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H. Con. Res. 354. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 100th birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President, designer of the Great Society, politician, educator, and civil rights enforcer; to the Committee on the Judiciary, considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H. Res. 1208. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that youth who age out of foster care should be given special care and attention; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H. Res. 1209. A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Governors Association; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 76: Mr. MANZULLO.  
H.R. 219: Mr. JONES of North Carolina.  
H.R. 423: Mr. CHABOT.  
H.R. 522: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 618: Mr. EHLERS.  
H.R. 1014: Mr. GUTIERREZ.  
H.R. 1059: Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.  
H.R. 1063: Mr. SCALISE.  
H.R. 1304: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 1399: Mr. SCALISE.  
H.R. 1540: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
H.R. 1650: Mr. BUTTERFIELD.  
H.R. 1687: Mr. GONZALEZ.  
H.R. 1726: Mr. HINCHEY.  
H.R. 1738: Mr. FORTUÑO.  
H.R. 1797: Mr. PAUL.  
H.R. 2020: Mr. CONAWAY.  
H.R. 2054: Mr. HARE.  
H.R. 2131: Mr. GONZALEZ.  
H.R. 2138: Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Ms. BEAN, and Ms. SPEIER.  
H.R. 2188: Mr. SAXTON and Mr. COURTNEY.  
H.R. 2371: Ms. WATERS and Mr. GONZALEZ.  
H.R. 2380: Mr. SCALISE.  
H.R. 2472: Ms. BALDWIN.  
H.R. 2593: Mr. BACA.  
H.R. 2597: Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia.  
H.R. 2892: Mr. ENGEL.  
H.R. 2923: Mr. McCOTTER.  
H.R. 2942: Mr. ROGERS of Michigan.  
H.R. 3094: Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
H.R. 3234: Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LATTA and Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS.  
H.R. 3257: Mr. PORTER.  
H.R. 3418: Mr. SHAYS.  
H.R. 3426: Mr. BOUCHER.

H.R. 3457: Mr. WELLER, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota and Mr. KLINE of Minnesota.  
H.R. 3563: Mr. ORTIZ and Mr. GONZALEZ.  
H.R. 3642: Mr. TIERNEY.  
H.R. 3697: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 3800: Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS.  
H.R. 3892: Mr. WU.  
H.R. 3955: Mr. FOSTER.  
H.R. 3957: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.  
H.R. 3995: Mr. GOODLATTE and Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia.  
H.R. 4030: Mr. HINCHEY.  
H.R. 4093: Mr. ROTHMAN.  
H.R. 4105: Mr. ALLEN and Mr. WALSH of New York.  
H.R. 4133: Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS.  
H.R. 4188: Mr. FILNER.  
H.R. 4201: Mr. McCOTTER.  
H.R. 4206: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.  
H.R. 4236: Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. COHEN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. MARKEY.  
H.R. 4335: Mr. BOSWELL.  
H.R. 4775: Mr. WU, Ms. LEE, Mr. FILNER, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, and Mr. BAIRD.  
H.R. 4838: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.  
H.R. 5038: Mr. CUMMINGS.  
H.R. 5085: Mr. PAUL.  
H.R. 5161: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 5267: Mr. BOREN.  
H.R. 5315: Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.  
H.R. 5464: Mr. SHERMAN.  
H.R. 5544: Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 5545: Mr. SMITH of Texas.  
H.R. 5546: Mr. BAIRD and Mr. MELANCON.  
H.R. 5605: Mr. FILNER.  
H.R. 5606: Mr. ROTHMAN and Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California.  
H.R. 5611: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.  
H.R. 5615: Mr. GRIJALVA and Mr. FILNER.  
H.R. 5696: Ms. GIFFORDS and Mr. BAIRD.  
H.R. 5699: Mr. HERGER.  
H.R. 5709: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 5740: Mr. BECERRA and Ms. WATSON.  
H.R. 5741: Mrs. CAPPS.  
H.R. 5748: Mr. PASTOR.  
H.R. 5776: Mr. TERRY and Mr. LATTA.  
H.R. 5784: Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS.  
H.R. 5793: Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. BOEHNER, and Mr. WALBERG.  
H.R. 5823: Mr. ACKERMAN and Mr. WALSH of New York.  
H.R. 5825: Mr. WEXLER.  
H.R. 5838: Mr. TOWNS.  
H.R. 5842: Mr. FILNER.  
H.R. 5845: Mr. PASTOR.  
H.R. 5847: Mrs. MUSGRAVE.  
H.R. 5852: Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. WYNN.  
H.R. 5854: Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania and Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.  
H.R. 5867: Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
H.R. 5873: Mr. GONZALEZ and Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 5874: Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ROSS, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. KUHLMAN of New York, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SHAYS, and Ms. LEE.  
H.R. 5898: Mr. HALL of New York, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 5906: Mr. SOUDER and Mr. PAUL.  
H.R. 5908: Mr. BROUN of Georgia and Mrs. MUSGRAVE.  
H.R. 5910: Mr. SALI, Mr. WESTMORELAND, and Mr. JORDAN.  
H.R. 5913: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. PASTOR, and Mr. SHULER.  
H.R. 5951: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. LEE, and Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 5954: Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. POMEROY, Ms. WATSON, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. DICKS, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. REYES, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 5976: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 5984: Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. RADANOVICH, and Mr. PORTER.  
H.R. 5996: Mr. PAUL.  
H.R. 6001: Mr. DEAL of Georgia.  
H.R. 6023: Ms. GRANGER and Mr. SOUDER.  
H.R. 6024: Mr. KILDEE.  
H.R. 6029: Mr. TOWNS.  
H.R. 6048: Mr. SHADEGG and Mr. SOUDER.  
H.R. 6052: Ms. HIRONO and Mr. MCGOVERN.  
H.R. 6073: Mr. CARTER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 6074: Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
H.R. 6075: Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 6081: Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. ARCURI, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. DOGGETT.  
H. Con. Res. 223: Mr. CHANDLER and Mr. SHIMKUS.  
H. Con. Res. 276: Mr. SCHIFF.  
H. Con. Res. 296: Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. REICHERT, and Mr. McCOTTER.  
H. Con. Res. 300: Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. LEE, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. HONDA, Mr. FARR, Mr. BAIRD, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FORTUÑO, and Mr. INSLEE.  
H. Con. Res. 305: Mr. MARKEY.  
H. Con. Res. 341: Mr. PASTOR, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. MICHAUD, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. WHITFIELD of Kentucky, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. LAMPSON.  
H. Con. Res. 349: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania and Ms. BORDALLO.  
H. Res. 353: Ms. MATSUI, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.  
H. Res. 389: Mr. CLAY.  
H. Res. 757: Ms. TSONGAS.  
H. Res. 858: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.  
H. Res. 959: Mr. ALTMIRE.  
H. Res. 977: Mr. PASTOR, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. WYNN.  
H. Res. 988: Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HILL, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. CAMP of Michigan.  
H. Res. 1008: Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.  
H. Res. 1019: Ms. KAPTUR.  
H. Res. 1022: Mr. BOSWELL.  
H. Res. 1026: Mr. REICHERT.  
H. Res. 1093: Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania.  
H. Res. 1122: Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. KUHLMAN of New York, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. AKIN, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina.  
H. Res. 1124: Mr. BOREN, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Mr. CUMMINGS.  
H. Res. 1143: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. FARR, Mr. REICHERT, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Ms. CLARKE, and Mr. McCOTTER.  
H. Res. 1192: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. WU, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. GRIJALVA.  
H. Res. 1194: Mr. BOUSTANY.  
H. Res. 1195: Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. HONDA, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Ms. SOLIS.  
H. Res. 1204: Mr. TOWNS, Ms. LEE, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

#### CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY MR. BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 2649.

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water Related Resources, Title XVI.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Olivenhain Municipal Water District.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024.

Description of Request: The Lake Hodges Water Reclamation Project will treat and deliver for consumption impaired surface water from nearby Lake Hodges. Lake Hodges was added to the list of impaired water bodies by the California State Water Resources Control Board in 2003 and again in 2006 according to EPA Clean Water Act §303 (d). This impaired body of water will be hooked up to the regional water supply system via the Olivenhain Reservoir in 2009. In order to treat this impaired water supply in Lake Hodges, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (District) will be required to upgrade and expand its current treatment plant. Once complete, this project will be able to treat a total of 13,000 acre feet per year of Lake Hodges water, and act as a new local water supply to the region.

The total cost of the Lake Hodges Water Reclamation Project is estimated to be \$80 million which will consist of a pre-treatment process, plant improvements and retrofitting, hookups to the Olivenhain Water Treatment Plant, and building additional treatment capacity to the current plant to accommodate the 13,000 acre feet per year of new water that will be available. The 75 percent local matching funds will be generated through water rates, connection funds and municipal bonds. Additional funds will be collected from other local agencies who will benefit from this project.

OFFERED BY MR. ROHRBACHER

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Republican Conference of the House, I am submitting for the RECORD the following information regarding an earmark I requested, which was included in the reported version of H.R. 5658, the "Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act."

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, the "Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act."

Name of Project: C-17A.

Account: Aircraft Procurement, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Boeing Company.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2401 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, CA 90807-5309.

Description of Request: I requested \$3,900,000,000, in addition to the President's Budget, for the procurement of 15 C-17A aircraft. The C-17A is the core airlifter of the United States Air Force. The C-17 is the world's most effective and flexible strategic airlifter, and has revolutionized the movement of troops and equipment into battle by allowing their delivery to parts of the world that were previously not accessible by conventional airlifters. No matching funds are required for this request, as the funding will be used for the Department of Defense.

OFFERED BY MR. SKELTON

The amendment to be offered by Representative IKE SKELTON or a designee to H.R. 5658 the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP OF UTAH

Consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for seven individual project authorization requests that I made and which

were included within the text of H.R. 5658, the "Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009."

Bill Number: H.R. 5658—"The Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009."

1. Project: Three-Bay Fire Station, Military Construction.

Project Amount: \$5.67 million.

Account: Air Force, Military Construction (MILCON).

Requesting Entity: Congressman Rob Bishop.

Receiving Entity: Hill Air Force Base; Air Force Materiel Command.

Address: 75th Air Base Wing, Hill AFB, Utah 84056.

Project Description and Justification: Construction of new, 3-bay fire station next to the main runway is necessary to correct for violation of Air Force fire protection regulations regarding response times. New facility is necessary to provide adequate fire protection for aircraft, as well as industrial operations on East side of runway in support of vital national defense missions. This project was already approved in the Air Force's Five-Year Defense Plan as being necessary to meet military safety requirements. MILCON projects are inherently necessary as having been requested and reviewed by the applicable military service in the first instance. Congress merely readjusts prioritization of project funds in any given fiscal year based on showing of emerging or critical needs.

Matching Funds: Not applicable (Federal entity).

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable. Federal defense procurement and contracting statutes apply to the use of these funds.

2. Project: Small Low-Cost Reconnaissance Spacecraft Components.

Project Amount: \$5 million.

Account: Air Force; RDT&E.

Requesting Entity: Utah State University (USU) Space Dynamics Laboratory.

Receiving Entity: U.S. Air Force Research Lab and USU Space Dynamics Laboratory and USU Space Dynamics Laboratory.

Addresses: Air Force Research Lab (AFRL), Responsive Systems, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico 87117; USU Space Dynamics Lab, Utah State University, 1695 N. Research Park Way, Logan, Utah 84341.

Project Description and Justification: Project funding would continue R&D efforts begun in FY'07 and FY'08 to develop and demonstrate technologies for new, lower-cost modular space systems which would provide quick, flexible, customizable, secure, and highly-capable satellite platforms for theatre and battleground communications and reconnaissance. Effort will lead to dedicated tactical satellite capabilities at a fraction of today's traditional satellite programs.

Matching Funds: Not applicable.

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable. Federal defense procurement and contracting statutes apply to the use of these funds.

Comment: USU Space Dynamics Lab is a non-profit research institution of higher learning.

3. Project: Science, Engineering and Laboratory Data Integration (SELDI).

Project Amount: \$2 million.

Account: Air Force, Other Procurement.

Requesting Entity: ES3, Inc.

Receiving Entity: Air Force Materiel Command, Ogden Air Logistics Center, ES3, Inc.

Addresses: Ogden Air Logistics Center/ITMS, 6090 Gum Lane, Hill AFB, Utah 84056-5829; ES3, Inc., 1669 East 1400 South, Suite 100, Clearfield, Utah 84015.

Project Description and Justification: Funding would be used, as in several past

years, to provide the Air Force with a rapid lab data access management tool allowing for the elimination of ordering duplicate spare parts in depot overhaul maintenance operations, and enable component trend failure analysis, and to implement a new acoustic signature sensor to ensure proper chemical composition of materials and equipment. SELDI has enjoyed strong Congressional support for many years, and was recognized by Congress in a previous House Report 109-89, at page 108, as a program that saved taxpayers money, and that would "improve operational aircraft readiness, increase flight safety, and reduce support costs."

Matching Funds: Not applicable.

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable. Federal defense procurement and contracting statutes apply to use of these funds.

4. Project: Unserviceable Ammunition Demilitarization.

Project Amount: \$2 million.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

Requesting Entity: The Battelle Memorial Institute.

Receiving Entity: Tooele Army Depot, Utah; Battelle Memorial Institute.

Addresses: Tooele Army Depot, Tooele, Utah 84074; Battelle Memorial Institute, 4225 Lake Park Boulevard, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, Utah 84120.

Project Description and Justification: Funding would be used to design, construct, and demonstrate a prototype acid hydrolysis demilitarization system for the disposal of high-risk, high-cost unserviceable or obsolete conventional ammunition or rounds in an environmentally-responsible manner. Tooele Army Depot is one of the largest ammunition storage depots in the entire Department of Defense, and is one of several locations nationwide for the growing storage of obsolete, conventional munitions which must eventually be destroyed. This project is needed to update the Army's outdated technology of "open-pit, open-burn," which is increasingly unacceptable under clean air and clean water standards.

Matching Funds: Not applicable.

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable. Federal defense procurement and contracting statutes apply to use of these funds.

Comment: The Battelle Memorial Institute is a non-profit research institution which provides valuable technical expertise to complex R&D projects throughout the Department of Defense.

5. Project: Versatile Affordable Advanced Turbine Engines (VAATE) High Speed Turbine Engine Demonstrator (HiSTED) for Supersonic Cruise Missiles.

Project Amount: \$5.5 million.

Account: Air Force, RDT&E.

Requesting Entity: Williams International, Inc.

Receiving Entity: Air Force Research Lab/Turbine Engine Division; Williams International, Inc.

Addresses: Air Force Research Lab/Turbine Engine Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433; Williams International, Inc., 3450 Sam Williams Drive, Ogden, Utah 84401.

Project Description and Justification: Funding would be used to continue multi-year effort at demonstrating and qualifying our nation's first Supersonic Cruise Missile Engine which would provide for a high speed (MACH-4 plus) quick conventional strike capability. Other nations such as Russia and India claim to have already fielded a stealthy, supersonic cruise missile. The U.S. is the originator of cruise missile technology, and risks falling behind the technological curve if this funding is not provided and the effort continued.

Matching Funds: Not applicable.

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable. Federal defense procurement and contracting statutes apply to use of these funds.  
6. Project: C-17 Globemaster III Aircraft.  
Project Amount: \$3.9 billion.  
Account: Aircraft Procurement, Air Force.  
Requesting Entity: U.S. Air Force\* and Boeing, Inc.

Receiving Entity: Air Force, and Boeing, Inc.  
Address: 100 North Riverside, Chicago, Illinois 60606-1596.

Project Description and Justification: Funding would procure an additional 15 C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, allowing for more efficient use of taxpayer funds in obtaining additional assets towards meeting DoD's "Air Mobility Study" requirements, as opposed to using the funds to program termination activities. Termination has profound negative consequences for the U.S. defense industrial base. This funding will help address those concerns about termination of our only remaining, large-scale military aircraft production line. This is an example of something that a responsible Congress must ask for as a validated military requirement, and risk having it labeled as an "earmark." \*Requested funding is a high priority on the Air Force's FY'09 "Unfunded Priorities List."

Matching Funds: Not applicable.

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable. Federal defense procurement and contracting statutes apply to the use of these funds.

7. Project: ICBM Crypto Upgrade (ICU).  
Project Amount: \$5 million.  
Account: Air Force, RDT&E.  
Requesting Entity: U.S. Air Force\*, and Northrup-Grumman.  
Address: Northrup-Grumman, 1840 Century Park East, Los Angeles, California 90067-2199.

Project Description and Justification: Funding would upgrade existing decades-old cryptography systems on the Minuteman III Strategic Deterrent system to allow for greater digital security of our nation's nuclear arsenal, and allow for cost reductions in maintaining the new system over the old one. This is something that should have been included as part of the Minuteman III Modification and Upgrade program, but for budgetary reasons alone, wasn't. This is another example of something that Congress must then ask for to support validated military requirements, and risk having it labeled as an "earmark." \*Requested funding is a high priority on the Air Force's FY'09 "Unfunded Priorities List."

Matching Funds: Not applicable.

Detailed Spending Plan: Not applicable. Federal defense procurement and contracting statutes apply to the use of these funds.

OFFERED BY MR. BILIRAKIS

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Aircraft Procurement Army.

Names and addresses of Requesting Entities: Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, 6900 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615; Pall Aeropower Corporation, 10540 Ridge Road, New Port Richey, FL 34654.

Description of Request: This earmark provides an additional \$5,000,000 to modernize the National Guard H-60 Black Hawk helicopter fleet. The UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter is an essential capability of the National Guard. It provides units in every state with a multi-mission aircraft for search & rescue, utility lift, disaster relief and medical evacuation. The Army National Guard, ARNG, is authorized 782 Black Hawk aircraft, but is short of this authorization by almost 100 aircraft. This shortage requires ARNG units to loan or transfer Black Hawks in support deployments, training or state missions, resulting in a higher usage rate of available airframes. Additionally, more than 500 of the 782 National Guard aircraft are older UH-60A models, with an average age of approximately 25 years.

The Army is procuring over 1200 UH-60M Black Hawks for utility, special operations and MEDEVAC missions to replace the aging UH-60A from operational units by 2016. The Army acquired 33 UH-60M Black Hawks by the end of FY07, and from FY09 to FY13, the Army plans to procure an additional 300 UH-60M Black Hawks (70 of those aircraft are programmed for ARNG units). However, without an accelerated procurement of the UH-60M, the Army National Guard will be operating more than 400 UH-60A helicopters beyond 2020.

The ARNG and the Active Army developed a program to support the continued modernization of the ARNG Black Hawk fleet. Unfortunately, this program is not fully funded. The ARNG plan is to accelerate the fielding of UH-60M Black Hawks by 10 aircraft per year. Although the Active Army has programmed UH-60A recapitalization for the ARNG with Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funds, which includes an airframe life extension, fleet-wide product improvements and the replacement of components, the UH-60A to L upgrade is not funded.

The UH-60L Black Hawk is more economical to operate and has 1000 lbs of additional lift than the UH-60A. The desired rate of UH-60 A to L upgrades is 38 per year. Funding the UH-60A to L upgrade will significantly improve the Black Hawk fleet, and assure that ARNG units are ready, deployable, and available to protect our national interests both abroad and at home.

This ARNG aviation initiative has been identified by the Chief of the National Guard

Bureau (CNGB) as a FY09 Essential 10—Top 25 unfunded priorities.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

242. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, relative to Resolution No. 2008-07 urging a moratorium on home foreclosures and congressional enactment of a homeowners and bank protection act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

243. Also, a petition of the Commission of the City of Miami, Florida, relative to Resolution No. 08-0099 urging the Congress of the United States to support the re-enactment of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban as proposed in H.R. 1022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

244. Also, a petition of the City Council of the City of Taft, California, relative to Resolution No. 3036-08 supporting the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the decision of the United States Supreme Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in *Parker et al. v. District of Columbia*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

245. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 124 requesting that the Congress of the United States review the religious land use provisions of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

246. Also, a petition of the City Council of Bakersfield, California, relative to Resolution No. 054-08 supporting the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in *Parker et al. v. District of Columbia*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

247. Also, a petition of the Town Commission of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, relative to Resolution No. 2008-06 requesting that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States provide funding for expedited repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

248. Also, a petition of the Council of St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, relative to Resolution No. 5531 urging the Congress of the United States to appropriate 100% federal funding for one hundred year flood protection for Southeast Louisiana; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.