

Address of Requesting Entity: 915 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 980, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$52,193,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers' Santa Ana River Mainstem project. The Santa Ana River Mainstem Project is being constructed to address what the Corps of Engineers identified in the 1980s as "the worst flood threat west of the Mississippi River"—which then impacted three million people and 110,000 acres located in the three Southern California counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino, with estimated loss of 3,000 lives and \$15 billion in economic losses (1987–8 price levels). To date, the Federal Government and the flood control districts of the impacted counties have spent over \$1 billion on the Project. Continued funding is necessary to complete the Project and ensure the level of protection as planned. Specifically, funding is needed to complete the Reach 9 component, which is the last section of the Santa Ana River, between Prado Dam and the Pacific Ocean, to be improved as part of the project. Until the Reach 9 channel and levee improvements are completed, this reach of the river will not be able to convey the maximum 30,000 cubic feet per second outflow from the new Prado Dam outlet works. The completion of Reach 9 is necessary to provide the level of protection envisioned by the authorized project. The overflow from Reach 9 would destroy local businesses, commercial properties and homes and the adjacent sections of the State 91 freeway, a major transportation artery in the region. Interior dikes in the Prado Dam flood control basin and the construction of a new Prado Dam spillway are additional components of the project that must be funded.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles

District Address of Requesting Entity: 915 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 980, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$800,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers' Seven Oaks Dam Water Conservation Study. The requested funding would allow the Corps of Engineers to perform much needed studies and amend the water control plan to permit Seven Oaks Dam to be used for water conservation. The winter rains of 2005 demonstrated beyond question that water conservation at Seven Oaks Dam can provide a major supplemental source of water for this increasingly water-short region. Specifically, the studies will update the environmental documents relating to water conservation at Seven Oaks. The studies will also address the problem of anaerobic conditions that developed during the summer of 2004 so as to ensure that such conditions do not contaminate water stored for human consumption in the future.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, SAM JOHNSON, am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R.

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Center for Energy Storage Research at The University of Texas at Dallas, 800 West Campbell Rd. MP-15, Richardson, TX, USA 75080.

This project is funded through the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account. The \$1,000,000 in funding will be used to continue to develop next generation energy storage materials and systems by analyzing the role nanomaterial components can play in functional energy storage systems.

The rapid increase in world energy consumption has raised a serious challenge to develop renewable energy sources which can sustain the global energy infrastructure. The majority of renewable energy sources are converted into electrical energy, which serves as a convenient energy carrier. For future renewable energy applications, electrical energy storage systems will be a critical enabling infrastructure requirement. Currently available electrical energy storage systems include electrochemical capacitors (ECs), batteries, and hydrogen storage combined with fuel cells. Compared to hydrocarbon fossil fuels combined with internal combustion engine (ICE), these energy storage systems do not have sufficient energy storage density or power density. To enable a large scale energy storage application, it will be important to explore the possibilities of developing energy storage systems which approach the energy and power density of ICE.

HONORING ZYGIMANTAS ZALYS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant and dedicated father, Firefighter Zygimantas Zalus of Woodbridge, Virginia. Firefighter Zalus currently serves his community as a member of the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department. "Z", as he is known around the fire station, marked two years with the Manassas Department in April of 2009 and has three additional years of firefighting experience with the Occoquan Woodbridge Lorton Volunteer Fire Department.

Firefighter Zalus immigrated to the United States from Lithuania and embraced the spirit of public service in his adopted country. In his role as a firefighter, he has shown a commitment to public welfare and a willingness to sacrifice his personal well-being for the safety of his neighbors and community. He bears this responsibility with a wife and 14-month-old son awaiting his return home from every shift.

It came as a shock to the Zalus family when "Z" was recently diagnosed with advanced pancreatic and liver cancer. "Z", so accustomed to protecting others, found the fire department offering its unconditional support. Firefighters, emergency medical technicians and police officers have volunteered their time and energy to help the Zalus family. The International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4466 responded by organizing a softball tournament. The "Z" Tournament will raise funds for the Zalus family's medical bills and help to supplement their income during this time of need. The response from the region's public safety departments has been a lesson in community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join the public safety community in this remarkable show of solidarity. Firefighter Zalus and his family are not alone in their fight against this devastating disease. Men and women dedicated to the selfless protection of others stand together in the face of adversity, bonded by sacrifice and a sense of duty.

HONORING THE MONITOR

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a Fifth District newspaper, The Monitor, on the tremendous honors it received at the 2009 Texas Press Association Convention.

The Monitor is a fixture in Mabank, Texas, and it represented the community proudly in the Semi-Weekly Division of the annual Texas Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

Mr. Kerry Yancey, Editor of The Monitor, received 1st place in the Sports Photo category, 3rd place in Featured Photo and 4th place in Sports Coverage.

Ms. Pearl Cantrell, Managing Editor of The Monitor, and Mr. Yancey teamed-up to win 3rd place in News Writing.

As the Congressman of the Fifth District and subscriber to The Monitor, I am extremely pleased to see their hard work receive such deserving recognition. On behalf of the residents of the Fifth District of Texas, I would like to congratulate Mr. Kerry Yancey and Ms. Pearl Cantrell, as well as the entire staff at The Monitor, on these accomplishments.

H.R. 1511, THE "TORTURE VICTIMS RELIEF REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I support H.R. 1511, the "Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2009." This bill was sponsored by Representative CHRISTOPHER SMITH of New Jersey. The bill's purpose is to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations for FY2010–FY2011 which will provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture. I

support this bill and I urge my colleagues to support this bill as it provides needed rehabilitation treatment to those who have been impacted by the effects of torture.

H.R. 1511, the Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2009, authorizes appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide grants to programs in the United States to cover the costs of services provided by domestic treatment centers in the rehabilitation of victims of torture (including treatment of the physical and psychological effects of torture). It will also allow the centers to provide social and legal services as well as research and training of health care providers outside of treatment centers or programs to enable them to provide such services. It authorizes the President to provide grants to treatment centers and programs in foreign countries that carry out projects and activities specifically designed to treat victims of torture for the physical and psychological effects of torture. In addition, it provides grants to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

This bill is not only important, it is necessary. The Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal and the myriad of consequential allegations of prisoner abuse across both Iraq and Afghanistan have cast a heavy shadow over our role in Iraq and our country as a whole. Under the Bush Administration, evidence indicates that torture was conducted on prisoners which included methods such as: waterboarding, weeklong sleep deprivation, forced nudity, use of painful positions, belly-slap and the exploitation of prisoners' fears of animals or insects. President Obama has since denounced these inhumane integration practices and has vowed that the United States does not condone torture. H.R. 1511 supports the President's vow by providing treatment to victims which is designed to enable the victim to step back from the trauma, learn to identify and accept it and gradually become reintegrated into society and/or the working world. This treatment will also serve a social purpose in that it will enable the victim to restore ties that were severed by an array of clinical symptoms caused by being tortured.

In the wake of the Abu Ghraib scandal, the U.S. has gone to great pains to persuade the world that U.S. policy does not condone torture. If Congress enacts this legislation, it would reaffirm America's commitment to a world without torture and show the rest of the world that the U.S. is committed to rehabilitating those who have suffered at the hands of torture.

We as a nation must set a clear example that we do not support torture, nor do we condone such practices. For the benefit of our troops, for the good of Iraq, for the good of America, and for the safety of the World, we must heal the wounds caused by torture to those victims domestic and foreign. A strong bipartisan message of support needs to be displayed by this body to right the wrongs and send a message to the world that America is committed to ending what President Obama called a "dark and painful chapter in our history," by providing treatment to the victims of torture. I invite my colleagues to stand with me today and support this important legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. BUYER. 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Brookston Wind Turbines Study, Brookston, IN

Address of Requesting Entity: Town of Brookston and Chalmers, Indiana, 205 East 3rd Street, Brookston, IN 47923

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$75,000 in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy money to conduct a study to determine where wind turbines may be placed to generate 6 megawatts of power to replace what they currently use from coal fired power plants. The study will include not only technical requirements, but also regulatory and administrative requirements and needed backup power to ensure uninterrupted power supply to the municipalities.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Purdue Solar Energy Utilization Laboratory, West Lafayette, IN

Address of Requesting Entity: Purdue University, Indiana, Hovde Hall, Room 233, Purdue Mall, West Lafayette, IN 49707

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$475,000 in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy money to facilitate the development of conversion devices to reduce the cost and scale of solar equipment and devices to use concentrated sunlight on smaller devices and solutions to other disruptive solar energy issues in Indiana.

MOURNING LOSS OF KELLY MURRAY

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I come before you today to mourn the loss of a remarkable individual in our community. Kelly Murray grew up in my district in the City of Visalia, CA, and destiny led her away from her place of provenance, touching the lives of so many whom she met along the way. A former Navy officer with an exceptional career, she had just received tenure at the Loyola College Graduate Center in Columbia, Maryland, when she became the victim of a tragic accident that claimed her life as well as that of her 7-year-old daughter, Sloane Murray, late last month.

Kelly Murray, PhD., graduated from Exeter High School and studied at Occidental College. She eventually went on to earn a Master's degree and a Doctorate degree from the California School of Professional Psychology.

Her career in the Navy was notable and distinguished. She held several postings across the country, including that of Psychologist at the Naval Hospital and at the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, California; Staff Psychologist at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland; and Instructor of Psychology and Leadership at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Kelly's shining career also included an invitation to work at the White House counseling federal employees soon after September 11, 2001.

Kelly Murray was a practicing psychologist who, with her husband Sean, was raising 6 children. She coached multiple youth soccer teams and organized an annual summer camp to bolster girls' self-esteem.

Kelly was a positive force in her community; she will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all those who knew her. I offer my heartfelt condolences to her family, and wish great strength upon them all that they may cope with this extraordinary loss.

Kelly is survived by her husband, Sean Murray, and their 5 other daughters, Jillian, Meghan, Maeve, Catherine Quinn, and Kieran. She is also survived by her parents, James and JoAnn Welter of Exeter, California, and sister, Tammy Tuttle of Powell Butte, Oregon.

TARP PROGRAM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, information is necessary for the proper functioning of our economy, as well as our political system. Investors, consumers and voters need quality information to make informed choices. Capitalism and democracy require full information for the most ideal outcomes, namely, efficiency and representativeness.

But anyone looking at this past year in American business and government would have to conclude we are a long way from achieving the ideal. On the contrary, we are embroiled, in significant part, in the consequences of a profound lack of transparency. Our economic and political systems suffer an information deficit, and the lack of transparency is costing dollars as well as public trust.

As chairman of an investigative subcommittee in the House of Representatives, my own work has largely been devoted to identifying and remedying that fundamental flaw.

A couple relevant examples:

My subcommittee held a hearing this past March on the questions, What does Treasury know about what TARP recipient banks are doing with the funds they've received? My staff identified a couple billion dollar examples. One bank arranged financing worth \$8 billion for governmental entities in Dubai; another made a \$7 billion investment in a Chinese Construction Bank, and a third made a \$1 billion investment in its operations in India. None