

This is the year
to rein them in 2/19/92
— or toss them out

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"This country is big and it spends too much money," said President Bush during his State of the Union address. Although George Bush must take most of the responsibility for the incredible spending during his administration, Congress is not without blame. Since Bush is against the obnoxious over-spending of money we can assume he is against the \$50,000 raise Vice President Quayle received and the huge salary increases for Congress that Representative Johnson and Senator Lieberman helped make into law, right? Wrong.

Congress voted itself huge pay raises just when fiscal restraint needed to be a high priority. It is this irresponsible spending which citizens at all levels of government are trying to minimize. At the local level, citizen groups are examining town and education budgets scrupulously. At the state level, various groups are challenging the income tax and offering areas where spending should be cut. Such citizen groups are not nearly as effective at the national level. Raises which snuck through Congress (one in 1989 and one in 1991) remain as a symbol not only of the careless way in which our government is spending our money, but also of the greedy, sneaky, and generally slimy way that politicians act.