

fulfill the Army directive for a paperless system, storing the maintenance test flight check-sheets into the Common Logistics Operating Environment, eliminating the paper form. Improved integration of automated weight and balance tools with the CLOE and the Aviation System of System infrastructure is critical, eliminating error-prone manual entries and expanding aircraft flight envelopes by eliminating manual lookup and interpolation of paper performance charts. The amount of time in calculating and recalculating loads during OPTEMPO will be greatly reduced from hours to mere minutes. This effort will include the application of commercial Aviation best-practices to data and data processes in support of air worthiness, and the development of processes to support air worthiness assessments of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). Air-worthiness of UAS will improve safety in training and combat operations as well as permit the routine use of these critical capabilities within national airspace during natural disasters and homeland defense operations.

Project: Ultra-Wideband Reactive Waveform Modulator.

Account: Army RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: X-COM Systems, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 106 North College Avenue, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Description of Request: \$1.5M to support the development and testing of an ultra-wideband reactive waveform modulator (UWB-RWM) for IED countermeasures at the Intelligence & Information Warfare Directorate (12WD), Fort Monmouth, NJ. The UWB-RWM will be a COTS solution designed to support and transition into current Joint Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare (JCREW) efforts. By providing a significant performance improvement over currently available technology, the UWB-RWM's adaptability and scalability will facilitate a future-proof capability for transmitting ever-evolving IED defeat waveforms of increasing complexity.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2419, FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND EN- ERGY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my reluctant opposition to the Food and Energy Security Act of 2007. This legislation is a real mixed bag for Kansas farmers. While there are many provisions that will benefit them, it contains many provisions that I believe will hurt them in the long run.

The latest information from the Congressional Budget Office indicates that this bill will cost us \$714.2 billion over the next ten years—a pretty significant increase over the last farm bill. In fact, the only reason we are having this debate on the floor today at all is because the rule that provided for consideration of this bill waived points of order against violations of the pay-as-you-go, or PAYGO, rules, which require any additional spending to be offset by tax increases, or spending cuts.

House rules require the use of the most recent budget numbers available from CBO. And

although we have numbers for FY 2008 available, the bill before us today is based on FY 2007's numbers. Why has this legislation not been updated to reflect the current fiscal year? Because doing so would reduce the baseline of available spending. If the Farm Bill followed the rules and instead used the updated baseline, it would violate PAYGO by \$3.1 billion over 10 years. Ignoring the most recent budget numbers is like going to the gas station, and instead of paying \$3.66 a gallon to fill up my car, I decide that I liked the price of a year ago better, and only pay \$2.60 a gallon. Someone ends up getting stuck with the extra cost, and in our case, it's the American taxpayer. Time shifts and budget gimmicks hide another \$8.5 billion. That's \$11.6 billion worth of hidden costs in this bill, all born in the backs of American taxpayers.

Yet, with all of the extra money that seems to be magically available in this bill, the majority could not find enough money to avoid cutting \$300 million from direct payments and \$6 billion from crop insurance. These are the two programs that benefit Kansas farmers the most. We couldn't find the money to help them, which seems strange, as there was plenty of money available for pet projects.

During the debate today, several of my colleagues have mentioned two programs that were airdropped in conference. One would provide for the purchase of 400,000 acres of forest land for the preservation of fish, and allow the Nature Conservancy to receive a \$250 million tax refund, even though they are a non-profit organization, and pay no taxes. A second program provides \$170 million—more than we provided for the victims of Hurricane Katrina—for the restoration of salmon fisheries.

By themselves, these are rather ridiculous and unnecessary programs that should have been subject to House approval. Instead, they were inserted into the Conference Report without undergoing the scrutiny of this great body. That alone is disconcerting. But what makes these provisions especially painful for the farmers in my district is the fact that, if these two programs were eliminated, there would be more than enough money to restore the \$300 million cut from direct payments. The cuts to crop insurance and direct payments remove the two most important aspects of the farm bill for Kansans. Taking money from these programs is unacceptable given the significant spending increases elsewhere.

There are, however, good provisions in this bill. The conference report addresses many of the concerns voiced to me by Kansas livestock producers. Especially of note are the country-of-origin labeling provisions that will allow producers to transition into compliance in a smooth and cost-effective manner while providing consumers with more information about where their food comes from.

This bill creates, for the first time, limitations on income for those receiving federal farm assistance. It provides for nearly 49 million acres to be enrolled in conservation efforts, preserving the land for future generations.

Another positive provision included in the farm bill is the tax incentive for cellulosic ethanol production. Cellulosic ethanol has great potential for helping lower the cost of fuel for American consumers while lessening the strain on food prices.

Mr. Speaker, this is the third farm bill I have had the privilege of considering here on the

House floor. As a Kansan, I take pride in the work it does to help Kansas, its farmers, ranchers and producers. It saddens me, however, that for the first time, I cannot vote for the original bill or this conference report before us today. I cannot endorse a bill that follows the same song and dance we've seen all too often in Washington—a disregard for the rules of this House, coupled with large increases in wasteful Federal spending.

This farm bill leaves farmers in the dust and sacrifices Kansas food producers on the altar of special interest fish projects. It is a shame some have forgotten the "farm" in our consideration of the farm bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRUCE H.T. DALLAS

HON. VIRGIL H. GOODE, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. GOODE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bruce H.T. Dallas of Martinsville, Virginia. Bruce passed away on August 26, 2007, and is survived by his wife Shirley K. Dallas, 6 children, 3 brothers, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Bruce was born on November 4, 1938, in Martinsville. He attended Albert Harris High School and then began his career of active participation in a number of civic and community-building ventures. He served as a member of the Martinsville City Council, Virginia Municipal League, 5th District of Virginia Democratic Party Committee, and State Central Democratic Committee. He was president of the 5th District Black Caucus and former Chairman of the Martinsville Democratic Committee.

Bruce was a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP and the Martinsville/Henry County Voters League.

Bruce was an active member of the Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as trustee and steward. In 1997, he was named "Man of the Year" by the Virginia Annual Conference of the AME.

The impact of Bruce Dallas' legacy will forever live in the Martinsville community. He will be remembered as a fearless leader who was unafraid to challenge the status quo. Bruce was a "man of the people" and held a deep belief that a man's success could and should be measured by his service to the people. He will long be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and father-in-law.

I am grateful for the opportunity to rise today to salute Bruce's legacy of service and commitment to improving the quality of life for citizens of Martinsville and Southside Virginia.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, consistent with Republican earmark standards, the following are detailed finance plans for each of my requested projects in the Duncan

Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009, H.R.5658.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 5658

Project name: FPS-16 Radar Mobilization upgrade

Account: USAF, RDT&E

Legal Name of Entity Receiving Earmark: BAE Systems

Address of Entity: 557 Mary Esther Cut-Off, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, 32548

Description: Provide an earmark of \$6,000,000 to The Air Armament Center (AAC) at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida for enhanced range instrumentation coverage. Due to the ever evolving performance characteristics of the systems under test it has become increasingly necessary to extend the instrumentation infrastructure of the test range by providing flexibility and increased coverage in test support. Funding for upgrading FPS-16 radars to BAE Systems RIR-980 configuration, will consist of a set of digital radar electronics based upon an expandable open system VME-based architecture housed in a skid-mounted shelter that can be transported by a flat-bed trailer. The electronics shelter will interconnect to the antenna and tracking pedestal that may also be transported by trailer.

Finance plan: The total package will provide a precision long range tracking radar that may be relocated to prepared sites for optimum test coverage and support on a project-to-project basis. 25 percent of the funding is required for engineering efforts, 40 percent of the cost is for material and manufacturing, 15 percent for mobility and 20 percent for locating the system, training and test.

Justification for use of taxpayer dollars: This enhanced, mobile radar tracking capability will provide AAC the flexibility required to support testing of current and emerging weapon systems and platforms. This new capability will attract test programs to the AAC test range that cannot presently be supported, provide expanded instrumentation coverage for the range, reduce encroachment concerns, and provide more comprehensive coverage and support to all test programs. This added instrumentation asset will result in more cost effective and timely test support for the U.S. Air Force and ultimately in fielding systems for the war fighter in a more timely manner.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project name: Moving Target Strike

Account: RDT&E, Air Force

Legal Name of Entity Receiving Earmark: Alpha Data Corporation/General Atomics

Address of entity: Alpha Data Corp 1326 Lewis Turner Blvd Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 General Atomics 3350 General Atomics Court San Diego, CA 92121

Description: Moving Target Strike works to demonstrate a low cost GPS guided weapons system with improved accuracy (less than three meters) and the ability to strike moving targets.

Finance Plan: If the request is fully funded in FY09, the obligation breakdown (\$M) of labor and materials per quarter:

Modification of small weapon—\$1.2M

Interface development of weapon to sensor—\$1.0M

Simulation and con-ops development—\$0.5M

Datalink procurement and integration—\$1.0M

Manned aircraft integration of datalink and sensor—\$0.2 M

Manned flight test/demo. (static weapon, no live drop)—\$0.4 M

Predator integration engineering—\$0.6 M

Program management/system engineering—\$1.1 M

Total—\$6.0M

Justification for use of taxpayer dollars: The ability to extend the capability of GPS guided weapons to moving targets will significantly enhance the effectiveness of weapons platforms that use GPS guided systems. The enemy knows that currently if he keeps moving he is safe from many of our current weapon systems. The ability to strike movers from a variety of platforms with GPS guided weapons will greatly reduce the enemy's ability to avoid our weapons.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Joint Gulf Range Complex Upgrade

Account: RDT&E, Defense Wide

Legal name of entity receiving earmark: The Boeing Company

Address of entity: 634 Anchors St, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Description: The services lack infrastructure to collaboratively address operational issues associated with the Global War on Terror. The 46 Test Wing at Eglin AFB, in concert with Air Force Special Operations Command and United States Special Operations Command use the range to conduct mission readiness qualification and weapons testing. This program will develop a prototype live virtual and constructive (LVC) range that will enable testing of new net centric weapons and support realistic joint special operations training. This LVC range will facilitate the fielding of weapon systems that possess a net centric capability enabling conventional systems to directly communicate with special operations via data link for the time sensitive targeting of "terrorist type" targets including car bomb factories and training sites.

Justification for use of taxpayer dollars: The upgrade will result in improved training and mission readiness.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability (GR-MIC)

Account: Defense Wide OSD/Central Test and Evaluation Investment Development (CTEIP)

Legal name of entity receiving earmark: Prologic

Address of entity: 9400 Innovation Dr. Manassas, VA 20110

Description: The 46th Range Group (46 RANG) has a need for a Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability (GR-MIC) that can provide a platform for remote test, collection, storage and relay of various data types. This capability is needed to support test events which require extreme sized land and water mission operating spaces to accomplish their goals such as distributed Live Virtual Constructive (LVC) test events, large footprint weapons testing, Directed Energy (DE) testing and hypersonic weapons testing.

Justification for use of taxpayer dollars: By developing a GR-MIC we will be able to integrate the simultaneous employment of many advanced weapons/platforms into a single test or exercise/training events. This effort con-

nects test and evaluation ranges that use many communication and data requirements to interact between geographically separated ranges, making valuable information available to everyone who requires it. The result is ranges becoming interconnected and consequently creating a greater training experience.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project name: Eglin Air Force Base Range Operations Control Center (ROCC) Initiative

Account: RDT&E, AIR FORCE

Legal name of entity receiving earmark: Cubic Applications, Inc.

Address of entity: 6 Eleventh Avenue, Suite H-3, Shalimar, FL 32579

Description: The 46th Test Wing has an Improvement Modernization initiative, termed "super ROCC". It provides for more effective control which will better optimize range scheduling and increase flexibility in meeting test and training missions.

Justification for use of taxpayer dollars: Considering the effects of BRAC, emerging Joint Test and Training missions, and increased operations tempo, this initiative will address the current Eglin AFB shortfalls in infrastructure to provide safe, efficient, effective control of range resources. Eglin AFB initiated a phased approach (Super ROCC) to address these shortfalls, and this project will initiate the action by addressing movement and control of people and equipment and relevant security issues. This Initiative will help the Air Force increase the operations tempo at the Eglin Range by addressing the movement and control of people and equipment as well as relevant security issues. Through this initiative, the Air Force will greatly improve its ability to track all players on the Eglin Range thereby significantly increase its efficiency in an increased ops tempo environment. Driven by BRAC and safety imperatives, this further provides for more effective control which will better optimize range scheduling and increase flexibility in meeting test and training missions. Simply by knowing the locations of all entities on the range, more flexibility in reassigning missions to ground and air space previously under utilized will be achieved.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I offer the following justification for the projects that I requested that were included in the FY2009 National Defense Authorization bill.

For the project titled "Security Forces Building, 136th Airlift Wing, Fort Worth" in H.R. 5658, the MILCON Air National Guard Account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Texas Air National Guard, 136th Airlift Wing, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX. A new facility is needed at JRB NAS Fort Worth for the Security Forces Squadron and for Combat Arms Training Simulator/Combat Arms Training Maintenance. This requirement is a result of the Air Force's increased need for Security Forces personnel