

A Tale of Two Bridges:

How Barack Obama and Joe Biden
abandoned Katrina's victims
on the Bridge to Nowhere

By Deroy Murdock

September 19, 2008

The Bridge to Nowhere.

Almost \$400 million of your hard-earned tax dollars to connect Alaska's Revillagigedo Island with the airport on Gravina Island.

Population: 50.



This became a national outrage...

June 15, 2004

ALASKA'S 'BRIDGE TO NOWHERE'

Key lawmakers want to start building a \$2 billion bridge to boost development, prompting battle over pork.

By Todd Wilkinson

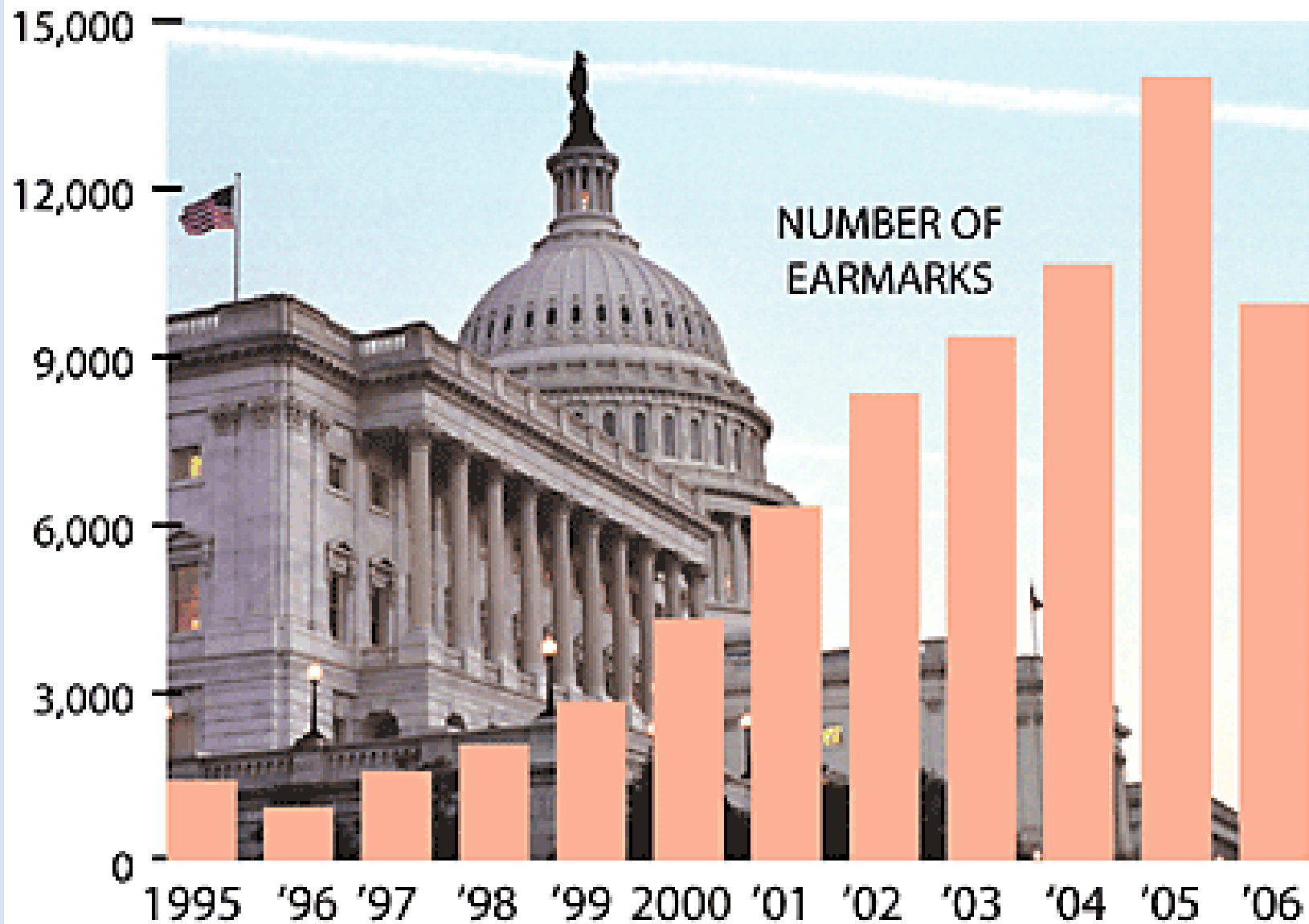
“Sen. John McCain (R) of Arizona and others intend to launch a Senate-floor battle dismissing this project, and plans for a \$175 million sister bridge near Ketchikan, as ‘bridges to nowhere.’”

...and a symbol of how Washington is in shambles.



**WHERE'S
PIGFOOT?**

The rise of pet projects





After expressing support for it as a candidate, Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska ultimately exercised her executive powers to terminate the Bridge to Nowhere.



“Ketchikan desires a better way to reach the airport,
but the \$398 million bridge is not the answer,”
Gov. Palin declared on September 21, 2007.

The national and local media took notice.



Saturday, September 22, 2007

Alaska abandons controversial Ketchikan bridge project

By STEVE QUINN
The Associated Press

“JUNEAU, Alaska — Some called it a bridge to the future.
Others called it the bridge to nowhere.”

“The bridge is going nowhere.”

“On Friday, the state of Alaska officially abandoned the controversial project in Ketchikan that became a national symbol of federal pork-barrel spending.”



Monday, September 24, 2007

Gone to Nowhere

“At last, this bridge really is going nowhere.”

“Gov. Sarah Palin last week announced that money that was being spent on the much-maligned, widely panned and completely ridiculed Gravina Island bridge project at Ketchikan will be redirected to other state transportation projects.”

“And that, as they say, is that.”

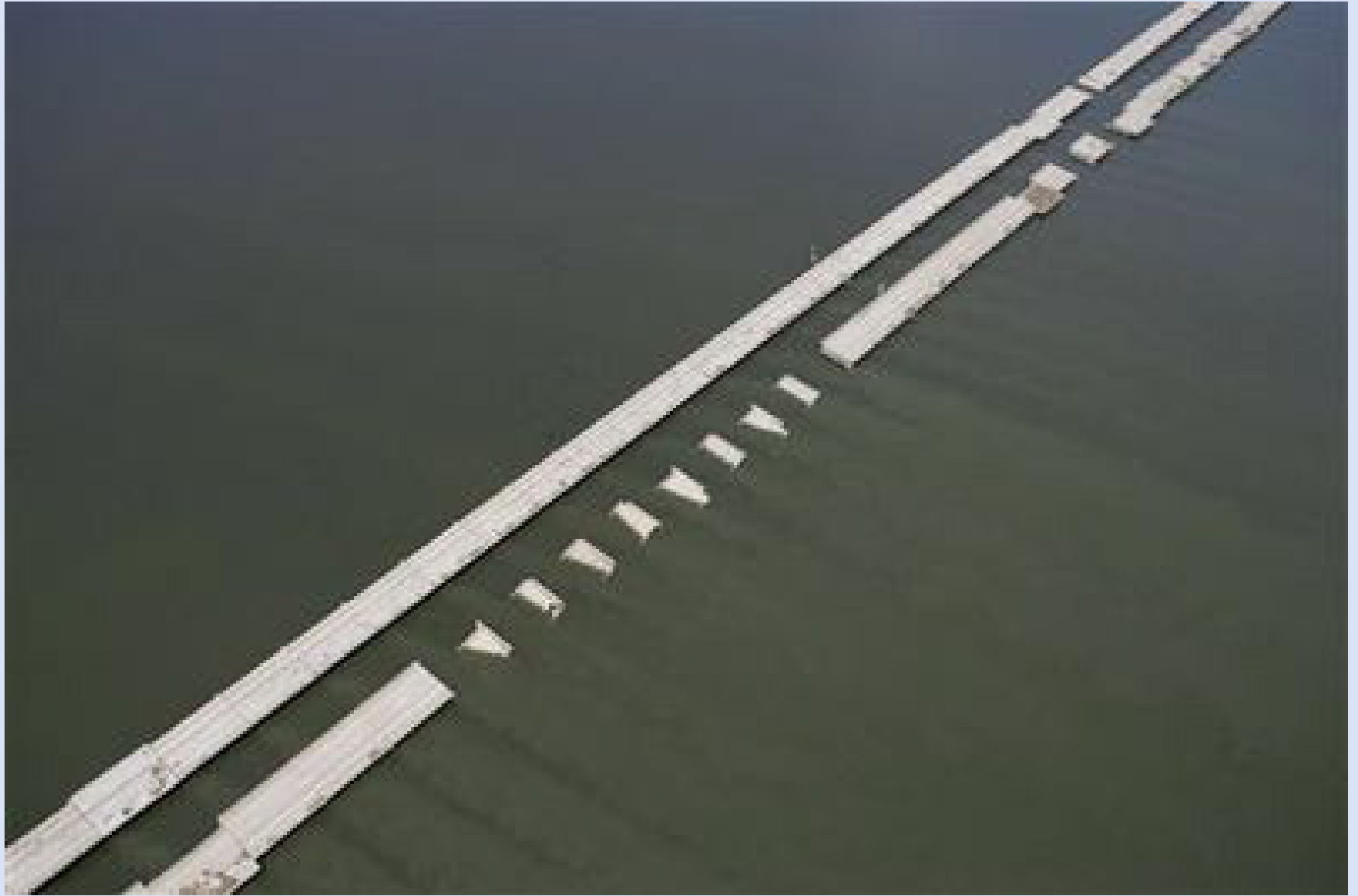
“The governor's decision, while sure to anger Ketchikan leaders, is nevertheless the best one for the state.”

But nearly two years earlier, on October 20, 2005, Barack Obama and Joe Biden could have supported Senator Tom Coburn's amendment to cut \$125 million from the Bridge to Nowhere and reallocate that money to rebuild the Twin Spans Bridge in New Orleans that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.









But after all the debate ended...



...Barack Obama and Joe Biden voted “No.”

And they did so just *seven weeks*
after the pain and chaos of Katrina...











Obama and Biden put pork first,
and the people of New Orleans second.



That's not the change we need.

John McCain and Sarah Palin.



Just wait until they get their hands on Washington!



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