



Summary:

With the national debt currently at \$30 trillion, Senator James Lankford (R-OK) released his federal government waste and solutions report entitled, *Federal Fumbles: Ways the Government Dropped the Ball*. The book lists over \$10.5 trillion in wasteful federal spending in a football-themed report highlighting examples of wasteful or duplicative spending, along with burdensome regulations, but also offers policy solutions to each of the problems.

In volume six of *Fumbles*, Lankford digs deeper into big picture items like Social Security, Medicare, and federal highway funding, which are absolutely essential to many Americans but are programs that are not on firm fiscal footing because of unnecessary waste, spending, and fraud.

After two years of overspending on "COVID," it is time now more than ever to look at how the government has dropped the ball and push for real solutions to recover before more damage is done.

Top 10 Fumbles:

1. **Border Boondoggle** (page 17) Biden was so determined to leave the border open that he spent \$2B to not build the border wall.
2. **Robot Dogs** (page 17) DHS plans to spend \$90-150K & deploy "robot dogs" to patrol the border.
3. **Championing China** (page 16) The NIH awarded millions of dollars directly to Peking University & the Chinese Center for Disease Control & Prevention during the pandemic.
4. **Russian History** (page 15) The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) gave \$120K for two authors to write books on Russian Art.
5. **Hanging Around** (page 15) \$15K of your taxpayer dollars went to a fund an opera about monkeys.
6. **Ski Jumping** (page 11) \$500K went to revamp the Nansen Ski Club in New Hampshire.
7. **Fishing in Guam** (page 11) \$3M of your taxpayer dollars went to a fisherman's co-op in Guam.
8. **Soft on Crime, All in on Drugs** (page 16) Biden announced a \$30M grant program called "the safe smoking kit" so people smoking crack & doing drugs can be safer about it.
9. **The Lobster Lobby** (page 10) \$569K went to the removal of derelict lobster pots in Connecticut.
10. **Sidewalks & Bike Trails** (page 14) \$2M of your money went to bike trails in Vermont.