

Southeastern United States. The Consortium reduces economic risks and improves social well-being by providing climate information that is integral to agricultural decision-making. The program seeks to develop flood forecasting methods to help farmers and producers plan for reducing risks of economic losses and environmental damage; develop partnerships and methods for incorporating climate forecasts and other climate information into agricultural and water policy decisions; and begin development of a prototype decision support system for the application of climate forecasts to water resource management, especially for agricultural water use.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on official leave of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote 420 to H.R. 1016 Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 taken on June 23, 2009. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye."

I strongly support our nation's servicemen and women and their families and realize the debt of gratitude that our nation owes the men and women who defend our country. As Representative for the first Congressional District of Oklahoma, I remain committed to providing them with the resources necessary to ensure they receive the funding and care they deserve. My colleagues and constituents can rest assured that I will continue to support initiatives which ensure those who serve our country to guard our freedom are treated with nothing less than the highest level of dignity and respect.

#### AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

##### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today, our nation takes a historic step toward a clean energy economy. The American Clean Energy and Security (ACES) Act will revolutionize American energy policy, combat climate change, and provide a unique opportunity to revive our economy and create millions of clean energy jobs.

Some key provisions of the bill include a requirement for electric utilities to meet 20 percent of their electricity demand through renewable energy sources and energy efficiency by 2020, a cap-and-trade global warming reduction plan designed to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 17 percent by 2020, and a new building efficiency standard requiring new buildings to be 30 percent more efficient by 2012 and 50 percent by 2016. These and other provisions will encourage new renewable requirements for utilities, stud-

ies and incentives regarding new carbon capture and sequestration technologies, energy efficiency incentives for homes and buildings, and grants for green jobs.

In my home state of New York, clean-energy investments will create tens of thousands of jobs. A total of \$150 billion in clean-energy investments across the country is estimated to result in about \$10 billion in investment revenue and 109,000 jobs in New York State. These additional jobs in the New York labor market would have brought the state's unemployment rate down to 4.3 percent from its actual 2008 level of 5.4 percent.

In addition to creating millions of new jobs, the ACES Act will make our nation more energy independent. Under this legislation, we can significantly reduce our dependence on foreign oil by promoting renewable energy, including wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass energy. New clean energy and energy efficiency technologies, along with more efficient vehicles, will also help reduce our need for oil.

Now, you'll hear some say that this bill will tax individuals for using energy. The truth is that the energy-efficiency and consumer protection provisions in the ACES Act will actually cut the electricity bill for an average New Yorker by around \$5.60 every month. In these tough economic times, the ACES Act is both environmentally sound and economically responsible.

I thank Chairmen WAXMAN and MARKEY and Speaker PELOSI for their leadership in negotiating this important bill, and I am pleased to vote in favor of it.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmarks I received as part of the FY10 Agriculture Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, FY10 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

Account: Special Research Grants

Project Name: Drought Mitigation

Amount: \$469,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska-Lincoln located at 202 Agricultural Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska 68583

Description: This funding is for the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) which conducts research and educational programs on drought mitigation and planning for drought. The project has assisted numerous states and municipalities in developing drought plans and implementing drought response action teams. The Center has received national visibility for providing information on the severity of drought throughout the United States. Both print and electronic mass media routinely use Center produced materials in their news stories on the drought.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 2997, "Making appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Project Amount: \$1,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee, 114 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996.

Description of Request: This funding will be used for producing crop plants that can be used directly as early-warning sentinels for the detection of plant diseases.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on official leave of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote 460 to H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 taken on June 25, 2009. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye."

I strongly support our nation's servicemen and women and their families and realize the debt of gratitude that our nation owes the men and women who defend our country. As Representative for the first Congressional District of Oklahoma, I remain committed to providing them with the resources necessary to ensure they receive the funding and care they deserve. My colleagues and constituents can rest assured that I will continue to support initiatives which ensure those who serve our country to guard our freedom are treated with nothing less than the highest level of dignity and respect.

#### HONORING THE LSU AGCENTER RICE RESEARCH STATION

##### HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station in Acadia Parish, Louisiana, situated 2 miles east of Crowley, which celebrated its 100th year in operation on July 1.

Since 1909, the Rice Research Station continues to provide invaluable information, innovative techniques and new varieties of rice to

help Gulf Coast rice farmers feed the world. Originally a partnership between Acadia Parish, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, it was the first experimental rice research station in the country.

Now operating under the LSU AgCenter, scientists and farmers work in tandem to contribute to improvements in rice growing. A significant part of the center's funding comes from the Louisiana Rice Research Board, which receives a voluntary payment from area rice sales to ensure the station's work continues.

Rice farmers along the Gulf Coast face difficult conditions as weather and disease can devastate even the most promising crop. However, Louisiana's agricultural communities persevere and possess a richness of culture matched by none. The state's rice industry added \$550 million to Louisiana's economy in 2008 alone. Rice farming will continue to be a way of life for thousands in Louisiana thanks to the work done at the Research Station.

Again, congratulations to the LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station at Crowley, Louisiana, for helping rice farmers throughout the Gulf Coast for 100 years and counting."

#### HONORING MECHANICVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

#### HON. SCOTT MURPHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today to congratulate the Mechanicville High School Softball team who, in addition to winning an impressive five New York State titles in Class C this decade, have recently captured the Class B State Championship.

The Red Raiders faced tough competition, in addition to quite a bit of rain, to pull out a 3–1 victory against Fredonia at Waterloo High School. I would especially like to recognize the impressive performance of sophomore Anna Arcenaux, who allowed just one run while winning two games in the final four.

Arcenaux's efforts were aided by freshman Alysa Russell and sophomore Kelsey Hines, two of the team's most outstanding hitters. Leading Mechanicville's young team to victory was head Coach Dan Arcenaux, who will have the opportunity to repeat this success next year with the same roster of outstanding athletes.

On behalf of the citizens of the 20th District of New York, we congratulate the Mechanicville Red Raiders softball team and their coaches for an outstanding display of teamwork and athleticism.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. LUCAS. 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. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$209,000 for the Pilot Technology Transfer project. This funding will be used to provide technology transfer services and engineering assistance to small, rural manufacturers with the goal of improving their profitability and enhancing the economy in rural communities.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$274,000 for the Animal Waste Management project. This funding will be used to develop sustainable, environmentally safe, and ecologically healthy animal waste management practices in semiarid ecosystems that contribute to economic development in rural communities.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$839,000 for the Biomass-based Energy Research project. This funding will be used to find an alternative to traditional fuel sources, and to enhance rural economic development through the use of plant materials. A consortium of three universities (Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma University, and Mississippi State University) is working to refine and commercialize a unique gasification-fermentation process utilizing biomass to produce liquid fuel.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$223,000 for the Expanded Wheat Pasture project. This funding will be used to develop science and technologies, uniquely adapted wheat varieties, decision-support economic models, and extension education programs to increase profitability of the many dual-purpose wheat enterprises.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$382,000 for the Food Safety project. This funding will be used to conduct research and testing to develop rapid and efficient methods for detecting and controlling food borne pathogens throughout the food chain from point of origin to consumption.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$177,000 for the Integrated Production Systems project. This funding will be used to conduct research to develop and refine crop management techniques that enable environmentally sound and economically feasible production of alternative crops that will best utilize natural resources as they produce organically grown vegetable crops and crops for the bio-fuel industry.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$174,000 for the Preservation and Processing Research project. This funding will be used to emphasize research, development and implementation of integrated cropping, harvesting, storage and processing systems to facilitate new crop endeavors and assist new business development, to maintain and improve profitability for horticulture.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on an official leave of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on the account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote 477 to H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted "nay" as the bill represents a partisan step in the wrong direction and a massive energy tax on the American people.

I was pleased to vote against H.R. 2454 when it was considered before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Like many