

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit this statement for the RECORD and regret that I could not be present yesterday, Tuesday, September 23, 2008 to vote on rollcall vote No. 626.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on rollcall vote No. 626 to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 5352, a bill to protect seniors in the United States from elder abuse by establishing specialized elder abuse prosecution and research programs and activities to aid victims of elder abuse, to provide training to prosecutors and other law enforcement related to elder abuse prevention and protection, and for other purposes.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Member: Rep. MARK E. SOUDER.

Bill: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

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: \$1,600,000.

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 to 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 10,000 SINGAR 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 requested \$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 in-

cluding data communications. This is all the funding needed to perform and complete the work as outlined. The allocated \$1,600,000 will be used to achieve the same goals.

Member: Rep. MARK E. SOUDER.

Bill: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

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

Entity: Raytheon Network Centric Systems.

Address: 1010 Production Road, Ft. Wayne, IN 46808.

Amount: \$1,600,000.

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 1100 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.

CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL DAY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON
TAIWAN**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate with the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of their "National Day."

On October 10, the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan will celebrate their 97th National Day and remember the uprising that started China on the path toward freedom and democracy. In the 97 years since their revolution, the Republic of China, on Taiwan since 1949, has become a strong democracy and trusted friend to the United States.

As our 8th largest trading partner and member of the World Trade Organization, the Republic of China on Taiwan has achieved a flourishing market-based economy and one of the highest standards of living in the world. I appreciate the contributions of the Republic of China on Taiwan to the freedom and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region, and I look forward to the continued cooperation between the United States and the Republic of China on Taiwan.

As the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan celebrate their National Day, it is my privilege, honor and pleasure to join with my colleagues in congratulating and confirming our mutual commitment to the democratic ideals of freedom of speech, the Rule of Law, and free and fair elections.

CONGRATULATING THE CHILD'S
ADVOCACY CENTER FOR DENTON
COUNTY ON THE GROUND-
BREAKING OF ITS NEW FACILITY**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Child's Advocacy Center for Denton County for breaking ground today on its new facility in Lewisville, TX. The CACDC has been helping heal the wounds of child abuse in the Denton area for over 10 years, and this new facility will allow the Center to increase its work to match the demands of a growing community.

The CACDC began in 1994 as a task force comprised of representatives from the District Attorney's office, Child Protective Services, law enforcement, professionals in abuse-related fields, and community members. The Center became fully operational in 1997 as a safe place where child victims could be interviewed and counseled during investigations into child abuse. Today, the center is a non-profit agency governed by a volunteer board of directors.

Prior to the formation of the Center, children were often subject to questioning in frightening places such as a police station. Investigators often lacked specialized training in child abuse issues, and there was no system in place to ensure that victims were offered treatment or referred to community resources. The CACDC provides a welcoming area to counsel victims of child abuse, is able to refer victims to other helpful community resources, and fights to ensure that abusers are held accountable for their wrongs. The Center is able to ease the pain and future negative impact of child abuse by giving children the care and encouragement they need to move forward after these traumatic events.

The CACDC will now build a brand new 14,000 square foot building to use as its primary facility for dealing with child abuse cases. I am especially proud of all the community leaders, as well as members of my staff, who have helped make this dream a reality. I am honored to represent the people of the Child's Advocacy Center for Denton County in the 26th District of Texas, and I wish them the best of luck as they break ground today.