

## **News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**

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### **Spratt Secures \$36.8 Million for Bennettsville Prison**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that he has secured \$36.8 million for the operating budget of the federal prison in Bennettsville. The money was included in the omnibus spending bill that Congress passed on November 20. The President is expected to sign the bill soon.

“These funds will mean hundreds of new jobs in Marlboro County – jobs in the near future,” said Spratt. “In addition, this new prison will bring needed relief to a crowded prison system.”

Spratt said that the federal inmate population continues to increase at an average rate of 9,700 inmates per year, and that bringing the prison online will provide 1,152 additional medium security beds.

“The budget this year is tight,” said Spratt, “and I am delighted this funding made the cut.”

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