

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPRO-  
PRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Chair, as a Member of the House Science and Technology Committee, I strongly support full funding for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

NASA's research, innovation and exploration have had a positive impact on education, national security, health care, and the environment.

The aerospace industry alone employs approximately 500,000 people across the nation and accounts for nearly 2 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product.

Furthermore, NASA attracts students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics—fields vital to our country's long-term strength and prosperity.

With proper funding, NASA will be able to continue a robust research program and develop new technologies to ensure that the United States remains the global leader in space exploration and innovation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE  
GYNECOLOGIC CANCER EDU-  
CATION AND AWARENESS ACT  
OF 2009

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2009: a life-saving, bipartisan bill to reauthorize Johanna's Law, a national awareness program to educate women about the symptoms, risk factors, and prevention of gynecologic cancers such as ovarian, uterine, and cervical cancers.

Every hour, approximately 10 women in the U.S. are diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer such as ovarian, cervical, and uterine cancers. Each year, we lose over 26,000 of our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends to one of these terrible cancers. This is a tragedy. Research shows that many of those deaths could be prevented if more women knew the risk factors and recognized the early symptoms of gynecologic cancers so that they could discuss them with their doctors. Ovarian cancer has a 90 percent survival rate if detected in Stage One and only a 20 percent survival rate if detected in Stage Three or Four.

That is why, in December 2006, Congress passed the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act—also known as Johanna's Law, named for Johanna Silver Gordon, a dynamic and dedicated public

school teacher, a loving and beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. Despite being a health conscious woman who visited the gynecologist regularly for pelvic exams and PAP smears, Johanna was blindsided by a late stage diagnosis of ovarian cancer—learning only after her diagnosis that the symptoms she had been experiencing were common symptoms of ovarian cancer, not those of a minor gastrointestinal problem, as she'd assumed. Sadly, despite multiple surgeries and aggressive chemotherapy, 3½ years after her diagnosis, Johanna lost her life to ovarian cancer. Determined not to allow Johanna's death to be in vain, Johanna's sister Sheryl Silver proposed Johanna's Law.

This bill provides for an education campaign led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to increase the awareness and knowledge of health care providers and women with respect to gynecological cancers. The program has been funded for the past two years, allowing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to begin a national awareness campaign about the signs and symptoms of gynecologic cancers.

In order to continue and build on these important efforts, the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2009 will reauthorize the CDC's awareness campaign and create a new grant program to support non-profit organizations in carrying out complementary education and awareness campaigns that extend the reach of the CDC's work. The bill enjoys the support of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance (OCNA), the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC), the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO), the Alliance for Women's Cancer Awareness, Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists (SGNO), Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE), CONVERSATIONS: The International Ovarian Cancer Connection, the Cancer Awareness Team for Ovarian Cancer (Ohio), CanSurvive Support Group, UAB Gynecology (Alabama), Capitol Ovarian Cancer Coalition (COCO) (Kentucky), Colorado Ovarian Cancer Alliance, Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance, Nine Girls Ask (California), OASIS of Southern California, Ovacom United States (Florida), Ovarian and Breast Cancer Alliance of Washington State, Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Arizona, Ovarian Cancer Coalition of Greater California, Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon and Southwest Washington, Ovarian Cancer Orange County Alliance, Ovar'Coming Together (Indiana), Ovarian Awareness of Kentucky, Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation (Pennsylvania), Space Coast Ovarian/Gynecologic Cancer Alliance (Florida), and the Women's Cancer Awareness Group (California).

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to move swiftly to ensure that women have the lifesaving information they need about gynecologic cancers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 354, had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE  
OF NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMER-  
ICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm and reverence that I acknowledge Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Caribbean-Americans have made so many invaluable contributions to our nation's culture and historical development. With an indomitable spirit, resolve, and determination, Caribbean-Americans have maintained their unique cultural and social identity and made incredible strides in carving out their respective place within the American Dream. I want to commend my colleague BARBARA LEE for bringing this measure before the floor.

Numerous Caribbean-Americans have left an indelible mark on American history and culture. For example, Sidney Poitier, who spent his youth on Cat Island in the Bahamas, went on to become the first Black American actor to win an Academy Award. Sidney Poitier was a pioneer and where it once was an unobtainable goal, many Black actors and actresses now have the opportunity to enter an elite group of acclaimed Oscar winners. I also think of the incomparable Harry Belafonte. At his peak, Harry Belafonte was a gifted musician, talented actor, and fierce social activist. Although Harry Belafonte was not born in the Caribbean, he spent a lot of time in his mother's native country, Jamaica.

And lastly, as a Member of Congress, I cannot discount the contributions and achievements of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. Congresswoman Chisholm frequently credited her success to the education she received while attending school in Barbados. As the first Black woman elected to the House of Representatives, she was a dedicated public servant and a trailblazer. It is often repeated, that we stand on the shoulders of great men and women who, through diligence and determination, paved the way for African-Americans today to achieve greatness. And as many of those shoulders belonged to Caribbean-Americans, it is truly fitting that we take this month to celebrate their heritage.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to support H. Con. Res. 127. And as a vocal advocate for the Caribbean, I will continue to do my part and work with my colleagues to help the region face its challenges in hopes of propelling it into a great and prosperous future. So as we take this month to honor Caribbean-American heritage and history, it is my sincere hope that in time, we will be able to celebrate even greater achievements and developments in both the lives of Caribbean-Americans in the United States as well as the nations of the Caribbean.

OBAMA MEDICARE CUTS

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, President Obama used his

weekly radio address last Saturday to outline new cuts to Medicare and Medicaid benefits, totaling over 300 billion dollars.

My continuous fear throughout the health care reform process has been that Democrats will opt to pay for changes to the system on the backs of seniors.

This is unfair to my district, where more Medicare beneficiaries reside than anywhere else in the country.

Among the cuts the President has proposed are reducing payments to hospitals that care for large numbers of the uninsured by \$106 billion.

President Obama asserts that because so many people will have health insurance after his reforms, these hospitals will no longer need the money.

But that doesn't account for illegal immigrants, who use the emergency room since they cannot obtain care elsewhere.

Emergency rooms visits are a major driver of health care costs, and if hospitals cannot receive aid from the federal government, they may be forced to eliminate valuable resources you or I may desperately need in the future.

The President also proposed taking \$75 billion from the Medicare Part D prescription drug program.

As someone who worked diligently on the bill to provide prescription drug coverage for seniors for the first time in history, I am adamantly opposed to taking money from this program.

The logical assumption is that if the program is cut, Part D plans will be forced to raise seniors' premiums in order to cover their costs.

President Obama is also determined to cut \$177 billion from Medicare Advantage plans, which I know my constituents value greatly.

Our nation's 44 million elderly who have worked hard all their lives cannot be ignored in favor of trying to provide coverage to a few million people.

I urge my Democrat colleagues in Congress to make more of an effort to address quality and reform payment systems, instead of taking benefits directly from seniors.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. MACK. 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 Agency Appropriations Act, FY 2010

Project Name: Emergency Services Technology, Collier County, Florida

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

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

Account: DOJ/COPS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Collier County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, Florida 34112

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$800,000 will be utilized for the

acquisition of public safety technology equipment for the Collier County Emergency Services Center. The funding is important because it will help to better equip Collier County's emergency service providers to respond to events that could engender the safety and citizens of Collier County, Florida.

Project Name: FGCU Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

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

Account: DOJ/OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Gulf Coast University

Address of Requesting Entity: 10501 FGCU Blvd, S., Fort Myers, Florida 33965

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$200,000 will be utilized for the development of tools for training and processing crime scenes for use by law enforcement and public safety officials. This work will be done at the Florida Gulf Coast University in its Law Enforcement and Public Safety Department.

#### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Chair, I wholeheartedly support Commerce-Justice-Science Subcommittee Chairman MOLLOHAN's bipartisan amendment to restore \$100 million to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), to meet the Fiscal Year 2009 level of \$400 million.

I greatly appreciate my good friend, ALAN MOLLOHAN, and his staff's recognition of the importance of this program by rejecting the President's proposal to eliminate SCAAP.

Counties across the country depend on SCAAP for reimbursement of the costs associated with the detention and incarceration of criminal aliens.

Keep in mind, local law enforcement only receive a partial reimbursement through SCAAP. For example, in my district, Riverside County received reimbursement for only 17% of the cost of incarcerating criminal aliens in Fiscal Years 08–09. And out of Orange County's 65,000 inmates booked each year at the county jails, approximately 19% are criminal aliens.

Although illegal immigration is clearly the federal government's responsibility, counties incur millions of dollars in unreimbursed expenses each year as a result of housing criminal aliens.

During difficult economic times, local governments are struggling to pay for budgeted

programs and additional demands for services are straining the system to the breaking point—unreimbursed expenses simply cannot go unmet.

This amendment will help the many communities across the nation burdened with the costs of our federal government's failed responsibility to secure our nation's borders.

I urge my colleagues to accept the amendment.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, on Friday, June 12, 2009, I was in New Jersey welcoming home the soldiers of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team after their tour in Iraq and missed one vote.

Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 532 providing for further consideration of H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; and "yes" to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (rollcall 335).

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CAPTAIN THOMAS R. CARNEY, JR., UNITED STATES NAVY

### HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Naval Officer, Captain Tom Carney and to recognize his dedicated service to our Nation. It is a great honor for me to thank Captain Carney and his family for their distinguished service. Captain Carney has proudly and selflessly served our nation for 28 years.

It was during his last assignment as Director of the Secretary of the Navy's Appropriations Matters office that I first came to know Captain Carney. In this capacity, he has proved to be an invaluable link between the Navy and me, my staff, and the Appropriations Committee. Captain Carney has escorted me and other Members of Congress on several occasions as we traveled both home and abroad to review military operations and to confirm the health and welfare of our troops.

On every occasion, Captain Carney performed his duties in an exacting and precise manner. But far more important to me and the members of the Appropriations Committee was the insight he shared with us concerning matters of national security and the Department of the Navy. He clearly understands the role of the Navy in providing for our Nation's security and stability, as well as serving as an ambassador for American values throughout the world.

We have always been able to count on Captain Carney's candor, judgment, and steadfast devotion to duty mixed in with a flair of humor. He was an invaluable asset to me