

I would be pleased to speak with you about the SAFE Commission plan, and I wish you Godspeed as you begin your presidency.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. 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 "Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2008."

The following project I requested was included in the legislation considered on the floor of the House:

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research Development Defense Wide, Industrial Preparedness.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Seaman Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Venture Boulevard, Wooster, OH 44691.

Description of Request: I received an earmark in the amount of \$1,600,000 to continue a research and development project to develop a more reliable collapsible storage tank that will be utilized by our military for fuel and water distribution. Research and development will occur in Seaman facilities in Ohio and in Bristol, TN.

In recent years, the tanks being used by our military have consistently underperformed, and the Defense Logistics Agency is working with Seaman to develop fabrication technologies that will improve the performance capabilities of the tanks being produced. The money appropriated for this project will be utilized by: (1) identifying the manufacturing processes to ensure long-term performance that meets and/or exceeds current military application requirements, (2) establishing quality assurance procedures to ensure extended life performance dependability, and (3) providing field validation testing.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFFERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE JEAN BRINK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, an era is coming to an end in the Jefferson Union High School District. Jean Brink, first elected in 1988, is retiring as a Trustee after 20 years of productive and selfless service.

Like so many in public service, Jean first got involved as an active and concerned parent. Her two children, Adam and Laura, attended the District's Oceana High School, where Jean quickly became as well-known as her son and daughter.

In five straight elections, the voters of the Jefferson Union High School District returned

Jean to office, relying on her level head, passionate commitment to education and keen understanding of the School District's greater role in the community.

Madam Speaker, Jean is the kind of public servant that we could all take a lesson from. While overseeing the modernization of district schools and facilities and working for the passage of two bond measures, Jean remained vigilant against waste and abuse and always kept a watchful eye on the taxpayers' hard-earned money.

Jean Brink earned the title "Trustee" because "trust" is what Jean is all about. As a board member, she guided the District through difficult economic times while always making sure that the needs of students were foremost on the minds of administrators. While committed to the basics, she understood that high school is one of the last times that many students have a chance to participate in artistic endeavors. She has been a strong supporter of art, music and drama programs, not just by providing financial and administrative support, but by attending nearly every band concert, school play and art show produced in the district for the last 20 years. Madam Speaker, a generation of students benefitted from Jean Brink's service. We will miss her, but she has certainly earned her retirement. Jean can now spend more time on her other interests, including swimming and volunteering for such worthwhile projects as the Oceana Natatorium's ceramic mural and the Pacifica School Volunteers.

We all know how much time public office takes away from one's family. I want to thank Jean's supportive husband, John Brink for loaning his talented and remarkable wife to the community. Son and daughter-in-law John and Kristin Brink and daughter and son-in-law Laura and Doug Ritenour will, no doubt, love having more time with Jean, but I have a feeling the person who will benefit most from Jean's newfound free time is her precious and adorable granddaughter, Serena Ritenour.

HONORING JUNE W. BUTTERFIELD

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor June W. Butterfield, who is the recipient of the 2008 Experience Works Prime Time Award for Outstanding Older Workers.

Experience Works strives to improve the lives of older people through employment and community service. 2008 marks the eleventh year Experience Works is leading this national, yearlong initiative that recognizes remarkable individuals 65 and older who continue to make valuable contributions in the workplace.

This year's recipient from the state of West Virginia is June W. Butterfield, an office manager for the West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management in Charleston. Working since she was 18, June started in the private sector but has been a government employee in one form or another for the past 38 years. The constant challenges and opportunities to become more efficient are what keep June so motivated. Her co-workers recognize this effort and praise her positive attitude in

the office. A former competitive runner, June is a big advocate of staying healthy and encourages her colleagues to stay fit. She encourages all older people to keep working, saying "it keeps you young."

It is an honor to represent this outstanding woman who serves as a strong leader and excellent role model for older women in her community. Congratulations to June W. Butterfield as the recipient of the 2008 Experience Works Prime Time Award for Outstanding Older Workers.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DARWIN WIEKAMP OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Darwin Wiekamp, a hard-working businessman and lifelong community philanthropist. Mr. Wiekamp died at his home in Mishawaka, Indiana on the morning of November 13, 2008 at the age of 94.

In 1936, 22-year old Wiekamp married his wife of 72 years, Dorothy. His business career as an area banker began a few years later in 1945, when he and a friend founded the Owners Discount Corporation in Elkhart, Indiana with a vision to serve customers who were ignored by other banks. Their corporation specialized in small loans for cars and new businesses.

For the next several years, Wiekamp implemented aggressive lending programs to his less fortunate community members, and in 1966 Owners Discount purchased West End State Bank of Mishawaka. Wiekamp's bank continued to grow enormously, changing names several times, until it finally became National City Bank. By the time Wiekamp retired, his initial \$64,000 capital had turned into a financial corporation that today is worth hundreds of millions of dollars. His ceaseless hard work, willingness to take risks, and dedication to serving his community are qualities that every businessman should strive to emulate.

As a philanthropist in our community, Wiekamp led campaigns to raise money for public television, St. Joseph Hospital, and the South Bend Center for the Homeless. His financial generosity also helped support healthcare and the arts in the form of the Schwartz-Weikamp Clinic in Mishawaka and an auditorium at the Center for History. With the help of nine other community businessmen, Wiekamp also organized and founded Mishawaka Futures Industrial Park, which today is home to twenty small businesses and hundreds of jobs.

Friends and fellow businessmen remember Wiekamp as "enormously generous in the community," "a great guy with a good sense of humor," and a "tough competitor and good golfer." But what Wiekamp will be most remembered for is his commitment to educational causes and community development. He and Dorothy helped fund Wiekamp Hall at Indiana University South Bend, the primary classroom building on campus, housing five computer labs, a language lab, sixteen classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, and a 150-seat lecture hall. They also helped finance the IUSB art gallery and more than thirty scholarships for students at the school.

Their most recent contribution totaled \$1.3 million toward the Wiekamp Athletic Facility at Bethel College.

Throughout his life, Wiekamp received many distinguished awards to recognize his accomplishments. These included the Individual Philanthropist Award from the Michiana Chapter of Associations of Fundraising and the Herman B. Wells Visionary Award from Indiana University and the Indiana University Foundation, both of which honor people for their professional accomplishments and service to humanity. He and his wife also received Indiana University South Bend's Chancellor's Medal in 2005. Wiekamp served on the boards of the Century Center Foundation, Center for the Homeless, Project Future, the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, the Mishawaka Division of the Salvation Army, St. Mary's College, and the IUSB advisory. He also served as president of the South Bend-Mishawaka Area Chamber of Commerce.

So, today I rise to pay tribute to Dar Wiekamp for his innumerable contributions to our community's development. His and Dorothy's generosity is admirable and they will serve as models of lives well-lived.

CONGRATULATING JEFF FUNICELLO FOR HIS PERFORMANCE IN THE WORLD WRESTLING GAMES

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jeff Funicello for his performance in the World Wrestling Games in Tirana, Albania. While representing his country and the State of Arizona, Jeff was able to secure a bronze medal in both grappling and beach wrestling in the 92KG division. The World Wrestling Games are highly revered throughout the competitive wrestling world and Jeff's victories signify an outstanding achievement.

I would also like to commend Jeff on the service he offers to the community by teaching mixed martial arts classes which promote discipline and self confidence, but more importantly teach students proper self defense techniques. Jeff founded American Pankration in 1990, a mixed martial arts team which trains and competes at Arizona State University. Jeff shows great dedication to his students and is committed to offering them the highest level of attention and instruction on and off the mats.

Jeff is a former Arizona State University Sun Devil and was on the varsity wrestling team from 1992 through 1994. Jeff's credentials also include being a three time Olympic alternate as well as having competed throughout the world with great success in a number of different disciplines of wrestling, submissions, and kickboxing. Jeff's skills as a training partner and coach have often been tapped to train with a who's who list of Olympic, Ultimate Fighting Championship, and Pride FC Championship champions.

Mr. Funicello should be proud of his accomplishments. Again, I say congratulations on your achievements in the World Wrestling Games and commend you for a job well done.

HONORING JUSTIN ALAN GROTE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Justin Alan Grote of Kansas City, Missouri. Justin 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 1271, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Justin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Justin 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 Justin Alan Grote 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. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. 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 2009 Defense Appropriation Bill:

7. Project Name—Advanced Fluid Controls for Shipboard Applications.

Requesting Member—SCOTT GARRETT.

Bill Number—Amendment to H.R. 2638 (FY09 Defense Appropriations Bill).

Account—Department of Defense Appropriations, RDT&E, Navy, Line #35, Shipboard System Component Development Account, PE#0603513N.

Requesting Entity—Marotta Controls, 78 Boonton Ave, PO Box 427, Montville, NJ 07045.

Description of the Project—Funds will be used to complete the development of shipboard fluid controls using the latest in material technologies—including composites and ceramics—to reduce weight, life-cycle costs, and increase fuel efficiency.

Description of the Spending Plan—(\$2,500,000).

Program Management: \$50,000.

Engineering Labor Mechanical: \$100,000.

Electrical: \$100,000.

Assembly Labor: \$425,000.

Machine Shop Labor: \$550,000.

Material: \$700,000.

Testing: \$575,000.

Total: \$2,500,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, consistent with Republican transparency

standards, the following is a disclosure for each of my requested projects in H.R. 2638, the FY 2009 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act Homeland Security.

Requesting Member: Rep: JAMES T. WALSH.
Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Homeland Security NPPD Infrastructure Protection and Information Security.

Legal Name of Representing Entity: Manhole Barrier Security Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Garden City Plaza, Suite 204, Garden City, NY 11530.

Description of Request: (1) Include \$3 million for critical underground infrastructure in major urban areas. This funding would be utilized to complete an inventory of critical underground infrastructure in urban areas; identify the access points to the identified critical underground infrastructure; and, demonstrate low-cost, self-contained technologies that can deter unauthorized access while allowing authorized access to critical underground infrastructure.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. GLORIA COOPER

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Gloria Cooper of Niles, Michigan for over two decades of broadcasting excellence.

For nearly a quarter century, we in southwest Michigan welcomed Gloria into our homes as the hostess of the popular "Here's Gloria" and "Gloria's Place" radio programs on WNIL-AM 1290. Since she first hit the airwaves in 1966, Gloria's in-depth interviews and community focus through the years earned her the reputation as the "Voice of Niles."

In 2006, Gloria took her show to the Web where she has continued to educate and entertain her faithful listeners. On November 24, Gloria will record her final interview, marking the end of an era. We will all miss Gloria's voice over the airwaves and Internet. She is a treasure of our community, and I will miss being "grilled" by my friend on the pressing issues of the day.

Once again, I would like to congratulate and express my gratitude to Gloria Cooper for her many years of distinguished service to the residents of Berrien County. I wish Gloria and her husband Richard all the best. May God continue to bless the entire Cooper family. Gloria's gift of communication has enriched us all.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NIELSEN BUILDERS

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, it was 100 years ago in 1908 that Joseph Nielsen and his successors began their work complementing Virginia's majestic landscape with quality buildings in which to worship, learn, complete commerce and live.