

I have much hope for the future because Asian Pacific Americans and all Americans are working together hand in hand with others to ensure equality and advancement not only of their community, but all communities.

Madam Speaker, let me again thank Congressman HONDA, Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, for his leadership in introducing this resolution. I look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans this year and for years to come.

FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION
AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I thank Chairman WAXMAN for his leadership on this important legislation—and on the whole range of public health issues before the Congress—and have talked extensively with him about the intention of the use of the term “small business tobacco manufacturing industry” as it concerns the Scientific Advisory Committee established in Section 917(b)(1).

H.R. 1256 provides for the establishment of a 12-member Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee and stipulates that one of the members of the Committee shall be a “representative of the interests of the small business tobacco manufacturing industry” that may be filled on rotating, sequential basis by representatives of different “small business tobacco manufacturers.”

For the purpose of phrasing in compliance with certain requirements of this act Section 900(16) of the bill defines “small tobacco product manufacturers” as those having fewer than 350 employees. However, the bill does not define what constitutes a “small business tobacco manufacturer” as it relates to the SAC.

Chairman WAXMAN has assured me that I am correct in concluding that the term in section 917(b)(1) regarding membership on the Advisory Committee is different from—and need not be interpreted as the same as—the one used in proposed new section 900(16).

Additionally, Chairman WAXMAN has assured me that when section 917(b)(1) says that one member of the Scientific Advisory Committee must be a representative of the “small business tobacco manufacturing industry” that does NOT mean that the person must be a representative of a “small tobacco products manufacturer” as defined in section 900(16).

I appreciate the chair’s effort to ensure that small manufacturers have a seat at the table on the Scientific Advisory Committee. The passage of this important legislation is a victory for public health and our nation’s children. I have supported this bill in both this and the last Congress because I believe we must place a far greater emphasis on youth smoking prevention and the elimination of tobacco advertising aimed at children. The Food and Drug Administration is the logical agency to take on the new regulatory responsibilities, and Congress and the Obama Administration need to make sure they have adequate support to carry out this important job.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Title II: Department of Justice

The 11th Congressional District was directly impacted by the events of 9/11 and it is critical to continue to make direct investments to improve first responder and law enforcement communications and for like technology and equipment upgrades.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services

Legal Name of Entity: Somerset County Office of Emergency Management

Address of Requesting Entity: 20 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876

Funding Level: \$1,000,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for police communication equipment upgrades and interoperability technology enhancements.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services

Legal Name of Entity: Sussex County Office of Emergency Management

Address of Requesting Entity: 39 High Street, Newton, New Jersey 07860

Funding Level: \$1,000,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for police communication equipment upgrades and interoperability technology enhancements.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services

Legal Name of Entity: Essex County Office of Emergency Management

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 Nelson Place—2nd Floor, New Courts Building, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

Funding Level: \$1,000,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for police communication equipment upgrades and interoperability technology enhancements.

Title IV: Science

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Cross-Agency Support Programs

Legal Name of Entity: Drew University

Funding Level: \$1,000,000

Address of Requesting Entity: 36 Madison Avenue, Madison, New Jersey 07940

Description of Request: It is my understanding the funding will be used for research and curricula enhancements, including GIS mapping and space imagery of the impact of climate change on forest resources and development of new environmental studies courses and for construction and improvements of science laboratories, for science equipment and technology, and for improvements to associated science classroom space.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2487, FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman

CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice—Edward Byrne Discretionary Grant Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1036 Wilson Road, Pullman, Washington 99164

Description of Request: The Washington State University Program of Excellence is known for its cutting-edge, world-class research into the treatment and prevention of methamphetamine abuse. This request will utilize existing infrastructure, which currently focuses on methamphetamine abuse, to focus on prescription drug abuse. Funds will be used to provide for one research fellow, including necessary equipment and materials, to be a faculty member in the Center of Excellence. The individual will be responsible for focusing on the effective treatment and prevention of prescription drug abuse.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

Address of Receiving Entity: 1 West Adams Street, Suite 301, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 in funding in H.R. 2847 in the Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice Account, under the Department of Justice for PACEWorks!

The purpose of this program is to help guide at-risk female youths away from the justice system and toward a productive and self-sustaining adulthood. This project is eligible for federal funding under the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice Account. This transition program for at-risk girls and young women in Duval and Broward counties includes vocational education, integrated employment, continuing education, and independent living training.

Pace Center for Girls, Inc., will contribute \$430,000 to this project that will help curb the increasing amount of juvenile offenders. This

project is eligible to receive a federal grant under the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice Account.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Jacksonville, FL

Address of Receiving Entity: 117 W. Duval St., #400, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,250,000 in funding in H.R. 2847 in the Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice Account under the Department of Justice for the At-Risk Youth Intervention Initiative.

Jacksonville, FL, has been the “murder capital” of Florida for nine years running, and 14 of the last 19 years, with the per capita homicide rate spiking at an alarming rate since 2001. More than 10 percent of the murders in Florida occur in Duval County, even though it represents about 5 percent of the state population.

Jacksonville Journey’s At-Risk Youth Intervention Initiative aims to reduce truancy, dropout rates, and assess juveniles when initially entering the juvenile justice system. The three pronged approach will utilize Out-of-School Suspension Program, Juvenile Assessment Center, and the Team Up after school education program. This program will divert at-risk youth away from the criminal system and dramatically reduce the number of unsupervised youth, improve academic outcomes, and reduce crime.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the At-Risk Youth Intervention Initiative aims to reduce truancy, dropout rates, and provide after school education programs. This program will utilize Out-of-School Suspension Centers to provide a structured and safe environment for suspended juveniles. Youth arrested in Jacksonville will be taken to the Juvenile Assessment Center where counselors will determine an appropriate placement and intervention strategy. Team UP, one of the other partners in the initiative, is an after-school program that provides education and counseling services to low-income at-risk youth.

The Jacksonville Journey At-Risk Youth Intervention Initiative will be funded by local, state, and private funds totaling \$5,000,000. This project is eligible to receive a federal grant under the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice Account.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services Technology

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office

Address of Receiving Entity: 501 East Bay Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 in funding in H.R. 2847 in the Community Oriented Policing Services Technology Account under the Department of Justice for Atmospheric Detection Equipment for the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office.

The Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office is seeking the atmospheric detection equipment to mon-

itor atmospheric conditions related to: Hazmat accidents, emergency situations and criminal activity. By providing funding for this project it will enhance the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office’s detection capability and mitigate consequences to Hazmat accidents and crime scenes, increase public and officer safety.

This project will serve the Port of Jacksonville, DOD facilities based at the Port of Jacksonville, and all of Duval County. The Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office responds to Atmospheric Emergency situations for both commercial and military facilities at the port of Jacksonville. Federal assets at the Port of Jacksonville do not have the capabilities for atmospheric detection that this project will provide.

The Jacksonville Police Department is contributing \$551,374 over a four year period for officer training and additional costs related to this project.

This project is eligible for federal funding under the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services Technology Account.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Tallahassee Community College

Address of Receiving Entity: 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304

Description of Request: I have secured \$245,000 in funding in H.R. 2847 in the Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary grant program under the Department of Justice for the Florida Public Safety Initiative at Tallahassee Community College.

After the September 11, 2001, tragic events, a concerted effort was begun by law enforcement agencies to reduce barriers that impede intelligence sharing so that future tragedies could be prevented.

The National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan (NCISP) was developed as a key tool that law enforcement agencies can employ to support crime-fighting and public safety efforts. The NCISP developed minimum criminal intelligence training standards for law enforcement personnel, and recommended that “training should be provided to all levels of law enforcement personnel involved in the criminal intelligence process.”

The Florida Public Safety Institute (FPSI) at Tallahassee Community College initiated a project to update existing intelligence training programs at FPSI to enable law enforcement and other criminal justice agency personnel engaged in the planning, collection, collation, analysis, and dissemination of information and criminal intelligence to meet NCISP standards.

Tallahassee Community College will contribute \$394,000 to the project. This project is eligible for federal funding under the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary grant program.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services Technology

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Union County, FL, Sheriff, Lake Butler, FL

Address of Receiving Entity: 55 W. Main St. Courthouse, #102, Lake Butler, FL 32054

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 in funding in H.R. 2847 in the Community Oriented Policing Services Technology Account under the Department of Justice for the Law Enforcement Visual Intelligence Tool.

The counties of Duval, Nassau, Union, Baker, Hamilton, Columbia, Leon and Madison in North Florida will greatly benefit from the availability of this Law Enforcement Visual Intelligence Tool. It will allow them to manage natural disasters, crime scenes, and emergencies. Within seconds, a law enforcement officer will be able to view and analyze any house, building, intersection, fire hydrant, tree or any feature in the county from their laptop, workstation, or mobile device.

The Union County Sheriff will administer the program for the following eight North Florida counties: Union, Baker, Nassau, Columbia, Hamilton, Madison, Jefferson and Leon. The eight counties involved in this program will share the administrative and officer training costs incurred by this program.

This project is eligible for federal funding under the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services Technology Account.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: NOAA—ORF

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Southern Shrimp Alliance

Address of Receiving Entity: P.O. Box 1577, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Description of Request: I have secured \$700,000 in funding in H.R. 2847 in the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration—Operations, Research and Facilities grant program under the Department of Commerce for the Shrimp Industry Fishing Effort Research Continuation.

This project will utilize Electronic Logbooks to fulfill federal regulations and statutory requirements to reduce bycatch, end overfishing, and rebuild overfished stocks including red snapper in federal waters. This project would deploy Electronic Logbooks in the U.S. shrimp fleet which helps administer the collection and analysis of data.

This project is eligible for federal funding under the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Operations, Research and Facilities Account.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Community Oriented Policing Services Technology

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Jacksonville Beach, FL

Address of Receiving Entity: 11 North Third Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 in funding in H.R. 2847 in the Office of Justice Programs—Community Oriented Policing Law Enforcement Technology grant program under the Department of Justice for the City of Jacksonville Beach, FL to procure an Interoperability P–25 Compliant Radio System.

The City of Jacksonville Beach, FL, law enforcement will procure an Interoperability P–25 Compliant Radio System for public safety communications. This will enable the local law enforcement to communicate with all local first responders in the area.

The Jacksonville Beach Interoperability P-25 Compliant Radio System is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because upgrading Jacksonville Beach's law enforcement public safety communications to a digital system will enable the local law enforcement to better communicate in case of natural disasters and emergencies.

This project is eligible for federal funding under the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services—Law Enforcement Technology Account.

HELPING ACTIVE DUTY DEPLOYED
ACT OF 2009

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009 to help the brave men and women in our armed forces as they prepare for deployment or change of station. The Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009 (HADD Act), would relieve military personnel who are deploying or changing station from onerous penalties that they currently incur for early termination of private contracts. It is unconscionable that the members of our armed forces who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom are charged early termination penalties when facing deployment or change of station.

The HADD Act will make it illegal for a cell phone company to charge an early termination penalty to members of the military facing deployment or change of station. The 110th Congress provided that cellular telephone service entered into solely by the military member was not subject to an early termination penalty should the member receive change of station orders. However, many military members with families have more affordable family plans, and can still be charged early termination penalties. They are faced with two unpalatable options—continue to pay for a family plan they are no longer able to use, or pay an early termination penalty.

The HADD Act will make it illegal for a landlord to charge an early termination penalty to members of the military facing deployment or change of station. Although the current Servicemember Civil Relief Act permits members to legally terminate a residential lease, it does not exempt them from early termination penalties. Conversely, existing law expressly prohibits early termination penalties for terminating a motor vehicle lease.

The HADD Act will make it illegal for institutions of higher education to retain the unused portion of tuition a member of the military was forced to forgo due to deployment or change of station. Military personnel should receive a tuition refund if they are deployed mid-semester. The 110th Congress passed the expanded GI Bill, expressing its support for our veterans. I cannot believe that we would implicitly discourage their education during their years of service for fear that their tuition expenses may be lost if they are called upon to actively serve their country. The HADD Act will fix this disparity.

Madam Speaker, the HADD Act has the endorsement of the Iraq and Afghanistan Vet-

erans of America and I will introduce a copy of their letter into the record. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting our men and women in uniform, and outlaw the practice of penalizing our military for their service to our country.

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF
AMERICAN HADD ACT LETTER OF SUPPORT
(By Patrick Campbell)

MAY 8, 2009.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY,
*Cannon House Office Building, Washington,
DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN CONNOLLY: Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) is proud to offer our support for the Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009 (HADD). The Servicemember Civil Relief Act must continue to be modernized to ensure that our men and women in uniform are focusing on their missions overseas and not bureaucratic morass back at home. Over 500,000 National Guard and Reservists have been deployed since 9/11 and nearly 1/5th of those are currently enrolled in college. Without federal protections these servicemembers who are deployed mid academic term face a patchwork of refund procedures which are confusing and inconsistent. HADD will require colleges to refund tuition paid by the servicemember for courses they could not complete due to a deployment. This legislation will also allow servicemembers who have cell phone contracts on a family plan to suspend their service while they are overseas. While I was in Iraq, I was required to pay a monthly fee to my cell phone provider in order to keep my cell phone contract current. I spent five hours of my first day back from Iraq in a Cingular Wireless store just trying to get my service restored. It took me over 7 months for the whole issue to get resolved and required filing a complaint to the FCC and switching service providers.

If we can be of help in securing passage of this bill, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

PATRICK CAMPBELL,
Chief Legislative Counsel.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. 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. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: Sam Houston State University Regional Crime Lab

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Requesting Entity: Sam Houston State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1803 Avenue I, Huntsville, TX 77341

Law enforcement agencies in rural communities experience long waits and backlogs

when requesting services from major cities like Houston. This request allows Sam Houston State University—one of the nation's foremost criminal justice universities—to use its expertise in forensic science to begin operations of the Regional Crime Laboratory started with funding I previously secured. This lab will provide important forensics services to local law enforcement such as identification of controlled substances, toxicology screening and fingerprint matching. The lab will be able to service communities in a 75-mile wide area.

The \$1,000,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to staff the SHSU Regional Crime Lab and make it operational for serving regional law enforcement agencies. Specific budget items include: capital outlays (54%); salaries and benefits for laboratory staff (37%); lab supplies (8%); and sub-contracts for staff training (1%).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Office of Prosecuting Attorney, Elkhart County

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 South Main Street Suite 100; Elkhart, IN 46516

Description of Request: Elkhart County is the eye of the storm for the Midwest when it comes to methamphetamine. Federal financial assistance on this project will allow Elkhart County to advance a protocol to effectively address Mexican cartels and local meth lab manufacturers that can be used as a model for Any Town, U.S.A. By reducing and/or eliminating organized criminal drug enterprises, confidence in the wellbeing of the community can be restored.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fort Wayne

Address of Requesting Entity: One Main Street; Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Description of Request: As part of its initiative to identify and apprehend criminal suspects, the City of Fort Wayne will obtain and operate an Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for Latent Palm Prints. This new equipment will allow the Fort Wayne Police Department to increase its ability to apprehend criminals and reduce the amount of time officers must spend in investigating crime scenes, testifying in court and filing police reports. Data gathered from around the country has shown that by adding palm print identification capabilities to an AFIS results in immediate positive identification of criminal suspects in 25% of cases. Better, more efficient identification methods will lead to more captures