

INTRODUCTION OF THE GEORGES  
BANK PRESERVATION ACT**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, I am introducing the Georges Bank Preservation Act today because America's most valuable fishery and one of the Nation's most important marine areas, Georges Bank, will be in the crosshairs of the oil and gas industry when the moratorium on offshore drilling expires October 1. Georges Bank is a fragile environmental region that is already recovering from other recent pressures like over-fishing. Allowing oil and gas drilling in Georges Bank could forever destroy this ecosystem and our nation's most important fishery.

This legislation would prohibit the Federal Government from issuing any lease authorizing exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in Georges Bank. Keeping protections against drilling in Georges Bank would affect less than 2 percent of Federal land on the outer Continental Shelf. The legislation would also protect any areas designated as marine national monuments or national marine sanctuaries, including the Gerry E. Studds Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary off the coast of Massachusetts. The language in the Georges Bank Preservation Act is identical to what was included in H.R. 6899, which has already passed the House in an overwhelming, bipartisan vote of 236-189.

The Northeast fishery landings are valued at approximately \$800 million annually and Georges Bank is the key to the region. New Bedford, MA is by far the most productive fishing port in the United States, in terms of value of catch. Its \$268 million catch in 2007 was nearly equal to the combined value of the catches of Dutch Harbor, AK and Kodiak Harbor, AK—the second and third most valuable fishing ports in the Nation. New Bedford has been number 1 for 8 straight years. Last year, commercial fishing brought nearly \$350 million into Massachusetts alone.

There has been a moratorium on fishing in areas of Georges Bank for over a decade and we are seeing signs of recovery. If we were to allow oil drilling at this critical time in the recovery of Georges Bank, it would be disastrous to the full restoration of this critical marine habitat.

Canada—which has a claim to approximately one-fifth of Georges Bank—recognizes the region's importance and fragility and has a moratorium on drilling in the area through 2012. We need to send a signal to Canada that we too will keep in place the protections against drilling in this unique marine ecosystem.

Georges Bank is geologically and biologically unique. Warm and cold currents come together and circulate to help make the shallow water's depth, temperature, and nutrient content perfect for life. Georges Bank is home to more than 100 species of fish and shellfish, including cod, haddock, yellowtail flounder, herring, and sea scallops.

While I will continue to fight for a full extension of the moratorium on offshore drilling on the east and west coasts of the United States, I am introducing this bill today—along with my colleagues in the Massachusetts delegation, to

highlight the vital importance of protecting the Georges Banks and other particularly sensitive offshore lands from the environmental hazards associated with oil and natural gas exploration and production.

We must not let Big Oil claim one of New England's most important economic and environmental treasures. The Georges Bank Preservation Act will prevent the oil and gas industry from invading America's most precious fishery and one of our Nation's most unique marine habitats.

HONORING CHARLES WILSON  
ANDREWS**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles Wilson Andrews of Blue Springs, MO. Charles is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1205, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Charles has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Charles has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Charles Wilson Andrews for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2638.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force, Military Construction, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: 177th Fighter Wing.

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Langley Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

Description of Request: Provide \$8.4 million for the construction of Phase I of a two phase Operations and Training Facility for the 177th Fighter Wing at the Atlantic City International Airport in Egg Harbor Township, NJ. The facility will house key wing administrative functions to better enable the 177th to perform its Air Sovereignty Alert mission in defense of the homeland.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: (1) Drexel University, (2) Waterfront Technology Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: (1) 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (2) 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Provide \$3.2 million for Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN). ACIN enables the warfighter to rapidly deploy state-of-the-practice communications and networking technology for warfighting and National Security. This funding will build on funding from previous years to fully develop this technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Accenture.

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Provide \$1.6 million for Distributed Mission Interoperability Toolkit (DMIT). DMIT is a suite of tools that enables an enterprise architecture for on-demand, trusted, interoperability among and between mission-oriented C4I systems. This spending will build on funding from previous years to allow DMIT to be extended to Joint and coalition requirements, and address current weaknesses in Air Force management years ahead of current schedules. Adoption by major programs and commercial entities would lead to savings in the \$100 millions on current and future DOD programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Army—Other Procurement.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Corp.—East.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Provide \$2.4 million for Battlefield Anti-Intrusion System (BAIS). BAIS is the U.S. Army's type standard tactical Unattended Ground Sensor (UGS) system for physical security/force protection. The system uses Seismic/Acoustic Sensors (SAS) to detect and classify potential threats for forward intelligence collection or perimeter self-protection. To date, 773 systems plus spares have been fielded representing less than 10% of the Army's Acquisition Objective, yet approved fielding requirements for small unit protection and perimeter security exceed 8,933 systems. This \$6.0 million will provide 270 additional BAIS units to the Army.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McGee Industries.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Crozenville Road, Aston, PA 19014-0425.

Description of Request: Provide \$2.0 million for Improved Corrosion Protection for the ElectroMagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) for the CVN-21 class of carriers. The environment around aircraft carrier catapults is among the most corrosive (i.e. seawater spray, heat, deck contaminants) with which the Navy must contend. No reliable corrosion or fracture data exists for the new EMALS configuration and

the materials which will be used to construct it, in a catapult-like environment. This funding will continue the program from FY08 to develop design-specific corrosion data under simulated catapult conditions which needs to be continued in order to permit further design refinement, that will: (1) prevent premature component failures (2) minimize costly fleet maintenance and (3) enhance operational readiness.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: FEMA State and Local Programs.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Atlantic County, New Jersey.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

Description of Request: Provide \$750,000 for Atlantic County, New Jersey's Consolidated Emergency Operation Center. The county will use the funding in combination with state, county, and local funding to consolidate the county's disparate emergency management centers into a single existing building which will be able to withstand wind storm and other natural hazards.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding district funding requests as part of H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act.

1. Florida Army National Guard, Regional Training Institute (RTI) Phase IV at Camp Blanding, FL (Department of Defense, Army National Guard).

This project is to complete construction of the RTI at the Camp Blanding Training Site, FL. The readiness of the Florida Army National Guard and Air National Guard in general will be affected if the school cannot adequately accomplish its mission to train soldiers. The student quota continues to grow with the need for new training requirements. The new campus will serve the full-time mission of the RTI. The completion of the new campus will allow the school to accept all projected students and to provide the support needed to run the regional school. The new campus will provide the school with the area required to adequately perform its essential mission. It will house, feed, teach, and train all students attending the institute; students are from all fifty states and territories. The school averages 800 students per cycle.

2. Research Support for Nanoscale Research Facility at the University of Florida (RDTE, Navy).

The State of Florida, at the University of Florida, has completed the \$30M Nanoscale Research Facility to serve as a nexus of interdisciplinary research in nanoscience and technology development. This research facility will provide a scientific forum for research efforts among the Colleges of Engineering, Medicine,

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, and the Particle Engineering Research Center.

3. Weapons Skills Trainer (OM, Army National Guard).

The Florida National Guard has been deeply involved in the Global War on terrorism. More than 8,000 of the 12,000 soldiers and airman in Florida have served on active duty since September 11th and the commitment will continue. Under new mobilization guidelines, soldiers and airman must be fully trained on individual weapons tasks before reporting to their mobilization stations. The Weapons Skills Trainer is a proven system that will increase readiness and substantially reduce training costs.

4. Accelerating Treatment for Trauma Wounds (RDTE, Army).

The Army's Medical Advanced Technology program supports applied research to develop material that improves survivability and assures better medical treatment outcomes for warfighters wounded in combat and military operations other than war. One area of emphasis is on the development of novel treatments to minimize tissue damage and accelerate restoration of function. The project goal is to evaluate doxycycline gel for its ability to accelerate healing of open wounds among injured U.S. Army soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center when used in conjunction with other good-wound care practices.

5. Marion County Emergency Operations Center (FEMA, Department of Homeland Security).

Marion County needs to upgrade its current EOC facilities by adding approximately 27,000 sq. feet to the existing building. This will include a new 911 Dispatch Center and supporting office and technology space for the Sheriffs Office, EMS, County Fire Department, and City of Ocala Fire Department. The upgrade also includes a new room for the Marion County Emergency Operations Center along with office and technology space.

#### HONORING LYNNE AND PHIL HIMELSTEIN

### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two exceptional people, who I am proud to call Hoosiers. Lynne and Phil Himelstein will be recognized for their years of dedicated service to both the people of Indiana and to the State of Israel at the annual Indiana-Israel Dinner on October 19, 2008—sponsored by the State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation—which this year commemorates the 60th Anniversary of Israel's statehood.

Since 1951, the State of Israel Bonds Development Corporation has issued securities in the name of the government of Israel for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy. This has included Israel's roads, public transportation, power plants, agricultural expansion, water desalinization, and industrial growth. State of Israel Bonds Corp. has secured more than \$28 billion in investment of

capital, and maintained a perfect record on the payment of interest and principal on the securities it has issued over the years. From a small, fledging idea, the organization has grown into a powerful legacy of achievement. In fact it's probably fair to say that the State of Israel Bonds Corp. is the financial rock upon which the modern State of Israel is built.

This same kind of entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to community drives this year's honorees, Lynne and Phil Himelstein, who have individually and collectively made a huge impact in their community, both for Jewish and secular causes. Their efforts will leave a lasting legacy that will benefit both Indianapolis and Israel.

Lynne Himelstein was born in Beverly Hills, California, and decided to move her family back to her husband's home state of Indiana for a more Midwest value-oriented life. Immediately, Lynne became extremely active in the Indianapolis Jewish Community. After seven years of working as a Jewish day school teacher, Lynne was able to become a strong voice and leader to many of the communities' organizations. Since then, Lynne has served a term as President of AIPAC for Central Indiana, and is currently co-chair of Endowments for National Women's Philanthropy of the United States Jewish Community. Lynne has also served on the board of the Jewish Community Relations Council, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Jewish Community Center, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI). During her term with the JFGI, Lynne spearheaded the raising of millions of dollars as the campaign chair in both 2003 and 2004. Lynne also created an academic scholarship in her name that is awarded annually to one deserving Jewish individual.

Lynne's husband, Phil, is a Hoosier by birth. When Phil returned to Indiana in 1992 with Lynne—after seventeen years working for a prosperous law firm in Los Angeles—he became manager of Magic Menu Foods, a company that produced nutritional food products for the health care industry. Currently, Phil runs Hilan Capital, a private equity partnership that he co-founded in 1998. Phil is also the director of the Sage Group, an investment bank in Los Angeles; and a director of Brainscope Company, Inc., a neurodiagnostics company based in St. Louis and New York City.

Phil is as equally hard working outside of the boardroom; he currently serves as chairman of the Indiana Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center; one of the largest treatment centers in the country serving individuals with bleeding disorders. Phil is also a founder and trustee of University High School of Indiana, a diverse college preparatory school in Indianapolis with a college placement rate of 100 percent.

Madam Speaker, individually and together, the Himelstein's contributions to the United States, to the people of Indiana, Indiana's Jewish Community, and to the State of Israel represent the highest tradition of selfless public service, civic stewardship and commitment to others. Their praiseworthy efforts will be recognized at the Indiana-Israel Dinner of State on October 19th but I ask my colleagues to join me now to commend and congratulate Lynne and Phil for their outstanding achievements, and their lives of service.