

North Kansas City School District. His commitment to the students, the school and our community provide a strong example of the kind of leader we should all strive to be. I know Tom's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him congratulations on his retirement and best wishes on many more years of happiness and success.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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 STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Judges Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 32185, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$350,000 for the development of a new, nationwide, distance-learning program for judges so they can update and expand web-based educational programs in their home districts without having to miss work or travel to seminars. The American Judges Association plans to use all of the funds to develop websites and on-line courses, collaborate with selected presenters on past and future projects, enhance presentations by the use of self-assessment quizzes, slides, video clips, glossary terms, and other visual materials to be incorporated into presentations, and videotaping and encoding presentations. This web-based training is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as it will prevent courts from sending judges to expensive training seminars, and will be especially useful for smaller courts with tight budgets, including municipal courts throughout NE Ohio.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chagrin Falls Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 21 W. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for the purchase of new equipment for an interoperable dispatch and Operations Center within a planned new police station, the costs of which will be borne by residents through a ballot initiative. All of the funds requested will be used to purchase the equipment and technology for the operations and communications center. The Communications Center will help protect about 17,000 people served by the ten agencies that will utilize the center. The funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as the interoperable center will improve communications between police and fire departments throughout the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Great Lakes Science Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for education programs at the new Great Lakes Water Project exhibition. The Center is developing world class exhibitions on the science, technology and ecology of the Great Lakes and will be a focal point for educating and engaging 450,000 pre-K-16 students and visitors in issues central to the region's economy and vital to the ecological health of the world's largest freshwater resource. Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC), one of the country's leading science and technology centers. All of the funds for this project will be used for the development of the education program on the science, technology and ecology of the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes Science Center has raised \$4,430,000. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as it follows the recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences that Congress invest in improving Math and Science education programs for students.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake County Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 E. Erie Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for upgrading and improving the county-wide interoperable Public Safety Radio System because the current 800 MHz radio system's technical support and parts will no longer be available in 2012. The entire budget will be used for the purchase of equipment. \$1,000,000 has been contributed to this project from the Lake County General Fund. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide communications for all law enforcement in the county, and will replace a system that will soon be obsolete and unable to be repaired.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Russell Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 5205 Chillicothe Road, South Russell, OH 44022, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$35,000 to allow this small department to upgrade from an analog, 800 radio-communication system to a digital, 800 radio-communication system. Approximately, \$13,618 will be used to purchase four mobile 800 radios, \$20,000 for eleven portable 800 radios, \$528 for four portable radio chargers, and \$854 for twelve portable radio shoulder microphones. The Village of South Russell is contributing \$12,359.60. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as the upgrade is mandatory for the county and must take place by 2011. This modest funding will allow the South Russell Police Department to communicate seamlessly with 25 other public safety agencies in Geauga County and improve public safety throughout the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Akron

Address of Requesting Entity: 302 Buchtel Mall, Akron, OH 44325, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to develop a fully equipped and staffed High Technology Forensics Laboratory and Resource Center in a partnership with the University of Akron and the Summit County Sheriff's Department. It will be utilized by at least 23 law enforcement agencies in the area. Approximately, \$24,000 will be used for three forensic work stations, \$260,200 for lab equipment and technology, and \$215,800 for the operating budget including hardware and supplies. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as the facility will train students to do forensic and other high-tech, crime-solving work and will create jobs for the region.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF JAMES S.W. DREWRY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and recognize the outstanding service of James S.W. Drewry upon his retirement from the practice of law.

Jim Drewry is retiring after decades of outstanding service as a lawyer to his country, to the Congress of the United States, and a leading practitioner in the Washington, DC, community. As outstanding as his National service and later career have been, I would be especially remiss if I did not go to Jim's early work experience prior to graduating from college and attending law school. Jim began his work experience serving as a clerk for Senator E.L. Bartlett (D-Alaska) in the United States Senate during the summers of 1961 to 1963. He then got some real world labor experience as a gandy dancer while working as part of the labor gang on the Alaska Railroad during the summer of 1964. These experiences prepared him well for a life-long career as a legislative attorney that often touched on the important maritime, fishery, natural resource, and transportation issues of importance to my State of Alaska. I for one always appreciated the professionalism and knowledge that Jim brought to the issues, but also his early practical and hands on experience that he brought to any situation.

Jim obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, in 1966, with honors in political science. There he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He went on to earn not one but two law degrees. The first was from the University of Virginia School of Law (LL.B. 1969) and the second from the London School of Economics (LL.M. international law 1975). Contemporaneously, he held various positions during school breaks including working as a deckhand on a Great Lakes iron ore cargo ship (summer 1965), as a clerk for the Shipbuilders Council of America (summers 1966-67), and as an editorial assistant for the Stratton Commission on National Ocean Policy (summer 1968). Upon

graduation from law school, he was admitted to the Virginia Bar and worked as a solicitor in the Corporate Law Department of the Southern Railway (July to October 1969) before joining the U.S. Navy (October 1969 to August 1974). In the Navy he served on active duty as a Navy Judge Advocate in Japan (2 years), Vietnam (1 year), and Florida (1 year). In the course of that he prosecuted, and defended, in over 200 courts-martial, and served as trial judge in others. For this service he was awarded Navy Achievement Medal twice, for performance in Japan and Vietnam.

After his Naval service, he continued in public service from November 1975 to June 1980, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). While at NOAA, he served as Special Assistant to the NOAA Administrator and as well as in progressively senior positions in the NOAA General Counsel's Office. As Senior Counsel for International Law, he was the Commerce Department's legal representative on U.S. international delegations for the negotiation of major treaties involving fisheries, wildlife, and maritime boundaries. As Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Fisheries, he was one of the two main legal advisers to the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service and carried out the overall supervision and office management of the attorneys and staff. As Staff Attorney, he worked closely with the General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel on a wide range of legal issues and represented NOAA in Administrative Law Judge proceedings.

In 1980 he began his illustrious and distinguished career with the United States Congress. While Jim worked his entire congressional career in the Senate, I say United States Congress because his contributions to legislation and legislative process benefited the entire institution, not just one body. For over 18 years he served as Counsel to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation in positions requiring senior-level policy and managerial experience in the fields of commerce, transportation, communications, science and technology, natural resources, and consumer affairs. Many of those years he worked for the distinguished Senator from South Carolina, Senator Fritz Hollings, who was always a gentleman to this Member and a great friend to my dear friend, Senator Ted Stevens. During this tenure at the Commerce Committee Jim was Senior Democratic Counsel for Oceans and Atmosphere (June 1980 to July 1987), nonpartisan Legislative Counsel (July 1987 to May 1994), and Democratic General Counsel/General Counsel (May 1994 to 1999). Throughout his service, and in addition to his considerable substantive contributions in the matters before Congress, Jim provided advice and guidance on parliamentary procedure, the Congressional Budget Act, ethics requirements, and other legal and policy matters. He had daily contact with Democratic floor staff regarding Senate floor action that affected Commerce Committee legislation, participated in the day-to-day management and supervision of the Democratic staff, ensured that documents relating to hearings, markups, and other meetings of Members and the Committee were comprehensive and legally and factually correct, and maintained regular and excellent relationships with Republican staff. Jim's hallmark was his dedicated, calm, and profes-

sional manner that provided all Members regardless of political party or philosophical establishment the best support and advice possible.

After this illustrious career in public service, he struck out and went into private law practice. There he took with him and used all of the legislative and ethics skills he developed over the years. He served clients in both the public and private sector, in maritime, fisheries, and natural resources. His approach to client advocacy was one of impeccable integrity, professional skill, and thoroughness in advice. Jim's advice was rightly sought because of this approach. Jim really cared about helping people—everyday people including many in my own State. He tried his best to find compromise and a way to get things done, and a way to get to “yes” on difficult problems so that his fellow citizens could benefit. There is much said today to malign those in the law and lobbying business and those who go from positions in government to the private sector. For those who want to know how our system should work, and does work, they need only look to the career of James S.W. Drewry. Jim's pursuit of truth, excellence, and integrity were unparalleled in the Washington community.

Now he moves on to a justly deserved retirement but one that we hope will keep him active in area of public policy development and implementation. He comes from a long line of public servants from Virginia having a grandfather, Patrick Henry Drewry, who served in the Congress as Member of this House and a father, John Metcalf Drewry, who served as a chief counsel for the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee in the House of Representatives. Jim was not content to rest on the laurels of his family legacy, however, and as you can see from this account, distinguished himself in his own right. I join with throngs of his friends and colleagues in saying that the likes of Jim Drewry do not come along everyday and his service to and with us all will be truly missed. With that I send him my very best wishes and also to his wife, Maria, and two sons, for many years of a healthy and prosperous “next chapter” in his life.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I submit a list of the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of HR 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Boise Center Aerospace Laboratory (BCAL) Watershed Modeling Utilizing LiDAR at Idaho State University
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Account: Department of Commerce NOAA
Recipient: Idaho State University
Recipient's Street Address: 921 South 8th Avenue Stop 8007, Pocatello, Idaho 83209
Description: ISU's Department of Geosciences has developed free spatial analysis

tools available to the public for remote sensing and geographic information sciences (GIS). The remote sensing tools include a downloadable toolbox for analyzing light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data LiDAR is an imaging method using a laser mounted on an aircraft to determine precise vertical information (topography) of the earth's surface (15 cm precision). Commonly, this information is translated into high-resolution digital elevation models (DEMs) LiDAR can provide both a bare earth surface and the vegetated (or built) surface. LiDAR can also provide topographic data below water. Specifically to the concern of NOAA and the State of Idaho, LiDAR can provide up to date and precise flood plain maps for rivers with built environments (such as the Boise River) to guide decisions on flood insurance coverage and land use restrictions. These predictive maps can also aid in evacuation of people and livestock during an impending flood. This project will leverage existing infrastructure and expertise at ISU to develop state-of-the-art watershed modeling tools for NOAA and other federal agencies. These tools will enable better management of watersheds through improved topographic analyses for prediction of runoff, floods, and water storage capacity. Hyperspectral analysis (soils and vegetation) will be coupled with the LiDAR data for a full characterization, spectrally and spatially of the landscape. These analyses will allow for studies of vegetation structure, dependence of vegetation, soils, and earth processes (e.g. fire, erosion) on topology (slope and aspect, drainages, surface roughness). The goal of this research and its resulting algorithms and tools is to significantly benefit NOAA in its ability to convert LiDAR data into usable derivative datasets for environmental and safety applications in Idaho and elsewhere.

Project Name: Idaho Meth Project
Amount Requested: \$1,000,000
Account: Department of Justice COPS Meth
Recipient: Idaho Meth Project
Recipient's Street Address: 304 N. 8th Street, Room 446, Boise, Idaho 83702

Description: Methamphetamine trafficking and abuse in Idaho has been on the rise over the past few years and, as a result, meth is having a devastating impact in many communities throughout Idaho. Meth is the number one illegal drug of choice in Idaho and the State's leading drug problem. The financial and social consequences of meth abuse in Idaho are devastating. It is a contributing cause for much of the crime in Idaho, costs millions of dollars in productivity, contributes to the ever increasing prison populations and adversely impacts families. The Idaho Meth Project is a large-scale, statewide prevention and public awareness program designed to reduce the prevalence of first-time methamphetamine abuse in Idaho by influencing attitudes through high-impact advertising. The Idaho Meth Project is focused solely upon prevention and, to achieve this goal, is active in three areas: public service messaging, community action and public policy. This includes a pervasive media campaign reaching the target population through TV, radio, billboards, print, and the Internet.

Project Name: Idaho State Police to participate in the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance Network (CISANet)
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Account: Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Technology