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Who Read 1,582-Page \$1.1T Spending Bill? Congressman: 'Nobody Did'

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(CNSNews.com) -- When asked whether he read the 1,528-page, \$1.1 trillion government spending bill before he voted for it yesterday, Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) said, "Nobody did!"

On Capitol Hill on Thursday, CNSNews.com asked Blumenauer: "The omnibus bill yesterday, it was 1,582 pages, did you have a chance to read all the pages before voting on it?"

Blumenauer laughed and said: "Nobody did!"

"Nobody did?" said the CNSNews.com reporter.

"Nope," said Blumenauer.

In an e-mail to CNSNews.com, Blumenauer's communications director, Patrick Malone, said: "A reminder that the Republicans complained and complained about not having time to read bills when the Dems were in charge and then keep dropping bombs like this on us."



**Rep. Earl Blumenauer
(D-Ore.). (AP)**



U.S. currency. (AP Photo)

The \$1.1 trillion bill will fund the federal government for the rest of fiscal year 2014, which ends on Sept. 30, 2014.

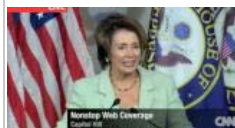
Sixty-four Republicans and three Democrats voted against the legislation. The final vote was 359-67. The legislation was opposed by conservative groups and conservative members of Congress.

The bill increases federal spending **by \$44.8 billion** this year over the spending level previously set by Congress.

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