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The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* contains numerous transparency and accountability provisions to ensure that the expenditure of taxpayer dollars can be closely monitored. They include:

- A dedicated website, **recovery.gov**, which will allow citizens to track every penny and hold federal, state, and local officials accountable for performance;
- A requirement that the President report quarterly on the results for the American economy;
- A requirement that states must use the money for its intended purpose;
- Publishing an online, public notification of contracts and grants awarded, and a description of the investment funded, the purpose, and the total cost;
- A review of recovery funding by the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office; and
- An agreement by President Obama and congressional leaders that the legislation will not contain earmarks.

In addition, the text of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* was posted online Friday, January 23 – three days before the House Rules Committee review it and four days before the bill will be debated by the House of Representatives. Drafts of the bill also were posted online as it was considered by the committees.