

One amendment, which passed in an en bloc amendment, restores \$6 million to the Joint Tactical Ground System Pre-Planned Product Improvement effort. I included an offset for the money as well. The offset is the Army's High-Capacity Communications Capability radio, which has approximately \$45 million more than the program can execute at this point in its acquisition life-cycle. This offset will not have a negative impact on the HC3 program.

For nearly fifteen years, the Army's Joint Tactical Ground System, or "J-TAGS," (Program Element: 0208053A) has stood watch over our forward-deployed forces by providing rapid warning of ballistic missile launches. JTAGS relies upon a direct downlink from Defense Support Program (or DSP) missile warning satellites. The Army intends to modernize JTAGS to process SBIRS data, but is underfunded to accomplish this upgrade for each of the JTAGS suites on a co-current timeline with satellite and sensor deployment. JTAGS is developed by multiple companies including Northrop Grumman in Azusa, California, Northrop Grumman in Boulder, Colorado, and Lockheed Martin in Sunnydale, California. The contract for the primary hardware is won competitively. The program offices are in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Huntsville, Alabama.

I have a letter from LTG Kevin Campbell, Commanding General of U.S. Army Space & Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command that calls attention to the risks we assume by under-funding this important upgrade, which is also included with this statement.

This amendment is not parochial, wasteful, or frivolous. It is an example of the fruits of good government oversight and of prudent caretaking of the American taxpayer's hard earned money. This amendment is being conflated with Members' requests to fund pet projects to benefit private entities that have been squeezed into the bill without offsets, transparency, and frankly without regard to the true purpose of government.

I believe the Chairman's definition of an earmark is at best inadvertently overbroad, and at worse it is deceiving to the American taxpayer, who will be closely watching the authorization process to ensure their money is not being abused.

The annual defense policy bill has the potential to authorize around \$515.4 billion of the American taxpayers' money to be spent to protect the Nation and U.S. interests worldwide. We must demonstrate to the American people that we are worthy of such responsibility. Since the Speaker pledged that this will be, "the most honest, ethical, and open Congress in history," I think the Armed Services Committee ought to provide the tables of the House Report to each HASC Member's office at least 2 days in advance to the Full Committee markup so that we and our staff can carefully consider the contents.

The Committee has traditionally provided directive report language 2 days in advance to each HASC Member's office because such report language has the effect of law. The accompanying report tables however, which are often secret until after the markup is complete also have the effect of law. Oftentimes the tables of the House Report are altered in en bloc amendments during the Committee markup, rather than the actual text of the bill. These changes are made to language we

have not seen and can add or take away funding for various projects, essentially circumventing the open and public means of amending the text of the bill. I would submit that if this Democratic controlled Congress is interested in truly reforming the earmark process, and since it is claiming to do so by calling my amendment an earmark, we should reassess what the problem actually is. The problem is wasteful spending in a secret, dishonest way without oversight. Truly restoring confidence in the taxpayers begins by shedding light on the report tables. This would be a step in the right direction.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, U.S.
ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE
COMMAND/ARMY FORCES STRATEGIC COMMAND,
Huntsville, AL, May 5, 2008.

Hon. TRENT FRANKS,
House of Representatives, Longworth Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN FRANKS: I would like to thank you and the members of the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces for inquiring on the needs of our Nation's requirements for assured theater ballistic missile warning. I also view early theater missile warning as a critical need for our forward deployed forces.

As you state in your 1 May 2008 letter, the capabilities provided by the Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTAGS) are essential to meet the Warfighters needs. It is important that we ensure unhindered execution of the JTAGS block upgrades and modernization, so that we can take advantage of the new Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS).

The Department's Fiscal Year 2009 JTAGS funding reduction of \$6 million has resulted in an increase of technical and schedule risk and caused the reprioritization of program scope. Specifically, this reduction will cause an approximately nine month delay of essential block upgrades impacting JTAGS integration into the SBIRS architecture.

Assured missile warning for our deployed forces remains an essential warfighting requirement. We appreciate your support in ensuring our men and women are provided every advantage for their protection.

Sincerely,

KEVIN T. CAMPBELL,
Lieutenant General, USA,
Commanding.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Name of Earmark and Amount: Advanced Drivetrains for Enhanced Mobility and Safety—\$2.5 million.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account Information: Army, RDTE, PE 0603005A, Line 33.

Legal Name and Address of Receiving Entity: Eaton Automotive, 19218 B Drive South, Marshall, MI 49068.

Earmark Description: This request is for funding for the final phase of an on-going three phase program between Eaton and the US Army. Eaton has successfully worked with the Army for the past two years to develop specialized torque-modifying differentials for the HMMWV to improve the vehicle safety. The Phase I and II work was structured to first

adapt commercial Eaton side-to-side torque modifying differentials to HMMWVs. These programs have proven very successful in quantitatively demonstrating improved vehicle safety. Prototype systems will be delivered to the Army for additional testing in May 2008. Military-hardened side-to-side systems will be subsequently developed and delivered in 2009. This Phase III funding request is for a center coupler to provide full active 4x4 torque management to military vehicles.

Earmark Budget

Model hardware function and vehicle maneuvers—15%—\$375,000.

Materials—modifications to transfer case and addition of differential—25%—\$625,000.

Preliminary Bench test and vehicle functional tests—10%—\$250,000.

Labor—Design/procure hardware, develop preliminary controls software—50%—\$1,250,000.

Total—\$2,500,000.

Total Phase III project cost: \$3,500,000.

Federal funds: \$2,500,000.

Eaton internal funds: \$1,000,000.

Percent matching funds = \$1,000,000/\$3,500,000 x 100% = 29%.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, per House Republican earmark disclosure rules, I submit the following to be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Requesting Member: Congressman DENNY REHBERG.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: MILCON, Army National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montana Army National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1900 Williams St., Fort Harrison, Montana 59636.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$621,000 for the construction of the Miles City Readiness Center. This is the first year authorization of a multi-year construction project. Specifically, funding for this project includes:

Item	Cost (in \$1,000s)
Primary Facility	10,134
Readiness Center	6,326
Flammable Materials Facility	20
Controlled Waste Facility	60
Unheated Metal Storage Bldg	551
Unheated Enclosure/Vehicle Storage	1,977
Circulation and Access	75
Support Facilities	1,872
Electric Service	125
Water, Sewer, Gas	200
Steam/Chilled Water Distribution	10
Paving, Walks, Curbs, Gutters	568
Storm Drainage	50
Site Imp	836
Information Systems	54
Antiterrorism Measures	29
Est. Contract Cost	12,006
Contingency (5%)	600
Subtotal	12,606
Supervision, Inspection, Overhead (3%)	378
Design Contract Not Used	0
Contract Commission (1% Primary Fac)	101
Total Request	13,086

The existing Miles City Readiness Center was originally constructed for an Armored Cavalry Unit in 1957 and consists of 8,481 square feet of administrative, training, supply and arms vaults, locker rooms, classrooms

and drill floor. The facility is a concrete masonry structure constructed on a single floor. As a result of Force Structure Transformation, the current unit occupying this facility is the 260th Engineer Company, for which the facility is improperly designed and grossly undersized.

This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the MILCON, Army National Guard account. Matching funds are not required as the Montana Army National Guard is a unit of the Government of the State of Montana.

HONORING DENNIS AND MEGAN DOYLE, FOUNDERS OF THE HOPE FOR THE CITY RELIEF ORGANIZATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis and Megan Doyle, founders of the Hope for the City relief organization, and recent recipients of an honorary Doctorate of Humanities from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Based in Edina, Minnesota, Dennis and Megan started Hope for the City in 2000 as a means to fight poverty, hunger, and disease by utilizing America's corporate surplus. Since its humble beginnings, Hope for the City has donated approximately \$400 million in the wholesale value of goods, including products from top retailers, medical companies, and food distributors. Their impact not only touches those locally, but stretches across the Nation and around the world.

The Doyles' service and sacrifice to their fellow man exemplifies the finest of American character and provides inspiration to us all. Not only is their founding of Hope for the City a triumph in itself, but the tidal wave effect their efforts have had on increased charity and service throughout the Nation is also to be commended. Hope for the City has developed an extensive national network of partner agencies that provide services to those who need it the most in their local communities.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to honor the selfless service of Dennis and Megan Doyle to the most vulnerable among us. Their efforts will continue to inspire others locally and throughout the world to do their best to assist their fellow man.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCHESTER DRUG COURT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rochester Drug Court for 14 years of service to the community and to drug courts around the country during National Drug Court Month. Over 2,100 drug courts in the United States provide an alternative to incarceration for non-violent, drug-addicted offenders by combining intense judicial supervision, comprehensive substance abuse

and mental health treatment, random and frequent drug testing, incentives and sanctions, clinical case management and ancillary life skills services. The tireless efforts of the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment providers, rehabilitation experts, child advocates, researchers, educators, law enforcement representatives, correctional representatives, pre-trial officers and probation officers that are involved in drug courts provide substance abuse offenders with the much-needed chance at long-term recovery and productive lifestyles.

I have seen firsthand the impact of drug courts in my state, where drug court programs have enhanced public safety, saved taxpayer dollars and, most importantly, saved lives.

The first drug court in New York State was founded in my congressional district in Rochester, New York in 1995 and I have been a supporter ever since. In 1997, I was honored to be one of the drug court's first graduation speakers.

To date, New York State has opened an additional 200 drug courts. Rochester alone has had over 1500 graduates from its court and over 100 babies have been born drug free.

As we face a growing population of drug-addicted offenders in the American justice system, we must expand our efforts to bring treatment to a larger number of those in need. According to a recent study by the Urban Research Institute's Justice Policy Center, approximately 1.5 million drug-involved offenders should be diverted to drug court, which would generate \$46 billion in savings to American taxpayers. Armed with this study as well as our existing research that drug courts work, reduce recidivism, and save lives, we must work on taking drug courts to scale.

If society is truly going to save the lives of the addicted, break the familial cycle of addiction for future generations, have a substantial impact on associated crime, child abuse and neglect, reduce poverty, alleviate the over-reliance on incarceration for the addicted, and reduce many of the public health consequences in the United States, drug courts must be taken to scale. There is no greater opportunity for systemic social change in the American justice system. There is no greater opportunity to heal families and communities.

Again, congratulations to the dedicated drug court professionals and graduates in Rochester and across the country on a job well done.

IN HONOR OF GOPAL RAJU

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gopal Raju, a visionary who bridged the American and Indian communities through journalism and activism.

Mr. Raju arrived in America from India in 1950. He sought to connect the Indian-American community with India. Mr. Raju launched the news weekly, India Abroad in 1970. He served as publisher for 31 years. Mr. Raju's journalistic reach spread to other media endeavors including Desi Talk, Gujarat Times, and News India-Times.

Mr. Raju was active in philanthropic work for his home country. He started the Indian Amer-

ican Foundation to accelerate social and economic change in India. The foundation works to increase access to education, health care, and employment opportunities for Indians in India.

Throughout Mr. Raju's life he sought to empower the Indian-American community. He founded the Indian American Center for Political Awareness (IACPA) in 1993. Mr. Raju built this organization to encourage participation in the political process. The IACPA developed the Washington Leadership Program, which gave university students the opportunity to intern on Capitol Hill and develop a broader understanding of public policy.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Gopal Raju. His legacy will continue to enrich the lives of many.

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO POLICE OFFICER DARIN MILLER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to one of the Sacramento Police Department's finest and bravest officers. Sacramento Police Officer Darin Miller is being awarded the Silver Medal of Valor for his heroic actions during a robbery at a Rite Aid pharmacy in Sacramento. As his law enforcement colleagues, friends and family gather to honor Officer Miller's bravery, I ask all my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

On Halloween evening last year, Officer Miller was dispatched to what was described as a robbery in progress at a local pharmacy. While enroute, Officer Miller was informed that the suspect had stabbed one store employee and taken another one hostage. As the first on the scene, he knew that he must take quick action to ensure the safety of all involved. What followed was a display of courage and heroism in the face of adversity.

Upon his arrival at the store, Officer Miller was confronted with a chaotic scene. Store personnel directed him to the pharmacy, where the robbery was unfolding. As he arrived in the pharmacy, Officer Miller saw a victim who was bleeding from his head. Knowing the severity of the situation, he quickly found the suspect who was holding a large knife to a woman's throat.

Having already seen a previous victim, Officer Miller knew that this woman's life was in imminent danger. He carefully maneuvered himself into the tight quarters of the pharmacy, within a few feet of the suspect. At this time, the suspect was using the woman as a shield, and did not respond when Officer Miller commanded that he drop the knife. Carefully waiting until the suspect moved his head slightly, which provided a clear sight, Officer Miller then fired a single round at the suspect who fell to the ground. He then provided immediate medical attention until medics arrived on the scene.

Officer Miller's sound judgment and quick actions helped bring an end to an extremely dangerous situation and likely saved the life of an innocent woman. As a 4-year veteran of