

and reliability improvements using computer aided process control. Virtually every weapon and safety system used by the DoD relies on some type of Energetic Device to function properly. These devices are described as single point failure potentials—which means that if they don't function, then the system fails. Because of the criticality of these functions, the benefit of higher reliability translates into increased mission success and increased safety to the warfighter. In addition, the activities proposed above will lead to decreased manufacturing costs and increased manufacturing productivity for these devices. This will allow for increased throughput in order to support potential surge scenarios. EaglePicher Technologies (EPT) has been manufacturing Energetic Devices since the early 1980's and is proud of the reliability record demonstrated by the use of their devices. EPT seeks to partner with Eglin AFB to raise the reliability of these devices to the next level. EaglePicher proposes to demonstrate unprecedented levels of quality and reliability to this neglected, but critical segment of the defense industry. ustry.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2009.

Vehicle Paint Facility, Fort Eustis.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: U.S. Department of the Army, Military Construction.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Newport News.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2400 Washington Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607.

Description of Request: Provide \$3.90 million to construct a Vehicle Paint Facility at Fort Eustis with paint booths to accommodate the preparation and painting of vehicles, equipment, components, helicopters, and modular causeway sections. This project is required to support the preparation for and painting of approximately 1600 pieces of vehicular equipment. Most of this equipment belongs to the 7th Sustainment Brigade, which is one of the Army's most frequently deployed units. If this project is not provided, Fort Eustis will incur negative mission impacts and will not meet Virginia Environmental Quality requirements. Current painting operations will have an elevated cost because existing facilities cannot accommodate oversized equipment. The facility is critical to rapidly prepare equipment for deploying units in conjunction with time phased deployment schedules. In addition, the Deputy Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing) certifies that this project has been considered for joint use potential. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Department of

the Army, Military Construction account. There is no matching requirement.

High Power Free Electron Laser Development for Naval Applications.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: U.S. Department of the Navy, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jefferson Science Associates on behalf of the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

Address of Requesting Entity: 12000 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23606.

Description of Request: Provide \$2.40 million for the Jefferson Lab High Power FEL Development for Naval Application project, which continues to meet the Navy milestones for increased laser power and systems development for the application of a shipboard system for cruise missile defense. In October 2006, the JLab FEL broke its own record and exceeded the Navy milestone by delivering 14.2 kW of infrared light at a maritime critical wavelength. The FEL project has important directed energy applications. There is no matching requirement. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Department of the Navy RDTE account.

Marine Corps Base Quantico OCS Headquarters Facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: U.S. Department of the Navy, Military Construction.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Member initiated request.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1123 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Description of Request: Provide \$5.98 million for construction of the Marine Corps Base Quantico Officer Candidate School Headquarters Facility located at Quantico, Virginia. The funding would be used to construct a single-story administrative headquarters building to consolidate Headquarters functions at Officer Candidate School (OCS). The facility will provide workspaces for 75 Marines responsible for coordinating the administrative, educational, operational and logistics support required to conduct Officer Candidate training at OCS. The existing facility was built in 1945 and will be demolished once new construction is complete. Preventive and corrective maintenance, both routine and emergency, take place on a daily basis at the existing facility, consuming material, money and manpower. This project is listed on the USMC FY09 Unfunded Programs List. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Navy. The funds will be used for the OCS headquarters construction, technical operating manuals, information systems, anti-terrorism force protection, and supporting facilities (construction features, electrical, mechanical, paving and site improvements, demolition and environmental mitigation). There is no matching requirement. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Department of the Navy Military Construction account.

Over-the-Horizon Vessel Tracking for Homeland Security.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: U.S. Department of the Navy, Research and Development.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Innovative Technology (CIT).

Address of Requesting Entity: 2214 Rock Hill Road, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20170-4228.

Description of Request: Provide \$800,000 for Over-the-Horizon Vessel Tracking. Over-the-Horizon Vessel Tracking has been a priority for DoD since the 1950s. The Coast Guard plays a key role in force protection and is responsible for protection of Naval assets while in port under a 1995 Memorandum of Understanding with DOD. This project leverages the previous federal investment in the NOAA Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). Labor: \$900,000, Equipment and Supplies: \$80,000, Travel: \$20,000. CIT will provide a 10% match, covering labor, fringe, and indirect costs. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Department of the Navy Research and Development account.

Training Support Center, Ph 1.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT J. WITTMAN.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: U.S. Department of the Army, Military Construction.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Newport News.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2400 Washington Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607.

Description of Request: Provide \$13.60 million to construct Phase I of a multi-phase Advanced Training Technology Support Facility for the U.S. Army Training Support Center at Fort Eustis. Project includes administrative space, special work areas, office support areas, classrooms, conference rooms, storage areas, mailroom functions, and computer/communication space. Supporting facilities include utilities services, UMCS connection, emergency generator, paving, storm drainage, site improvement, communications and fencing. Heating (natural gas) and air conditioning will be by self contained systems. Antiterrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) measures include laminated glass, traffic control barriers and standard security design features. Access for individuals with disabilities will be provided. Demolish includes limited asbestos abatement. If this project is not provided, fragmented elements of ATSC will continue to occupy structurally deficient temporary facilities and impact Army-wide ATSC Range and support missions. There is no matching requirement. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Department of the Army Military Construction account.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NURSING HOME EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Nursing Home Emergency Assistance Act. This act makes private, for-profit nursing homes eligible for the same federal aid as is currently available to public nursing

homes. Under current federal law, only public nursing homes may receive federal disaster assistance. However, hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes do not distinguish between private and public, or for-profit and not-for-profit, nursing homes.

As I have recently seen in my district, all nursing homes face unique challenges coping with natural disasters and their aftermaths. It is not fair to the taxpayers who work in, reside in, or have entrusted the care of their loved ones to, a private nursing home that private nursing homes are denied the same federal aid available to their public counterparts. Madame Speaker, the Nursing Home Emergency Assistance Act ensures all residents of nursing homes can benefit from federal disaster aid. I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program.

To be clear, there are certainly issues that Congress must address in any future consideration of the flood insurance program. But first and foremost, we must ensure that the NFIP continues to protect our communities.

The NFIP was established to provide homeowners with protection from flood, following recognition that the private market was simply not capable of providing the necessary coverage. The program, which has been operating since 1968, is integral to ensuring that homeowners in high-risk areas, such as my South Florida district, are able to receive adequate protection from flood and are able to swiftly recover following a disaster.

In Broward County, we currently have over 400,000 residential NFIP policies in place—which is more policies than any other county in the nation. Palm Beach County is also near the top of the list with over 150,000 NFIP policies.

The stability provided by the NFIP allows homeowners to responsibly insure their property from flood damage, which is especially important given the active nature of this year's hurricane season.

It's important to recognize however that the NFIP is only one piece of the larger puzzle of protecting our homeowners from disaster. With the property insurance crisis growing across the U.S., many people are facing difficulties protecting themselves against windstorms. And it is no longer simply a Florida problem, but is becoming a national issue. Policyholders are being dropped or are facing dramatic rate increases in states that are not traditionally considered high risk, such as Massachusetts and New York. Many insurers are no longer writing at all on the coasts of states like Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

That is why Congressman TIM MAHONEY and I introduced and passed the Homeowners' Defense Act last year. This legislation addresses the crisis in availability and afford-

ability of homeowners' insurance. It helps states to manage the risk that has been assumed by their state sponsored insurance funds by allowing them to enter the capital markets to find global investors that would be willing to assume that risk on their behalf. Our plan aims to increase market stabilization, particularly in times following natural disasters when rates traditionally increase dramatically and homeowners are dropped from their insurers.

With this legislation having already passed the House, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to pass our comprehensive plan to help homeowners and stabilize the market.

RECOGNIZING NGO WORK ON ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to give a sincere thank you to Representative BARBARA LEE. In this Congress, there is no greater voice for peace than Congresswoman LEE.

I rise today in strong support of this resolution recognizing nongovernmental organizations working to help bring a just and lasting peace to Israelis and Palestinians.

Peace will not be brought about by governments and presidents. Peace will only be achieved when people come together to support a common goal—security and prosperity for all.

More than any conference or summit, the work of local and international NGO's have brought the region closer to a non-violent resolution to the ongoing crisis. Their work is invaluable.

From student exchanges to high level reconciliation programs, NGO's are irreplaceable in the peace process.

I applaud this resolution's commitment to peace and nonviolence and urge my colleagues support today.

COMPREHENSIVE TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1532, the Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2008.

If you think that TB is a disease that occurs in impoverished nations you are wrong. In 2007, more than 13,000 individuals were diagnosed with TB in the U.S.

This year alone my district had several TB outbreaks and in May, 150 people were exposed to TB in an outbreak and 19 individuals were diagnosed with TB.

Each year approximately 9 million people develop active TB and 1.7 million die of the disease, making it the second deadliest in the world. Right now one third of the world's popu-

lation is infected with TB and TB will claim 30 million lives over the next decade.

With time, the TB germ has changed. It is now airborne and drug resistant strains have been found in 46 countries, including the U.S.

In 2006, 91 cases of multi drug-resistant TB were reported in the United States and MDR-TB has been reported in 49 states. From 1993 to 2007, there were 88 cases of extensively drug resistant TB in the U.S., which is resistant to almost all drugs used to treat TB.

Unfortunately, we have allowed the treatment and diagnostic tools to treat TB go without updating for far too long. In fact, the most common test to diagnose TB is more than 100 years old.

The drugs commonly used to treat TB are more than 40 years old, the TB vaccine we currently have is more than 85 years old and only provides some protections against severe TB in children, but is unreliable in protecting against the most common form of adult TB.

The Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act addresses the issue of domestic TB by improving and increasing efforts to prevent, detect, and treat individuals in our country with TB.

It would authorize grants within the CDC for research, development, and education. These grants include clinical trials to evaluate new drugs, diagnostics and vaccines; studies of at-risk populations; and projects to control TB along the U.S.-Mexico border.

H.R. 1532 will reauthorize the Advisory Council on the Elimination of TB so the council may coordinate federal TB control and develop a new national plan to eliminate TB in the U.S.

H.R. 1532 also provides for new tools in the fight against domestic TB by providing for CDC research and development for new drugs, diagnostics, and vaccines.

The bill also directs the NIH to expand basic and clinical TB research and develop a TB vaccine.

The Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act provides the means necessary to wage war against TB in the U.S. and hopefully in the future the eradication of TB in this country.

SUPPORTING RESTITUTION FOR PROPERTY CONFISCATED BY NAZI AND COMMUNIST REGIMES

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 371, which supports the fair, comprehensive and immediate restitution of property illegally confiscated during the last century by the Nazis, Nazi-allied governments and Communist regimes.

As many of you know, survivors are in the waning years of their lives, and it is incumbent on Congress and the administration to clearly articulate our unequivocal support, as we have done in previous Congresses, for just and immediate property restitution or compensation.

While there are some nations in Europe that have enacted legislation for the restitution of or compensation for private and communal