

Director of the Mondale for President campaign.

He is an unabashed lover of people; of politics, policy and law; and of course, of his beloved New York Yankees. He and his late wife, Pearl Elizabeth Love, were a remarkable and loving couple, having raised two great sons, Jason and Benjamin, who have in turn given George two young and vivacious grandchildren, Lilah Pearl and Reid. George has served this country superbly well over the course of his career, and America is the better for it. His insight and guidance will be missed in my office and in offices throughout the Hill, but his dynamic spirit and sense of purpose we take with us as our motivation and driving force.

We thank him for his incredible service, his devoted friendship, and wish him many blessings going forward.

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

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SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the H.R. 2918, and I commend Chairwoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ for crafting a bill that acknowledges the importance of a well-funded legislative branch while at the same time considers the challenging economic environment.

The bill provides a modest increase for the Government Accountability Office, which I would like to see increased, possibly in conference with the Senate. A robust and healthy GAO is vital if Congress is going to be able to execute our mandate of rigorous oversight.

I am also glad that the bill addresses the issue of staff-led tours. I, with my staff, take great pride in hosting constituents when they visit Washington, D.C. In years past constituents have told me and my staff that their staff-led tour of the Capitol was the highlight of their trip to the city. I make sure that staff-led tours are relevant to my constituents, something that Capitol Tour Guides, while very knowledgeable, simply cannot do when conducting tours with people from all over the country.

I am disappointed, however, in the success of the motion to recommit, which would eliminate funding for the Wheels 4 Wellness program. Wheels 4 Wellness was created to give House staff an alternate mode of transportation around the Hill campus during the business day. As we also prepare to debate climate change legislation, programs that lessen our carbon footprint should be encouraged and supported, not eliminated. I agree with the Committee Report and with the Chairwoman's comments, and I hope to see the shortcomings of the program addressed so that staff will have access to a stronger and more viable Wheels 4 Wellness program.

RECOGNITION OF MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND PRESIDENTS IN THE 8TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MELISSA L. BEAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following in recognition for their service as past municipal mayors and presidents in the 8th District of Illinois:

Bill Gentes, Round Lake  
Scott Gifford, Deer Park  
Keith Hunt, Hawthorn Woods  
Dick Hyde, Waukegan  
Tom Hyde, Island Lake  
Cindy Irwin, Fox Lake  
Dorothy Larson, Antioch  
Catherine Mechert, Bartlett  
Ted Mueller, Hainsville  
Rita Mullins, Paltine  
Timothy Perry, Grayslake  
Virginia Povidis, Lakemoor  
Salvatore Saccomanno, Wauconda  
John Tolomei, Lake Zurich.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

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**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency—Emergency Operations Center

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

Address of Recipient: 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$500,000 will be used to assist with planning and construction of a building addition to the existing Kentucky Emergency Operations Center (7,126 sq ft.) which was built in 1975. Staff are currently scattered across Frankfort in three different locations as far as 8 miles apart. During disasters, FEMA and other local, state, and federal partner agencies have no space available in the existing structure. The EOC serves as the primary in-state operations response center for coordination during an emergency.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency—Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

Address of Recipient: 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Description of Request: The Martin County Fiscal Court, through the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, proposes a stream improvement project to mitigate the repetitive damage at Blacklog Fork and Old Route 40 in

Inez. The County proposes to widen the channel in key locations and armor eroding banks for the first two stream miles of Blacklog Fork (above its confluence with Coldwater Fork). Roadways and bridges have already been elevated and correction of the drainage problem will alleviate flooding in this area. The bill includes \$500,000 in planning and construction funds toward this \$700,000 project.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: S&T Research, Development, Acquisition, & Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Institute for Hometown Security, Kentucky

Address of Requesting Entity: 610 Valley Oak Drive, Suite 1, Somerset, Kentucky 42503

Description of Request: The funding will be used to continue to provide leadership in discovering and developing community-based critical infrastructure protection solutions; facilitate commercialization; and encourage deployment. The \$10 million FY10 program will help continue robust research for homeland security solutions and build on this successful partnership.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium

Address of Requesting Entity: Eastern Kentucky University, 50 Stratton Bldg., 521 Lancaster Blvd., Richmond, Kentucky 40475

Description of Request: This \$3 million allocation of FEMA funds will continue robust and tailor-made homeland security and disaster response training to the rural first responder community. The non-federal grant managing entity is Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). EKU manages these grant funds on behalf of itself and its partner institutions; East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee; Iowa Central Community College, Ft. Dodge, Iowa; NorthWest Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, Arkansas; University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio and North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina. The funding will be used to continue to provide and deliver training to rural first responders consistent with the National Preparedness Goal.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

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**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name of Requesting Entity: City of Homestead

Address of Requesting Entity: 790 N. Homestead, FL, 33030

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the City of Homestead Water Utility Upgrades. This funding will be used for

the installation of telemetry systems that will: (1) allow the City to substantially decrease the carbon footprint associated with driving to check each pump station on a daily basis, (2) free personnel to respond to emergencies and result in the reduction of response time to emergencies at remote sites, as a result of a disaster, and (3) result in improved efficiencies in man-power, and usage of natural resources, significantly increasing reliability and diminishing sewage back up occurrences. This project is identified in the master plan which was created on the City's behalf in 2003 and updated in 2006, and will produce approximately 10 new jobs in the local economy. The City of Homestead owns and operates a wastewater treatment and sanitary sewer system, which encompasses over 89 miles of sewer lines of various sizes with a total of 50 pump stations. The plant is responsible for treatment of more than 1.63 billion gallons annually and currently serves over 9,200 customers, some of which are located outside the City limits. Now over 50 years old, Homestead's current infrastructure lacks the capacity and the ability to treat the increased wastewater demand as a result of the unprecedented population growth experienced in the last several years. Accordingly, the City has undertaken a multi-phase expansion of its Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated infrastructure. As part of this expansion and renovation, Homestead is requesting federal funding for the procurement and installation of water and wastewater telemetry equipment, which will provide real-time information on performance, demands on the system and water withdrawals. These upgrades are crucial to allowing the staff to coordinate efforts and manage water usage, more efficiently using water from the aquifer and minimizing water losses, thereby conserving the natural resources of the Biscayne Aquifer. The projected cost for this system is \$1,538,461 and will provide constant monitoring and control of 64 wastewater pump stations, 3 elevated water tanks, and 6 raw water well pumps. To date, the City has procured several studies and master plans addressing the needs of the wastewater system and has spent over \$200,000 to pre-design and identify crucial projects necessary to maintain the level of service to the growing community.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake County Storm Water Management Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 E. Erie St., Painesville, OH 44077, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$725,000 for the Lamplight Lane Retention

Basin Project in Willoughby Hills. This flood control project along a tributary to the Euclid Creek would be funded as a flood mitigation project under FEMA. Funding will be used for excavation and embankment, clearing and grubbing, rock channel protection, 54" diameter conduit, 16'x14' box culvert, pavement replacement, restoration, channel erosion matting, engineering, surveying, inspection, construction, and administration. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help alleviate substantial flooding of multiple properties. Funding this project will reduce overall risks to people, structures and property, while also reducing the need for funding from an actual disaster declaration.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I am requesting as part of H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Knapolis, North Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 614 8th Street, Knapolis, NC 28081

Description of Request: Bill provides \$425,000 for the 8th Street culvert replacement project in Knapolis, NC. The existing 8th Street culvert is a 65-foot-long, four-inch by eight-inch box that was constructed using granite blocks mortared into place. As a result of Tropical Storm Fay, large cracks in the wall and floor of the culvert have allowed water to enter the area behind it and erode the fill material around it. This situation has caused a slope failure on the downstream side of 8th Street. In addition, a number of blocks used to form the top of the culvert have broken into two pieces, limiting structural support for the roadway above. The 8th Street culvert connector road from Main Street to West A Street is utilized by a number of citizens and the nearby Woodrow Wilson Elementary School as a primary transportation route. The roadway has been closed since early December 2008 due to the culvert's deteriorating condition.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2996—the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fayetteville

Address of Requesting Entity: 113 West Mountain, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72704

Description of Request: The existing sewer line that provides service to eastern Fayetteville and the city of Elkins was constructed of clay tile pipe in the mid-1970s. This pipe is no longer water tight due to external and internal corrosion, and age. As a result, there is groundwater intrusion, likely small amounts of sewage leakage into groundwater and thence into the White River, and piping failures resulting in sewage overflows. The multi-jurisdictional issues coupled with the absence of adequate local financial resources render this an ongoing environmental challenge. The piping system is in such poor condition that sewage flows are increased by a factor of three due to extraneous rain and ground water that enters the system through the pipe defects. This extra flow overtaxes the entire wastewater system, causing sanitary sewer overflows during heavy rains and requiring greatly oversized wastewater treatment facilities.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. 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. 2996, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Project name: Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Binns property

Amount: \$200,000

Account: National Park Service Land Acquisition

Requested by: The Conservation Fund, 1655 N. Ft. Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209

Intended recipient of funds: Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Battlefields National Military Park

Project description and explanation of the request: This project will provide \$200,000 for land acquisition by the U.S. National Park Service, Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Battlefields National Military Park to acquire a portion of the 1,100-acre Binns property. The Binns property was the site of significant fighting during the Chancellorsville's campaign in 1863 and is today one of the largest unprotected pieces of the core battlefield area. This project provides \$200,000 for land acquisition as part of a \$4,228,000 project to acquire the 1,100-acre Binns property. Public funds are justified to be used by a federal agency to acquire and preserve threatened Civil War battlefields.

Project name: Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge, Bowers property

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service Land Acquisition

Requested by: The Conservation Fund, 1655 N. Ft. Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209