

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 478 (Motion to Suspend the rules and Agree to H. Res. 135), "no" on rollcall vote No. 479 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 1129).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the 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, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Haines Aaronsburg Municipal Authority, 420 Homes Street, Willowbank Building, Bellefonte, PA 16823, in the amount of \$250,000. Funding will be used the Haines Aaronsburg Municipal Authority Water Line Interconnection.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. BARTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—FY10 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Capital Improvement and Maintenance (construction)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Texas Agrilife Research

Address of Receiving Entity: 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-0001

Description of Request: I have secured \$336,000 in funding in H.R. 2997 in the Conservation Operations account for Texas Agrilife Research.

The funding would be used to determine how to slow or stop the decline of water quality in five Tarrant Regional Water District reservoirs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. 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 of Fiscal Year 2010.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2647

Account: Defense Wide R/D/T&E, USSOCOM

Amount: \$4,000,000

Project: Transformer Technology for Combat Submersibles (TTCS)

Requested by: STIDD Systems Inc. 86 Coco Plum Drive Marathon, FL 33050

Funding for this request would enable U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) to evaluate a combat submersible boat with increased payload capacity. This technology demonstration craft would be manufactured by STIDD Systems, a private company, with testing and training facilities in Marathon, Florida. Funding for this project would bring much-needed, well paying jobs to the Florida Keys.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following in regards to H.R. 2997, the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Department of Agriculture—Preharvest Food Safety, Kansas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$142,000 for Preharvest Food Safety and Security. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to expand its research in emerging threats of food-borne and zoonotic diseases associated with food-producing animals.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

Department of Agriculture—Grain Sorghum, Kansas, Texas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$515,000 for Grain Sorghum, Kansas and Texas, in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service's Special Research Grants Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to expand existing research and education programs, particularly in genetic improvement and sorghum utilization.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

Department of Agriculture—Water Conservation, Kansas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$69,000 for Water Conservation, Kansas in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service's Special Research Grants Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to study ways to stop and reverse the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer in Kansas.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

Department of Agriculture—Wheat Genetic Research, Kansas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$240,000 for Wheat Genetic Research, Kansas, in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service's Special Research Grants Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to collect, conserve, and distribute wheat genetic and genomic resources; develop improved germ plasm; develop genetic stocks; develop genomic resources; and support training and outreach.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

Department of Agriculture—National Agriculture Biosecurity Center, Kansas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$259,000 for the National Agriculture Biosecurity Center, Kansas, in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Salaries and Expenses account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to implement international linkages for food animal and food crop disease surveillance, to expand animal health diagnostic screening capabilities in Kansas and the region, and to further develop a GIs-tracking system for pathogen monitoring.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Pennsylvania State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802, in the amount of \$233,000. Funding will be used to evaluate the impact new management tools will have on dairy farm

profitability, and will work towards bringing these new tools to the industry based upon sound scientific study.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Maryland

Address of Requesting Entity: Main Administration Bldg, College Park MD 20742

Description of Request: Earth System Information Delivery & Assessment. Funded \$150,000. The funding would be used for a one-year feasibility study in support of Earth System Information Delivery and Assessment. Such a capability would produce complete comprehensive and consistent space-time descriptions of all significant aspects of the Earth System. The end result of this transition across observational analysis, environmental predictions, and policy response will lead to better informed investment, adaption and policy options across the public and private sector.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington County Sheriffs Office; Arthur Smith (Chief of Police)/Bruce Zimmerman (City Administrator)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 East Frederick Street Room 202, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description of Request: Hagerstown Radio Equipment Acquisition. Funded \$750,000. The funding would be used for the purpose ensure that the City's public safety communications system is compatible with the communications system used by Washington County and the State Highway Patrol's Hagerstown Barracks. Funds are being requested to support portable radio equipment for the City of Hagerstown.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Enough is Enough

Address of Requesting Entity: 746 Walker Road Suite 116, Great Falls, VA 22066

Description of Requesting Entity: Maryland Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents Program. Funded \$250,000. The funding would be used for booklets and training to ensure that parents and other adult child caregivers are provided with the information needed to establish safety rules and to use appropriate software tools to protect children under their care, irrespective of any insecurities about technology or a lack of previous training or education. Funding will be dedicated to ramp-up Maryland state-wide outreach.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA-46)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Name of Project: Smart Time Irrigation Controller Installation Program

Account: Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Municipal Water District of Orange County

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA, 92708

Description of Request: I received \$134,000 for the Municipal Water of Orange County's Smart Time Irrigation Controller Installation Program. The application of smart irrigation controller technology will help Orange County and greater-Southern California manage its existing water supplies more efficiently. It will also help take pressure off our imported water supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. Additionally, it will demonstrate for other areas with water supply challenges the effectiveness of these devices in achieving significant water savings. Finally, there are environmental protection benefits as the devices help reduce urban runoff, which is responsible for transporting pollutants and sediment into natural waterways and eventually to beaches and the ocean.

The application of Smart Irrigation Controller technology will help Orange County and greater-Southern California manage its existing water supplies more efficiently. It will also help take pressure off our imported water supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. Additionally it will demonstrate for other parts of the county with water supply challenges the effectiveness of these devices in achieving significant water savings. Funds will be used for labor, professional services, and printing and marketing. It is my understanding that local and regional funding will contribute approximately seventy percent of the FY2010 cost.

CONGRATULATING DR. JOHN JOHNSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday July 8, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to honor the long and distinguished career of Dr. John Johnson, on the occasion of his retirement as president of Alabama Southern Community College.

Dr. Johnson received a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics/chemistry from Troy University, a master's degree in counseling from the University of Alabama, and a Ph.D. in college administration from the University of Alabama.

He devoted almost four decades of his life to higher education. For the past 20 years, Dr. Johnson served as president of Alabama Southern Community College, and prior to his

tenure as president, he served on the faculties of Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Alabama, as well as the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education.

While serving as president, Dr. Johnson raised Alabama Southern Community College to new heights. During his tenure, Alabama Southern has been recognized by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education as having "achieved the most dramatic turnaround of any college in the history of the Alabama College System." Alabama Southern was selected as a top ten finalist for the 2006 Bellwether Award for Workforce Development and was also selected as the 2005 National Bellwether Award for Instructional Excellence by Community College Futures Assembly and National Council for Instructional Administrators.

In 2004, Alabama Southern was designated as a National Center for Pulp and Paper Technology Training, the highest award given by the National Science Foundation for Advanced Technology Education. This distinction made Alabama Southern the only national center in rural America. In 1998, Alabama Southern was selected as one of the 10 best examples of the management of change in the American Association of Community College's report Managing Change: A Model for Community College Leaders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated educator and friend to many throughout Alabama. I am certain that his family—his wife, Laurie, and their three children, Adam, Russell, and Bess—along with the faculty and staff at Alabama Southern Community College and his many friends in Monroeville and throughout the State join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his considerable service to southwest Alabama. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish Dr. Johnson the very best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING THE MOSES AND AARON FOUNDATION SPECIAL FUND FOR CHILDREN

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a worthy organization, one committed to special needs children and their families. The Moses and Aaron Foundation's significant and enduring efforts under the direction and visionary leadership of President Rabbi Yaacov Kaploun and Executive Vice President Yehuda Kaploun deserve the highest praise, as do the philanthropists who have given of themselves to fulfill its mission.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation Special Fund for Children, an all volunteer organization, is dedicated to assisting children with disabilities and their families with a wide range of programs including social, physical, financial and wheelchair assistance, as well as counseling and guidance.

It also provides scholarship funding to educational institutions; collects; purchases; and distributes clothing for children in need and remembers them with presents at holiday time or when hospitalized. The Foundation has arranged for sound and musical equipment in