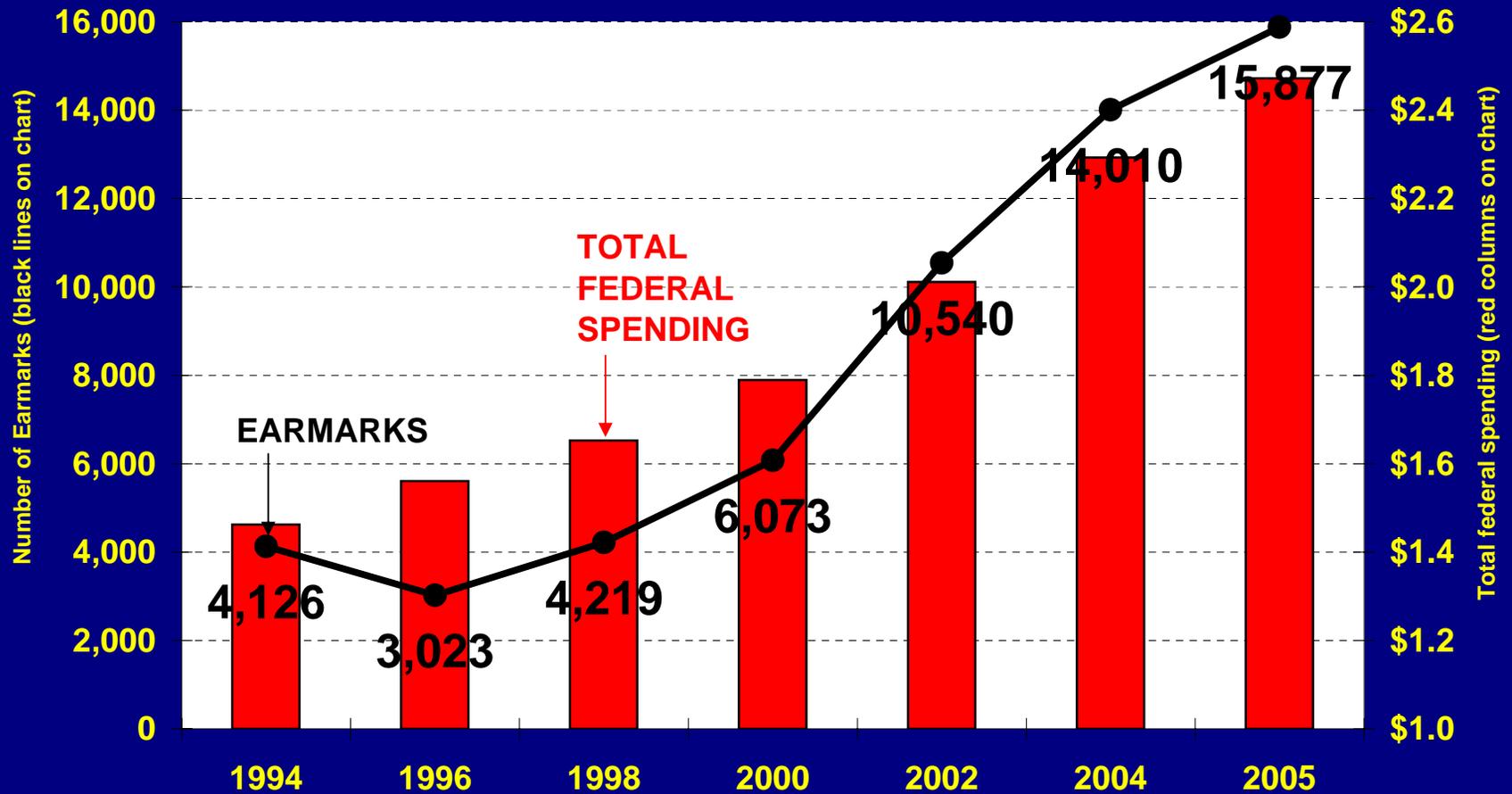


# EARMARKS INCREASE AS GOVERNMENT GETS BIGGER

(Number of earmarks, total federal government spending, in trillions of dollars, by fiscal year)



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