

less than one mile downhill from the Wasatch Fault, there is a significant chance that liquefaction of the subsurface would occur during a major seismic event, and that the center could sustain severe damage or, at worst, collapse outright resulting in numerous fatalities and serious injuries.

MEDIA SHOULD SAVE OPINIONS FOR EDITORIALS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, in some national newspapers, the line between news reporting and opinion has become nonexistent. Take two recent examples:

First, this opinionated sentence from The Washington Post on America's health care system: "Nowhere else in the world is so much money spent with such poor results."

Second, this sarcastic comment from The New York Times on Supreme Court nominee Judge Sotomayor: "Of course, it is not as if a lawyer and judge with a history of involvement in racial issues has not made it onto the Supreme Court. Thurgood Marshall, a fierce advocate for racial justice as a lawyer for the NAACP, sailed onto the highest bench in the 1960s."

Amazingly, these blatant opinions are from front-page news stories, not editorials.

Newspapers should report the facts and save opinions for the editorial page.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010. The entity authorized to receive funding for this project is KCF Technologies, 112 West Foster Avenue, State College, PA 16801, in the amount of \$2,000,000. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for self-powered prosthetic limb technology. Successful development and deployment of the Self-Powered Prosthetic Limb Technology will create an opportunity for our country's injured soldiers to attain high functional levels with hopes of remaining on active duty in service to their country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. 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. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: RDAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Integrated Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 10001 Jack Finney Boulevard, Greenville, TX 75403

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,500,000 for the Rivet Joint Services Oriented Architecture (SOA) with L-3 Communications Integrated Systems. Funding for this project will fully implement the RC-135 SOA, which will ensure full RIVET JOINT integration in the ISR Enterprise, thus meeting USAF/DoD/DNI requirements for making ISR data and information discoverable, accessible, and to enable information sharing. RIVET JOINT requires continuous, current access to other ISR nodes, databases, and special processing to accomplish current and projected missions. At the same time, the ISR Enterprise will benefit greatly from RC-135 provision of ISR services, both intra- and post-mission. This will be achieved by building on current ongoing RC-135 ground systems, extending the number and performance of ISR services available through these systems, and fully meeting USAF/DoD/DNI SOA tenets. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. HELLER. 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. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FEMA—Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Reno, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1900, Reno, NV 89505.

Description of Request: \$500,000. The Reno area is ringed by federal lands and each year the growing community moves closer to the "wildland/urban interface," zone where the City limits meet open land. As a result, the threat of wildfires reaching and damaging the community grows significantly. The Reno Fire Department has initiated discussions with regional and statewide stakeholders to help residents and organizations undertake the needed mitigation that would reduce the susceptibility to wildfire. This Federal funding will expand fire suppression activities throughout the Washoe County area and provide assistance that would be shared by multiple partner agencies.

ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS PACKAGING

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that a number of companies in the outdoor industry have begun taking steps to reduce the amount of packaging that accompany their products. I commend the companies for their efforts to reduce waste and minimize their environmental footprint.

These businesses have taken meaningful steps toward the preservation of our planet, and they set a vital example for businesses throughout America. Over the past year, a coalition of outdoor industry companies worked together to create policies for the reduction of consumer waste. I was pleased to learn that they have successfully followed through with these policies, utilizing higher levels of recycled material and reducing the amount of packaging used in production.

As these companies demonstrate, a reduction in waste can be accomplished through a variety of innovative practices. In order to cut down on the use of new materials, one footwear company redesigned their shoeboxes to use 100 percent post-recycled content. A family-owned business that sells camping equipment began packaging mattresses in completely degradable plastic bags. Another travel accessories company completely overhauled their packaging program, eliminating about 15 tons of packaging waste.

These companies are a beacon of environmental awareness and responsible stewardship. They provide an example to all American businesses involved in manufacturing, which must begin to see the reduction of consumer waste as an essential step in protecting our environment. As members of Congress, it is our responsibility to encourage every industry to begin making such environmentally conscious choices as these.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 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. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: RDA, 0603807A (PE Number), 70 (Line Number)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Zimmer Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 708, Warsaw, IN 46581

Description of Request: Zimmer has concepts for a pneumatic "nail" gun that would fire resorbable darts in rapid succession for the purpose of temporarily holding together the fragments of complex fractures prior to using standard plates and screws for long-

term fixation. This type of rapid fixation would simplify and speed the time of surgery by eliminating the cumbersome need for metallic pins and clamps. A civilian version of this gun would use darts are intended to function for minutes and then resorb over months. A military version could be designed that provided fixation for days allowing for the safe transfer of these patients from near-battlefield medical units to base hospitals for more extensive care. Many of these fractures are difficult to brace, splint or cast. Closed reduction and maintenance may be possible; further reducing the risk of infection. There is currently no other product on the market that addresses these specific unmet needs. Zimmer estimates that resourcing for a project of this magnitude will require in excess of six professional/technical FTE's (full-time equivalent employees) each year for a period of extending through and potentially beyond FY 2011. Although the precise number can't be calculated at this point, a substantial number of production and process workers (at the Warsaw facility) will be required to commercialize this product.

HONOR COLONEL DANA R. HURST

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Dana R. Hurst, who will retire from the United States Army effective October 1, 2009, after more than twenty-seven years of service to our nation.

Colonel Hurst, originally from Glen Ellyn, Illinois, graduated from Kansas State University with a Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. In June of 1982, Dana enlisted in the Infantry where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers after completion of Officer Candidate School. His command and staff assignments have carried him all over the United States as well as several posts overseas. His first-rate service has earned him major military awards and decorations including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

For the past three years, Colonel Hurst has been the Commander and District Engineer of the Huntington District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has had the responsibility of carrying out the districts mission within the Ohio River Basin, which includes more than 300 navigable miles of the Ohio River in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio, plus nine major tributaries. Within the 2nd congressional district of West Virginia, Colonel Hurst has played a vital role in completing a 100 foot by 800 foot lock at Marmet which has considerably shortened the time the navigation industry uses while reducing costs when moving West Virginia products to national and international markets.

It is an honor to recognize Colonel Dana R. Hurst as he retires from the United States Army. I want to congratulate him for his more than twenty years of service and hope he enjoys his retirement with his wife Ingrid and two children, Garrett and Mallory.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. MCHUGH. 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Military Construction, Army

Name of Military Installation: Fort Drum

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort Drum, New York 13601

Provide an earmark of \$8,200,000 in MCA to build an All Weather Marksmanship Facility at Fort Drum, New York. Currently, Fort Drum has only one operational All Weather Marksmanship Facility. The project is required to provide year round live fire training to more efficiently support soldiers in meeting weapons proficiency and qualification standards, and minimize the amount of time required to complete training. The Light Infantry Doctrine and the missions of the 10th Mountain Division require higher than normal levels of marksmanship proficiency and fire discipline.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Defense Health Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO)

Address of Requesting Entity: 120 Washington Street, Suite 302, Watertown, NY 13601

Provide an earmark of \$430,000 to enable the FDRHPO to hire the necessary staff and conduct the required assessments. The health care delivery model for federal beneficiaries at Fort Drum is unique as the only MEDDAC with a division and no inpatient capabilities. The model is a military-community partnership that joins the Army medical treatment facility with community providers to augment the medical treatment facilities primary care capability with specialty care and inpatient services. Through ongoing collaboration of the FDRHPO, access to quality health care will continue to improve, costs will be reduced, communication will continue to increase, additional resources will be leveraged and innovated cooperative health care arrangements and agreements will be tested.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clarkson University and ITT

Address of Requesting Entity: Clarkson University (8 Clarkson, Potsdam, NY 13699) and ITT AES (474 Phoenix Drive Rome, NY 13441)

Provide an earmark of \$5,000,000 for Cyber Attack and Security Environment (CASE). Operating effectively in cyberspace requires a Cyber Command and Control (CC2) system to synchronize cyber attack operations, facilitate analysis of attack results including measures of effectiveness, and deconflict friendly use of cyberspace. The objective of ITT's proposed effort is to conceptualize and demonstrate the

technologies necessary to systematically coordinate, plan, and execute offensive cyber campaigns; determine effects associated with an offensive cyber weapon; monitor/evaluate events that occur in cyberspace; and ultimately achieve situational awareness of cyberspace with an overall goal of achieving dominance within that critical realm. Alpha and beta testing throughout the lifecycle of this project will occur at a secure military installation in upstate New York. A significant partner in this effort is Clarkson University through its complex networks group, its biometrics group, critical electric power/large scale systems faculty, and cryptographic protocol analysis researchers, who will provide subject matter expertise and project research. The results of the CASE effort will help form a strategic partnership between AFRL Rome and Air Force's Global Cyberspace Integration Center (GCIC) located on LAFB, VA. The addition of \$5M in FY10 for CASE will demonstrate the technologies necessary to systematically coordinate, plan, and execute offensive cyber campaigns while maintaining defensive continuity.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Navy
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trudeau Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: Trudeau Institute (154 Algonquin Avenue Saranac Lake, NY 12983)

Provide an earmark of \$8,000,000 for the U.S. Navy Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Program: Enhancement of Influenza Vaccine Efficacy. Prevention of seasonal and pandemic influenza remains a significant unmet need for the U.S. armed forces. Influenza in active duty personnel and dependents compromises force readiness and impacts training. The funding for the proposed project will help advance the development of novel techniques for enhancing vaccine efficacy to promote Force Readiness and general health of the members of the Armed Services and their dependents.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Army
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Syracuse Research Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 7502 Round Pond Road North Syracuse, NY 13212

Provide an earmark of \$5,000,000 for the Foliage Penetrating, Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Tracking, and Engagement Radar (FORESTER). U.S. Forces currently have no radar capability to detect and track activity under foliage. FORESTER is an airborne sensor system that provides standoff and persistent wide-area surveillance of dismounted troops and vehicles moving through foliage. The Phase II funding will help transition FORESTER to the User community, and apply the technology to additional platforms and U.S. border security applications, providing U.S. forces a critical new capability to detect and track activity under foliage.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Army
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Legend Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 1541 Front Street, Keeseville, New York 12944

Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for the Remote Sighting System. Currently available optical technologies are not optimal for the