

Apache Airframe. Other Army airframes could show a savings amounting to an additional \$800,000 annually.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I submit the following to the RECORD:

Name of Earmark and Amount: Multi Climate Protection System (MCPS) for the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps—\$8.0 million.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account Information: Navy, OTHER PROCUREMENT, PE 0, Line 097.

Legal Name and Address of Receiving Entity: Peckham Industries, 2822 North Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

Earmark Description: The Chief of Naval Operations' FY 2000 Aircrew Systems Operational Advisory Group identified that Naval and Marine Corps aircrew personnel need an improved protective clothing system. Until the MCPS was developed and introduced in FY 2004, aircrew garments in the Navy and Marine Corps predominantly contained textiles and designs consistent with 1970s' technology. Advancements in protective fibers and garments were introduced to meet the demands on aircrews by providing moisture management, heating and cooling performance in passive and active layers and comfort via modular components.

Earmark Budget: Test and field approximately 4,689 total systems—\$8,000,000; Garment Production—\$3,400,000; Materials—\$4,200,000; Quality Control/Fielding—\$400,000; Total—\$8,000,000.

The Multi Climate Protection System includes:

- 1 Goretex parka and 1 trouser
- 1 Polartec Windpro FR with Nomex Jacket and 1 Vest
- 1 Polartec Thermal FR with Nomex shirt, 1 overalls and 1 pants
- 1 Polartec Powerstretch FR with Nomex shirt and 1 pants
- 1 Polartec Windpro FR with Nomex face mask

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, the following are my explanations of each earmark in this bill. I have always released my requests. I believe all requests and detailed explanations should be part of this process. Transparency is the best protection against abuse.

Bill: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Airforce, Milcon, Air National Guard.

PE No.: N/A.

Line No.: N/A.

Project Name: IN Air National Guard—Fort Wayne Aircraft Shelter/Fuel Fill Project.

Entity: Indiana Air National Guard, 122 Fighter Wing.

Address: 3005 Ferguson Road, Fort Wayne IAP, IN 46809.

Amount: \$5,600,000.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: Construct a two aircraft bay parking shelter addition to the existing two aircraft bay parking shelter providing a total of four parking spots under shelter as required for a base A/C Readiness Shelter. The base requires adequately sized, appropriately configured, and functional aircraft readiness shelters with supporting taxiway system to support four-ship F-16 aircraft mission requirements. Due to previous funding restraints the current shelter facility was constructed with two parking spots with a plan to add two more at a later date. Readiness shelters are necessary for mission support, operations safety, and protection of aircraft and flightline personnel from inclement weather. The project will also provide a refueler vehicle fill stand on the operational side of the railroad tracks to support the flying mission.

The 122nd is one of the premier Air National Guard units in the United States. They have a proven history with deployments during the Berlin Crisis, Desert Storm, Hurricane Katrina, Guantanamo Bay, Operation Jump Start and the current global war on terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq. The 122nd has received four AF Outstanding Unit awards for these efforts. In addition to the 60 years of fighter expertise, the Guard Unit also has a history of safety. Currently, they have over 16,000 hours of accident free F-16 flying operations. The construction of this readiness shelter and fill stand will help the 122nd carry out their current mission and train for future endeavors.

Finance Plan: Project consists of the following: Construct reinforced concrete foundation and painted floor slab with grounding points; masonry and metal siding walls; steel frame; and standing seam metal roof; include a high expansion fire suppression system and overhead infrared heating; provide hangar style doors for drive through capability; remove existing asphalt and provide new concrete taxiway entry and exit; provide asphalt transition to the south apron area; construct stainless steel underground piping, reinforced concrete for curbed access pavement, and refueler fill stands.

Bill: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Procurement, Defense-wide.

PE No.: 0.

Line No.: 83.

Project Name: Multi-Band Multi-Mission Radio (MBMMR).

Entity: Raytheon Network Centric Systems. Address: 1010 Production Road, Ft. Wayne, IN 46808.

Amount: \$9,500,000.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: The AN/PSC-5D MBMMR is the U.S. Special Operations standard man-portable tactical Ultra-High Frequency (UHF) Satellite communications (SATCOM) terminal. MBMMR is the primary mission radio for Special Operations Forces (SOF) units, providing tactical and worldwide connectivity playing a key role in the GWOT. It enables SOF to communicate on a user-selected frequency 30 to 512 megahertz (MHz) utilizing a single man-pack radio

with embedded communications lifeline to SOF teams operating under hazardous circumstances such as isolation from possible reinforcement by U.S. ground forces. MBMMR reduces the need for multiple man-pack radios, reducing the weight and size of communications equipment which must be carried out by SOF. U.S. Special Operations Forces have a requirement for approximately 400 additional MBMMR radios and ancillary equipment to satisfy requirements of the Global War on Terror.

The Raytheon facility in Fort Wayne is a technology leader specializing in innovative technology to make U.S. warfighters more effective and secure. With a history of innovation spanning more than 80 years, Raytheon provides state-of-the-art electronics, mission systems integration, and other capabilities in the areas of sensing; effects; command, control, communications and intelligence systems, as well as a broad range of mission support services. There are over 1,100 engineers in the Fort Wayne facility working everyday to make our soldiers the best equipped in the world. This funding will allow them to create the high-tech radios needed by Special Operations Forces.

Finance Plan: The funding would be used for procurement of 400 radios for U.S. Special Operations Forces.

Bill: H.R. 5658 The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

PE No.: 0602787A.

Line No.: 28.

Project Name: Orthopedic Implant Design and Manufacturing for Traumatic Injuries.

Entity: University of Notre Dame.

Address: 416 Main Building, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.

Amount: \$2,000,000.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: Approximately 40–50 percent of Army, Navy, and Marine Corps injuries in Iraq and Afghanistan require orthopedic procedures. This unusually high percentage is primarily due to improvements in body and head armor that inhibit severe trauma to internal organs—injuries which in the past would have been fatal. Limbs and joints, however, are more exposed. At the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, over 20,000 orthopedic procedures are performed annually on active duty and retired military personnel. The National Naval Medical Center performs approximately 10,000 orthopedic procedures annually. These procedures include total hip, knee, and shoulder replacement, ligament repairs, foot surgery, spine surgery, bone fixation, amputations, and prosthetic limb fixation.

Notre Dame will partner in their research with three leading orthopedic manufacturers in Warsaw, Indiana (Zimmer, Depuy and Biomet.) It is imperative the new orthopedic industry is nurtured and allowed to continually invent and develop new products not only for our soldiers but also for all Americans. As the global market continues to grow companies such as these are being pulled offshore to other nations because of the lure of cheap labor, subsidized materials and energy. Providing companies with the opportunity to further their research and development with local universities will help foster the economic environment that will keep burgeoning industries, like orthopedic manufacturing, in the U.S.

Finance Plan: Research will address soldier recovery, readiness, and quality of life in orthopedics and tissue engineering. The project addresses unmet needs in several areas, including: (1) smart orthopedic implants—such as hip, knee, and shoulder joints; (2) 3-D woven material to provide a new surface to localized damaged areas and cartilage, such as occurs in younger patients; and (3) test and evaluation of new implant designs.

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Account: Army, Other Procurement Army.

PE No.: 0.

Line No.: 118.

Project Name: Select Availability Anti Spoofing Module (SAASM) Precise Positioning System (PPS) GPS Upgrade.

Entity: ITT.

Address: 1919 West Cook Road, Ft. Wayne, IN 46801.

Amount: \$2,000,000.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: The program will implement software upgrades to current SAASM based GPS receivers to expedite the replacement of less secure systems in the near term. This upgrade will provide a more robust and militarized survey solution and eliminate parts obsolescence issues facing the legacy GPS-S; as well as provide the warfighter protection against today's threats from jamming and spoofing.

Improving our high-tech defense capabilities is paramount for continuing our superior military strength throughout the world. The ITT facility in Fort Wayne is one of the leading suppliers of this type of technology in the United States. Along with the SAASM System, this facility has the potential to produce 10,000 SINCGAR radios a month for our warfighters throughout the world. These dollars allow ITT to update and integrate new technology that makes our warfighters more capable and also provides them with a higher level of safety.

Finance Plan: The \$4,000,000 will support the integration and test of SAASM-based GPS survey equipment for the US Army. Specifically, \$1,950,000 to update and integrate real-time kinematic algorithms, and modify and test SAASM software, \$550,000 to modify, integrate and test data collection software and hand-held controller, \$250,000 to select and test suitable, high-precision survey antennas, and \$1,250, to complete prototype systems and system test including data communications. This is all the funding needed to perform and complete the work as outlined.

Bill: H.R. 5658 The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Other Procurement, Navy.

PE No.: N/A.

Line No.: 90.

Project name: Sonobuoys—All Types.

Entity: USSI.

Address: 4578 East Park 30 Drive, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Amount: \$112.6M.

I am pleased the House Armed Services Committee has granted my request to support the President's budget and included \$112.6 million for the procurement of sonobuoys. I am glad the committee has recognized the serious deficiency in sonobuoy inventories and has provided an authorization level that begins to correct the shortfall.

The Navy's Non-Nuclear Ordnance Requirement (NNOR) currently identifies annual

peacetime requirements at approximately 120,000 sonobuoys of all types. Due to other priorities, the Navy has understated its sonobuoy budget requirement for several years. This has resulted in a steady decline in inventories, as well as a serious degradation in combat readiness in the airborne anti-submarine warfare (ASW) area.

ASW continues to be a core mission area of the United States Navy. Largely ignored in the aftermath of the Cold War, the ASW mission has recently re-emerged as a priority for the Navy. This change is caused by a clear recognition of the dangers inherent in the proliferation of modern, highly capable submarines to Third World countries operating in littoral waters. To ensure its ability to effectively participate in regional conflicts and the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) by projecting power from the sea, the Navy must remain capable of defeating the submarine threat in the acoustically demanding coastal regions.

The sonobuoy remains the Navy's primary sensor for detection and localization of submarines by air ASW platforms. Launched from fixed wing and rotary wing ASW aircraft, sonobuoys provide the only means to rapidly sanitize large areas of water prior to fleet units arriving in the area. The improved technology of the modern diesel/electric submarine, operating near the coastline, makes for a significantly more difficult target than previously faced by the Navy during the Cold War. Operational planning indicates significantly higher sonobuoy usage rates over historical levels when confronted with this threat.

With fleet sonobuoy inventories continuing to decline to historic lows, ASW aviation units are necessarily limited in the number of sonobuoys available for training. This has caused a rapid decline in aircrew preparedness in the ASW mission area. This authorization level for sonobuoys addresses this issue and provides funding in line with fleet requirements and usage rates.

HONORING DAVID A. BECKERMAN
AS HE RECEIVES THE 2008 TORCH
OF LIBERTY AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, today, in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut, friends, family and colleagues will gather to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens. I am proud to stand today and join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League as they honor David A. Beckerman with the 2008 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of individuals whose work benefits our families and neighborhoods. Each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to an outstanding leader in the community, recognizing their unique commitment and dedication. David is a remarkable reflection of the spirit of community service. With extraordinary compassion and generosity, David has touched the lives of many throughout the Greater New Haven community.

A respected civic and business leader, David is the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Acorn Group, a corporate real estate management and development company, as well as Founder and Chairman of Community One, an organization which benefits the seven constituent agencies of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. To say that David is a dedicated member of our community would be an understatement. There are numerous nonprofit and service organizations which have also benefitted from his experience, wisdom, and compassion—too many to list. His compassion and civic engagement serves as an inspiration to all of those fortunate enough to have the opportunity to work with him.

David is perhaps best known for his passion for basketball. As a young man of 15 a spark was ignited when he, as a member the Jewish Community Center's team, won a National JWB Championship. He was a coach at the JCC for 25 years and then 11 more at Hamden Hall where he coached his team to victory in 8 New England Championships and 6 league championships. For the last 4 years he has been coaching at Pine Crest School in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he has led the team to two district championships, two regional championships, and just this year, the school's first State championship. It is not difficult to see why he was recently named Florida's Coach of the Year.

David's passion for basketball and working with young people is not about winning a game. It is about teaching his kids about teamwork, hard work, camaraderie, and commitment to excellence—valuable lessons that will serve them well throughout their lives. Through his work with young people, his efforts with civic organizations, and his own strong work ethic, David is a reflection of all that the Torch of Liberty Award stands for and sets a standard to which we should all strive.

Together with his wife, Ruthann, their 5 children, and 10 grandchildren, it is my honor and privilege to stand today to join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League and the New Haven community in paying tribute to David A. Beckerman for his invaluable contributions. Every community should be so fortunate as to have such a selfless, dedicated individual who so willingly commits his time and energy to enriching the community and improving the quality of life for all.

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SPEECH OF

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I could not travel to Haiti with my colleagues last week, but I have been there several times over the past 12 years, and it breaks my heart to see a country which ought to have had so much promise in the critical state it now is. I have to agree with what I have heard from many Haitians, that the day to day existence of the people is worse than it ever was during the Duvalier period.

The people of Haiti welcomed the democracy our country helped to bring. They participated enthusiastically in the electoral process.