

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Harry E. Mitchell today touted key sections of the highly anticipated House ethics reform legislation, explaining that that "restoring honesty and transparency to government" will be one of the top priorities of the 110th Congress.

At an afternoon press conference, Mitchell joined Democratic leaders to highlight the ethics reform legislation, part of a special 100 Hour opening legislative blitz. The package also includes "pay-as-you-go" budget rules, important earmark reform, and additional restrictions on travel and gifts.

"The American people expect more from their government, and this ethics reform legislation will do a great deal to restore honesty, accountability and transparency to government," said Mitchell. "It's time to restore fiscal responsibility to Washington, and end the misuse of the earmark process."

The 100 Hour legislation will require full disclosure of all earmarks and we will require Members of Congress to certify that earmarks provided are for the public good and do not financially benefit them or their spouses.

The House is scheduled to begin voting on the 100 Hour legislation this evening.