *Unaccountable Congress* (Regnery Gateway; April 13, 1992; \$17.95). *Unaccountable Congress* exposes the fancy fiscal footwork, phantom funding gimmicks, and bogus budget balancing that DioGuardi says legislators use to "deceive the American people by failing to disclose the true cost and financial condition of our federal government."

Unaccountable Congress exposes "the most expensive credit card in the world"—the Congressional voting card. It's used by members of Congress like a Master Card or Visa but with no credit limit.

In *Unaccountable Congress*, former Congressman Joe DioGuardi shows **YOU**—the taxpayer—what your personal statement from 1991 would look like **IF** the U.S. Congress billed for their excesses:

DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	PAYMENTS		
Previous Balance Due (<i>your share of the national debt beginning of year</i>)		\$28,796.75		
Purchases During Year (<i>your share</i>)				
Social Security and Medicare	\$3,305.34			
National Defense	2,411.63			
Income Security and Welfare	1,514.96			
Health	629.94			
Education, Training, Employment	367.07			
Agriculture, Natural Resources	297.10			
Transportation	279.04			
Administration of Justice	108.81			
Other	1,064.42			
Payments Received During Year (<i>your share</i>)				
Individual Income Taxes		\$4,140.06		
(<i>Thank you for your prompt payment</i>)				
Social Security taxes and contributions		3,504.52		
Other		1,681.36		
Totals	9,978.31	9,325.94		
Finance Charge (<i>your share of the Interest on the national debt</i>)	1,725.77			
New Balance Due (<i>your share of the national debt end of year</i>)		\$31,174.89		
PREVIOUS BAL.	PURCHASES	FINANCE CHARGES	PAYMENTS	BALANCE DUE
\$28,796.75	\$9,978.31	\$1,725.77	-\$9,325.94	\$31,174.89

(Taken from page 11 of *Unaccountable Congress*.)