

Service Marine of the Year, and thank him for his bravery on the battlefield. He truly exemplifies the courageous service of our men and women in uniform, and especially our United States Marines.

EXTENDING AUTHORIZATION OF  
DELAWARE WATER GAP NA-  
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IZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION

SPEECH OF

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GARRETT. Madam Speaker, I am pleased that the House recently considered and unanimously consented to the passage of H.R. 7017, a bill to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA) Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) for an additional year. Both Representative CARNEY and I believe that this citizen action group serves as an important liaison between National Park Service Officials and park neighbors.

Communication is the key to addressing and resolving citizen concerns, and it is clear that residents and park users value the opportunity to respond to DWGNRA decisions and propose alternative ideas. I was proud to introduce this bipartisan legislation and I believe it will improve the communication process between park officials and the local community. The citizens of New Jersey should be confident in the ability of the Federal Government to hear and address their suggestions.

The Delaware Water Gap region has a turbulent history, one marked by improper government interference and Federal invasion of the rights of property owners. Realizing this, my predecessor, Representative Marge Roukama, authored legislation establishing a Citizen's Advisory Commission (CAC) in 1988. The CAC was reauthorized for an additional decade in 1998 and has served as a forum for the public to interact with park officials.

Due to the combined efforts of various Commission members and park officials, the Delaware Water Gap NRA has increased in popularity and sees millions of visitors each year. These visitors enjoy the beauty of the scenery and the opportunity to participate in activities like hiking, canoeing, and swimming. I am confident that the CAC will continue to play a valuable role in preserving the splendor of the Delaware Water Gap for future generations.

The ability of local residents to communicate with Federal agencies has been one of my main focuses and I call upon the Senate to follow the House's example and pass this important legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2008*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the new Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW.

Bill Number: H.R. 2368—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

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

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Florida State University, FSU.

Address of Receiving Entity: 211 Westcott Bldg. Tallahassee, FL 32306.

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,400,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account for Nanotubes Optimized for Lightweight Exceptional Strength, NOLES, project.

This project partners the Army Research Lab, five top U.S. defense companies and FSU's team of multi-disciplinary faculty and students to continue developing unique design, characterization and rapid prototyping capabilities in the field of nano-composite research. This research aims to make advances necessary in vital defense applications.

The U.S. Army's objective of developing effective personnel protection and lighter, stronger fleet of fighting vehicles may be achieved through nanotube research.

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

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: University of North Florida.

Address of Receiving Entity: 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

Description of Request: I have secured \$800,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account for the Direct Methanol Fuel Cell Development.

DMFC devices offer higher energy density, reduced weight, and extended run-time compared to conventional battery alternatives. The proposed project will develop, demonstrate and prototype a ruggedized DMFC powered laptop power supply. Leveraging advances in academic research, membrane development, and systems integration, a team comprised of the University of North Florida, UNF, PolyFuel and University of Florida, UF, will partner to develop a Direct Methanol Fuel Cell battery.

Network Centric operations demand longer run-time from laptop computers and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems. Mobile electronic devices require increased run-time and operational flexibility to leverage the benefits of wireless operation, streaming video, and voice-data exchange.

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

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Nanotherapeutics.

Address of Receiving Entity: 13859 Progress Blvd., Alachua, FL 32615.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,200,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account for the Accelerating Treatment for Trauma Wounds project.

The project goal is to evaluate doxycycline gel for its ability to expedite 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. Orally-taken doxycycline has been approved and marketed for decades for treatment of infections caused by susceptible microorganisms. When used in conjunction with, and not a substitute for, good wound care practices including wound cleaning and dressing, doxycycline gel has been shown to increase the incidence of wound closure and reduce the incidence of infection. This product has been approved for human testing.

There is a critical need for effective, low-cost, easy-to-apply treatments to address military trauma/open wounds. U.S. soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with severe trauma/open wounds must remain in hospital care for 6–12 weeks until the wound is sufficiently healed. The U.S. military community is seeking cost-effective and easy to apply treatments that can speed the rate of healing to 1–2 weeks.

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

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Address of Receiving Entity: 12506 Lake Underhill Road Orlando, FL 32855.

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,000,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account for the Center for Excellence for Military Operations in Urban Terrain and Cultural Training, MOUT-CT, project at Camp Blanding, FL.

The R&D Center of Excellence for Joint MOUT CT will be at the FL National Guard Camp Blanding's existing MOUT site and will perform research, development, and testing of new MOUT technologies, focusing on Cultural and Unconventional Environments. The R&D Center will integrate these new capabilities into existing MOUT capabilities and make these capabilities available to the services' MOUT training programs. Soldiers and Marines will validate these new capabilities at the Florida's National Guard MOUT facility (Camp Blanding) in a holistic, immersive, urban and unconventional environment (Live, Virtual and Constructive). Once tested and integrated, these new capabilities will be available for fielding to all Services and CONUS and OCONUS MOUT training centers. The R&D Center for MOUT CT will be the centralized integrator for new and existing MOUT technologies and will function as the operational link between R&D and training requirements.

The R&D Center for MOUT CT will improve the training that Soldiers and Marines (and

Special Ops) receive in the area of cultural and unconventional warfare issues. By performing the R&D and integration of MOUT training technologies at this center, operational training availability will increase (i.e., more training days will be available) at existing MOUT training centers in CONUS and OCONUS.

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Bill Number: H.R. 2368—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Operations and Maintenance, Navy.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Concurrent Technologies Corporation.

Address of Receiving Entity: 9570 Regency Square Blvd, Suite 400 Jacksonville, FL 32225.

Description of Request: I have secured \$800,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Operations and Maintenance, Navy account for the Sustainable Maintenance and Repair Technologies for Aircraft Composites at the Fleet Readiness Center, Southeast.

This project will provide direct support to the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, FRCSE, to conduct the demonstration and validation required to introduce new materials, techniques, and processes into the repair, maintenance, and testing of aircraft composite components. The program will evaluate newer modern electrical testing, analysis capability and repair capability, to include stripping, repairing, coatings application and electrical testing to insure attainment of both structural and electrical properties of composite components, including radomes, radar reflectors and other composite structures.

Many aircraft or aircraft components are constructed of a high percentage of composites. Generally, the newer an aircraft is, the higher the percentage of composite components it contains. This trend will most likely continue. However, composite component electrical testing and repair development and implementation is far ahead of FRCSE capability and techniques. In order to continue improving the reliability of repairs and lower the total cost of ownership, newer technologies and expertise have to be transitioned and implemented at FRCSE. In addition, many current composite repair processes are labor intensive and have significant air emissions and hazardous material usage.

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Account: Operations and Maintenance, Navy.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: BAE Systems.

Address of Receiving Entity: 7091 Davis Creek Road Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,600,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Operations and Maintenance, Navy account for the Wireless Pierside Connection System.

This project is a state-of-the-art secure system which supports wireless transmission of both data and voice for shipboard to shore communications when a ship is pierside. The WPCS solution has proven to be operationally sound, has successfully withstood security penetration testing by NIOC and NSA, and has received Type Accreditation by the DSAWG in conjunction with NETWARCOM. Further, the WPCS solution has passed HERP, HERP and HERO testing providing acceptable levels of safety for use both pierside and shipboard.

When U.S. Navy ships return to port the primary voice and data communications connection is one or more fiber and/or copper umbilical cables. The susceptibility of this dated infrastructure to the harsh conditions of the pierside environment and mishandling by Navy and support personnel has rendered this solution unreliable and highly expensive.

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Account: Military Construction, Navy.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

Address of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville, FL.

Description of Request: I have secured \$12,890,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Military Construction, Navy account for Child Development Center project at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL.

Project will construct a Child Development Center, CDC, for 302 children ages 6 weeks to 6 years for full-day, part-day, and hourly care that are currently housed in substandard buildings and inadequate temporary trailers.

The existing child care facility accommodates approximately 246 children. Another 84 children are on an excess demand waiting list. Unborn infants projected list totals 46. Current facilities provide only a fraction of the space required for child care.

Additional space is required to reduce the waiting list of military dependents seeking child care services at NAS Jacksonville.

Naval Air Station Jacksonville is a strategic base for the Navy. This project was programmed by the Navy to receive funding in Fiscal Year 2009.

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Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW.

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Account: Military Construction, Navy.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Naval Station Mayport.

Address of Receiving Entity: Mayport, FL.

Description of Request: I have secured \$14,900,000 in funding in H.R. 6599 in the Military Construction, Navy account for an Alpha Wharf Improvement project at Naval Station Mayport, FL.

Upgrade 900' of steel sheet pile bulkhead by driving a new steel sheet pile wall in front

of the existing bulkhead, replace concrete pile cap, provide compacted select backfill material in areas of failure behind the bulkhead and between the new bulkhead and existing; replace the concrete encasement of sheet pile and concrete fendering panels; demolish and provide new asphalt wharf deck paving; demolish and reconstruct electrical distribution structure and relocate transformers and switchgear to new facility; install new primary electrical transformer, switchgear and CMU substation enclosure with HV AC for 4160V ships power, install new concrete shore power igloos to support 4160V ships power distribution; install new high security steel reinforced sliding vehicle gate, pedestrian turnstile access facility, wire rope active vehicle barrier and concrete filled, steel pipe passive vehicle bollards; cathodic protection system; concrete retaining wall. The project will demolish concrete pile cap and fendering face, demolish concrete and 5800 SY of asphalt wharf deck paving.

Naval Station Mayport is a strategic base for the Navy. This project was programmed to receive funding in Fiscal Year 2009.

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Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW.

Bill Number: H.R. 2368—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Navy.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Naval Station Mayport.

Address of Receiving Entity: Mayport, FL.

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,380,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Military Construction, Navy account for an Aircraft Refueling project at Naval Station Mayport, FL.

This project will construct a two (2) outlet, 300gpm/outlet aircraft direct fueling system to include concrete foundations and slab on grade, 15,000 gallon double wall steel tanks (to be relocated from the existing truck fill stand), concrete containment berms, double walled underground piping, valves, pumps, pressure gauges, filter separators, leak detection monitors for piping and tanks, float switches, double wall steel product recovery tank, emergency shut off valves, fuel quality monitors, pipe vents, fire protection, pressure indicating transmitter and water drain off system. It would also construct underground double walled fuel transfer line from bulk storage to the direct fueling facility. The project will properly close, by abandoning in place, the existing underground fuel transfer line from the bulk storage to the existing truck fill stand. Closure will include pigging/purging the lines, grout injection of ends, core boring and soil sampling along the fuel transfer line, and submission of a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Closure Assessment Report.

In addition, this project will construct a 150 m<sup>2</sup>, single story building on a concrete slab on grade and concrete footings. The building and fuel lab will include vinyl floor tile, steel stud/gypsum wallboard walls, hollow core interior steel doors, solid core exterior steel doors, double glazed single hung windows, modified bitumen roofing, interior plumbing, electrical power and lighting wiring, data/communication

wiring, fluorescent lighting fixtures, ceramic bathroom tile, HVAC system/distribution/controls and site utilities (electric, water, sanitary, fiber optic communication/data). The project demolishes building 18 (32 m2) and the truck fill stand facility 142 (400 GM).

Naval Station Mayport is a strategic base for the Navy. This project was programmed to receive funding in Fiscal Year 2012, but was identified by the base commander as the highest unfunded priority in Fiscal Year 2009.

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Bill Number: H.R. 2368—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

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

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: OTO Melara North America.

Address of Receiving Entity: 1625 I St., NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,600,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy account for 76mm Swarbuster Capability.

Swarbuster is a proposed developmental program to integrate the highly accurate fire control information from the MK 15 Close-In Weapons Systems with the high rate of fire, medium caliber, 76mm gun on FFG-7 Class ships.

The Surface Navy lacks an effective capability against High Speed Maneuverable Surface Targets (HSMST's). The Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) was designed with a mission module to combat this threat, but program difficulties will delay delivery of this capability for years. Successful Swarbuster test results will provide the Navy the opportunity to integrate a layered defense capability into its FFG-7 class ships, against air and surface threats.

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Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense Wide.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: L-3 Communications.

Address of Receiving Entity: 6207 Aviation Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32221.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,600,000 in funding in H.R. 2368 in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense Wide account for Low Cost Stabilized Turret project.

The goal of the Low Cost Stabilized Turret program is to develop a small (less than 15 lbs) Electro-Optical/Infrared, EO/IR, turret with High Resolution Video, Cooled Infrared Imagery and a Laser Range Finder with a capability to incorporate a Laser Target Designator. The primary purpose of the turret will be to provide an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) capability for low cost, expendable UAV systems, consistent with the "Expendable" low cost concept.

Technologies incorporated will include a direct drive stabilization system utilizing a MEMS gyro to provide a stabilized imagery package; a cooled IR camera which will provide enhanced night imagery; high resolution, dual field of vision color video; laser range finder with capability to incorporate laser target designator; picture in picture video presentation for enhanced situational awareness; and real-time video relayed via satellite data link or line of sight link.

The Low Cost Stabilized Turret will provide a light weight, low cost solution for a flexible, efficient payload that is consistent with the warfighter's needs, yet in a cost range consistent with the concept of expendable systems.

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#### DEATHS IN CUSTODY REPORTING PROGRAM

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 3, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Congressman SCOTT from Virginia for his critical insight into this much needed legislation before us. H.R. 3971, the Death in Custody Reporting Program reauthorizes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, BJS, program, which is designed to report the deaths of prisoners and immigration detainees in local and State custody.

The Death in Custody Reporting Act is a critical oversight tool which allows State and local corrections officials and advocates to monitor in-custody suicides, homicides, drug and alcohol overdoses and other critical issues.

Due to the current lack of transparency and accountability, the public and advocacy groups have to rely on word-of-mouth and media accounts to find out about deaths of immigration detainees. According to the ACLU, at least 69 immigrants have died in custody since 2004. A significant number of these deaths occurred in Federal detention facilities.

I am pleased that the Senate amended this legislation to ensure that Federal detention center authorities also had to report under the same circumstances and the State detention centers; finally closing the loophole that allowed deaths of immigration detainees in Federal detention facilities to go unreported.

This program which began in 2000, is supposed to receive death records quarterly from each State's prison and juvenile justice systems and from nearly 18,000 State and local law enforcement agencies. The reports include the age, gender and race of the deceased, the criminal history of the deceased and the circumstances surrounding the death.

Sadly, according to a report by Human Rights Watch the U.S. criminal justice system fails to meet many international standards for the treatment of crime victims. Among other proposed measures in the report, HRW recommended that the United States ratify the 1979 Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Colleagues, nearly 300,000 men, women, and children are detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, each year, the majority of whom have no criminal history whatsoever. Thousands arrived on our shores fleeing persecution and torture, only to be locked up like criminals in one of over 400 detention facilities around the country. We must not let go of our belief in the innate value of human life, or stray from our fundamental values while detaining immigrants or criminal offenders.

In 1995, after a one-year investigation by journalist Mike Masterson into prison conditions and the death rate of persons in custody, Ashberry Park Press of New Jersey, ran a series of award winning editorials which listed the following abuses resulting in death that were occurring in our jails and prisons: Racially motivated violence, overzealous police investigations, cover-ups and general law enforcement incompetence.

This prompted the Death In Custody Act of 2000 which required reporting of deaths of persons in custody. Since then, The Bureau of Justice Statistics has compiled a number of statistics. My colleague, Congressman BOBBY SCOTT at one point testified to the most astounding statistic—that since reporting deaths have been made mandatory, the latest report dated August 2005 shows a 64 percent decline in suicides and 93 percent decline in homicides for individuals in custody. He stated that these statistics suggest that the oversight measures play an important role in ensuring safety and security of prisoners in State facilities.

I agree with his finds and that is why I support H.R. 3971. We need continued oversight over the conduct of law enforcement in the arrest and imprisonment of citizens and immigrants.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics date shows that between 2001 and 2005, there were 15,308 State prisoner deaths, 5,935 local prisoner deaths and 43 juvenile deaths during incarceration. In my district alone, in the last decade, 106 deaths have occurred in Harris County jail, many because of inability to secure meds or to secure med care after an attack.

#### IMMIGRANTS IN JAILS

Survivors of torture, asylum-seekers, families with small children and individuals with serious mental health and medical conditions such as HIV/AIDS, are routinely locked up in jails or under jail-like conditions. Studies conducted by the bipartisan Commission on International Religious Freedom, New York University's Bellevue Program, and Physicians for Human Rights have demonstrated that, even in well-run jails, detention itself poses a serious threat to the psychological health of the detainees.

Without the right to appointed counsel and often detained in remote locations, detainees are unable to exercise fully what rights they do have. While I do not stand here and advocate allowing duly processed criminals to be released, or those breaking our immigration law to be simply be set loose, there are safer and more cost-effective alternatives to detention for most immigrants ICE currently detains.

#### CONCLUSION

Angela Davis, an activist who went from being on the most wanted list to a distinguished and tenured professor in California, said that "Jails and prisons are designed to