

healthcare in over 50,000 community pharmacies operating nationwide. These advocates are participating in this event to urge members of Congress to recognize the value of pharmacies and make these “most accessible” experts full participants in any innovative health care delivery system and coordinated care model that is included in health care reform legislation.

Pharmacists are on the frontline of delivering quality, affordable health care. Today, there are more than 254,000 licensed pharmacists in the United States who work to improve health care throughout delivery systems across the country, including community pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, hospice centers and in a patient's own home. Ninety-five percent of all Americans live within five miles of a retail or community pharmacy. It becomes a place where community members can ask questions, receive medications from pharmacists they know and trust, purchase prescription drugs at lower prices, and receive personal and knowledgeable service.

As the face of neighborhood health care, pharmacists across the nation are uniquely qualified to help patients manage their conditions through medication, including monitoring their prescription use. Appropriate medication use is critical to treating the most common chronic conditions that cost the nation \$1.3 trillion in lost productivity, decreased quality of life and morbidity. Unfortunately, only 50 percent of Americans living with chronic diseases adhere to their prescribed drug regimen. Patient non-adherence not only costs the nation's economy \$177 billion dollars each year, it is associated with a \$47 billion dollar a year price tag for related hospitalizations.

I applaud the work of pharmacies and their pharmacists who play a special role in the lives and health of folks in Eastern Washington as well as all Americans. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in recognizing the First Annual RxIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill and congratulating the more than 150 pharmacy leaders, pharmacists, students, and executives and the pharmacy community for their contributions to the good health of the American people.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriation projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 2847, FY 2010 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act.

Agency/Account: NASA
Amount: \$1,000,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

This funding will be used towards providing engineering support for extended human and robotic space flight missions, which will directly contribute to NASA's initiative of returning to the moon and going to Mars. For human and robotic missions, the Center for Space Sciences is addressing the need for a decreased reliance on mission control due to

the communication delays that occur in long distance missions.

MONEY SERVICE BUSINESS ACT OF 2009

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the “Money Service Business Act of 2009”. This is bipartisan legislation that has been cosponsored by the Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee, Spencer BACHUS of Alabama as well as the Chair and Ranking Member of the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee, Congressman LUIS GUTIERREZ of Illinois and JEB HENSARLING of Texas and the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, JUDY BIGGERT of Illinois.

Last Congress, this bill passed the House on a unanimous voice vote.

The “Money Service Business Act” addresses the critical problem of money services businesses (MSBs) being denied access to the banking system.

MSBs have experienced blanket terminations of their commercial accounts over the past several years due, in part, to banks responding to unclear guidance from regulators.

This bill establishes a mechanism that would allow MSBs to self-certify their compliance with Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering requirements, while allowing banks to make risk-based decisions about banking particular MSBs.

MSBs, which include check cashers, money transmitters and money order issuers, have served our nation's communities for years.

If this issue is left unaddressed, the viability of MSBs will be compromised, potentially pushing many of these transactions underground and potentially untraceable to law enforcement.

Banks, reacting to regulatory fears, have terminated MSB accounts in a blanket fashion, in an attempt to minimize exposure to “high risk” businesses.

Without a banking relationship, MSBs are unable to provide financial services to communities, making it difficult for millions of Americans to pay bills, send money, or cash checks.

Federal regulatory agencies, recognizing the problem facing MSBs, have sought to address this issue through agency guidance and regulatory changes, with little effect.

This legislation addresses this problem by enabling MSBs to self-certify their compliance with Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering requirements.

This approach is not novel.

It is similar in principle to that used for international correspondent banking.

It would not relieve banks of their due diligence responsibilities with regard to their MSB customers, rather, it would permit appropriate reliance on self-certification to relieve banks of being the de facto regulators only of MSBs' Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering compliance.

The mechanics of this self-certification will be handled by regulations set forth by the

Secretary of the Treasury and the certification will be filed with the financial institution where the MSB has a commercial account.

I do want to mention that even with the implementation of the self-certification; MSBs would continue to be responsible for complying with all other existing provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act and will continue to be the subject of rigorous on-site examinations by IRS examiners. MSBs are also State-regulated in many jurisdictions.

Currently, 28 States and the District of Columbia require MSB's to be licensed and/or regulated by State banking agencies.

Both MSBs and the Financial Institutions banking them will still be required to fully comply with all other aspects of the Bank Secrecy Act, including the filing of Suspicious Activity Reports and Currency Transaction Reports.

Any violation of their certification would render the same civil and criminal penalties provided for by the Bank Secrecy Act and other Anti-Money Laundering Provisions.

This is a well crafted bill that allows law enforcement to continue to track the transactions of Money Service Businesses, while allowing the MSBs to have access to the banking accounts they need to conduct business.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice—Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Meth

Project Funding Amount: \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830

Description of Request: The Polk County Sheriff's Office has placed an earmark request of \$250,000 in continued funding for the Polk County Methamphetamine Project. This critical program has received previous federal funding to carry out methamphetamine prevention and mitigation programs that have shown positive results in cracking down on the growth of methamphetamine production and distribution in Central Florida. This funding will cover equipment, and training, thus enabling the Polk County Sheriffs Office (PCSO) to make a dedicated effort to combat the distribution and use of methamphetamine in Polk County, Florida. From 2003 through 2007, the PCSO made 3,481 methamphetamine related arrests, seized over 150,000 grams of methamphetamine, and eliminated 27 methamphetamine labs.

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SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to pay homage to the Republic of Haiti, during this month when we celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month. The country is of great significance to all who support the free world, as they stand as the second free nation in the history of the Western Hemisphere, second only to the United States. In addition, the Haitian Revolution also produced the first black republic in the world, which is acknowledged as a sense of pride and honor to all people of color around the world.

Haiti does not only share a historical relationship with the U.S., but has been a long-time friend and ally, even supporting us with additional troops during the American Revolution. This level of sacrifice by a country should not be forgotten, especially during times of economic need and hardship.

This is why it is particularly important for us to remember, at this time, the thousands of non-criminal Haitians who currently have "final orders of removal"—or stand to be deported back to a country that is in no position to receive them. Sending 30,000 Haitians back to a country that, in past hurricane season, has been ravaged by consecutive storms is un-American and will be a missed humanitarian opportunity. As Americans, we should support our President in this humanitarian effort by offering these Haitians the opportunity to work and provide food and clothing to their families.

Persons with final orders of removal are ineligible for work authorization. This means that there are approximately 30,000 Haitians living in the U.S. who are not permitted to earn a living to take care of their families in the U.S. and abroad. As you know, remittances make up 1/4 of Haiti's GDP so this is a direct impact on the economic stability in Haiti. Just last month, the Huffington Post reported that Haiti had seen a decrease in remittances with a "dramatic dip this January falling to \$69 million from \$104 million the previous month". The World Bank, IMF, Inter-American Development Bank and money transfer offices are all predicting a thinning flow of remittance money into Haiti in the coming months. Based on these facts, it is no coincidence that we are hearing about more Coast Guard interdictions. These individuals are obviously desperate to find ways to feed their families.

Haiti also played an indirect role in helping the United States grow, as a nation. The defeat of the French Napoleon Army by the Haitians, albeit indirectly, helped America expand its territories towards the West with the Louisiana Purchase. At the time, Haiti was the producer of 40 percent of the world's sugar, was the most profitable colony the French owned and in fact the wealthiest and most flourishing of the slave colonies in the Caribbean. This was a tremendous loss to the French, and as a result, France was forced to sell off some of their land in the new world. The outcome for the U.S. was significant—the land included in the purchase, now famously known as the "Louisiana Purchase", comprises of around 23 percent of the territory of the United States today.

The historical relationship and the humanitarian concerns are important facts to consider when developing policy towards the country of Haiti.

Madam Speaker, I hope that our government will take this time, during the month when we honor our Caribbean American Heritage, to make the right decision regarding the granting of Temporary Protective Status, TPS, for these Haitian nationals.

Haiti has been a friend of ours for many years, and I hope that we exercise our friendship during this time of hardship.

EARMARK DECLARATIONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership 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 Bill, 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Brick Township Police Athletic League (PAL), 60 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ 08723

Description of Request: Brick PAL offers after-school and summer camp programs to keep students engaged in educational, social and cultural programs in the critical hours while parents are at work. The amount of \$250,000 listed in H.R. 2847 will be used for hiring counselors, equipment, educational trips, scholarships and general operations of the programs.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: D.A.R.E. New Jersey, Inc., 292 Prospect Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512

Description of Request: D.A.R.E. New Jersey will use the \$350,000 listed in H.R. 2847 to implement the Middle School Drug and Safety Prevention Program, "Keepin' It Real" which focuses on teaching middle school students how to resist peer pressure, avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence and live productive, meaningful lives. The funding will be used for officer training, workbooks, teachers books and materials, evaluation of the program, personnel, and general expenses such as printing, postage and travel associated with the training.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Operations, Research, and Facilities

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764

Description of Request: The University's Resilient Coastal Urban Community and Eco-

system (RESCUE) Initiative will use the amount of \$250,000 listed in H.R. 2847 to maintain and expand the water quality monitoring system, work directly with communities to implement cost-effective strategies for reducing pollution, restoring and protecting critical habitats that support resilient coastal ecosystems and communities and support the development of community strategies to adapt to coastal threats.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: KidsBridge, 4556 S Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Trenton, NJ 08620

Description of Request: The KidsBridge program allows students the opportunity to participate in leadership training, violence prevention and gang resistance programs during and after school. Through mentors and academic programs, students will learn improved behaviors thereby reducing violent encounters and victimization. The amount of \$90,000 listed in H.R. 2847 will be used to facilitate weekly youth meetings, materials and workbooks, evaluation, cultural and educational trips, healthy snacks for the students and staff salary.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton, 319 E State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

Description of Request: The YouthStat program is a key component of the City of Trenton's ongoing efforts to develop and implement aggressive new strategies to effectively respond to the problems of gang violence in Trenton, New Jersey. The amount of \$310,000 listed in H.R. 2847 will provide participants with customized community based programming including mentoring, work experience, life skills development, and recreation for juveniles who are at the highest risk for gang and criminal involvement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP-Byrne

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama District Attorneys Association
Address of Requesting Entity: 515 South Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$900,000 for the Alabama Computer Forensics Laboratories (Personnel \$575,000; Benefits \$150,000; Travel \$20,000; Equipment \$50,000; Supplies \$35,000; Other \$70,000). Matching funds of \$150,000 will be provided by the state and local sources. This appropriation request is for a continuation of the computer forensic lab program which created 3 regional computer labs to cover the entire state