

others who work for the rights of the poor. Hundreds of thousands of Latin Americans have been victims of SOA graduates.

A particularly egregious example shows Americans have been affected too. In 1980, Sisters Dorothy and Jean Donovan of Cleveland, along with two other churchwomen from the U.S., Sister Maura Clarke and Sister Ita Forde, were raped and murdered by members of the armed forces of El Salvador. Three of the five officers involved were graduates of the School of the Americas.

I oppose the continuation of funding for the Merida Initiative and expansion of this flawed program to the Caribbean countries. Time and again, research has demonstrated that illicit drug production in developing countries stems from pervasive rural poverty and lack of sustainable sources of income. More money for guns and other tools of destruction will do nothing to ease the suffering of those struggling with addiction or alleviate the social problems that compel people to produce and/or traffic drugs.

I also oppose the Import-Export Bank provision in Section 7043 of the bill regarding Iran. Sanctions can be an effective diplomatic tool in the right circumstances. However, sanctions are meant to cripple economies and as such can have disastrous consequences for the citizens of any sanctioned country. Iran is experiencing extreme turmoil among its citizens. Recent events make it very clear that the people of Iran are to be commended for their courage, not strangled by an increasingly crippled economy as the fabric of their society is being ripped apart. Furthermore, the provision will undoubtedly target countries that are our allies who will have a role to play as the U.S. moves forward diplomatically with Iran and in the region generally. With the global economic crisis, this policy will cause the U.S. to fall far short of our diplomatic goals in the region.

These are policies that take us down the wrong path. I cannot support this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. PETRI. 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. 3183 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy; Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

Description of Request: The \$500,000 appropriation will be used by UW Oshkosh to establish a program for biomass recycling to be housed on their campus. This project is in conjunction with several private and public entities in the State of Wisconsin. The EERE account provides federal funds to strengthen the United States' energy security, environmental

quality, and economic vitality in public-private partnerships. This project is expected to both reduce organic waste sent to the landfill and produce alternative fuels to replace fossil-fuel generated energy for campus operations. The University believes it will save approximately \$150,000 annually in energy savings. Schools, nursing homes, and other community institutions and households will gain a means to dispose of biomass waste in an environmentally responsible manner and the entire community will benefit from reduced demand on landfill capacity. Funding will be used to acquire the anaerobic digesting plant equipment, plan and engineer the installation of the digester plant, and educate the Oshkosh area community about this new technology. This project supports the University's plan to develop alternative sustainable energy sources and follow the Governor of Wisconsin's directive to eliminate dependence on fossil fuels.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Section 1135

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit Division

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1027, Detroit, MI 48231

Description of Request: \$150,000 for the Corps of Engineers' assistance to participate in an investigation to determine the extent of the Corps' water level management strategy on the depletion of fish and other aquatic habitat within Lake Poygan, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. Lake Poygan once provided abundant high quality habitat for water fowl and other birds, furbearers, and warm water fishery. Much of this habitat has deteriorated in recent years. The existing water level management strategy is being reviewed to determine its role in the degradation. Water levels at Lake Poygan have been managed under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fox River project since 1872. The project would involve the construction of a break wall on Lake Poygan for the purpose of protecting, improving, and restoring fish and other aquatic life habitat. FY 2010 funding would be used to continue the feasibility phase.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 North Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606.

Description of Request: The appropriation will provide \$7.275 million in the FY 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, Construction account for the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal. The funding would be used for the construction and operation of the electric dispersal barriers in the canal as well as a study to consider alternative approaches to prevent inter-basin transfers of aquatic nuisance species. This request was made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force, along with a request from President Obama.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer District, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 Main Street, Room 10032, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Description of Request: The appropriation will provide \$3.2 million in the FY 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, for restoration projects under the Great Lakes

Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration program. The funding would be used in coordination with other federal, state, and local agencies and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to plan, implement, and evaluate projects supporting the restoration of the fishery, ecosystem, and beneficial uses of the Great Lakes. This request was made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer District, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 Main Street, Room 10032, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Description of Request: The appropriation will provide \$4 million in the FY 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, General Investigations account for Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Committees. The funding would be used for RAPs to identify specific actions to resolve pollution problems by coordinating with the Corps of Engineers in dredging and sediment cleanups. This request was made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. 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. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Awarded under: Corps of Engineers, Construction Account, Central West Virginia, Corps of Engineers.

Baltimore and Huntington Districts
Funds will be used for continuation of authorized waste and drinking water improvement activities under section 571 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in H.R. 3183, the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill:

Pinellas County Beach Erosion Control
Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

Description of requests: \$14,000,000 is included in the bill for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to continue construction of

the Pinellas County beach erosion control program. The Pinellas County program was first authorized by Congress in 1966 and reauthorized in 1976 and has provided immeasurable storm protection and recreation benefits to Pinellas County residents and visitors. These funds will be used to support renourishment and restoration of nine miles of critically eroded Sand Key Beach from Clearwater to North Redington Beach in west-central Pinellas County. Erosion since the last nourishment in 2006 now requires the periodic renourishment to maintain the current quality of the beach system, enlarging the beach and dunes. Prior federal funds were utilized for borrow area studies and physical monitoring of Sand Key beaches, as required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit for beach nourishment. This request is submitted in support of the State of Florida's Federal Appropriations Request for Beach Nourishment. The federal and state/local cost sharing averages 60/40 under the current authorization. The combined state and local share of this project will be an estimated \$4,700,000. With these funds, a total of \$104,815,404 will have been appropriated for the Pinellas County Beach Erosion Control Project since Fiscal Year 1986.

St. Petersburg Sustainable Biosolids Management: Wastewater Sludge and Yard Waste to Renewable Energy

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Description of request: \$2,500,000 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg for a sustainable biosolids management project to convert wastewater sludge and yard waste to renewable energy. Through a public-private partnership, St. Petersburg proposes to contract with a waste-to-renewable energy company that will build, own and operate a facility that will use City generated biostocks such as biosolids, yard and wood waste, grit and screenings to fuel a biomass gasification and energy facility located at the City's Southwest Waster Reclamation Facility. This proposal seeks to offset a portion of the capital cost to the City. It is expected that the gasification will convert a noxious waste to renewable energy, reduce city cost and pollution of waste disposal, treatment and transportation, generate renewable energy utilized by the city and potentially Eckerd College or other private customers, eliminate the release of methane gas and the potential of ground water pollution from landfills or land spreading. The city will provide a match of \$1,309,650.

St. Petersburg Solar Pilot Project

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Description of request: \$1,000,000 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg to develop and implement a renewable and sustainable solar energy network to provide the electricity required to power 40 city parks. Through a collaboration with Progress Energy Florida and the University of South Florida Center for Utility Exploration, the city will be able to remove all of these parks from the city's power grid. Regional residents, visitors, commercial organizations and governmental

agencies will benefit from the demonstration of a wide scale alternative energy technology that will reduce peak demand at power generation facilities, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on foreign oil. The City of St. Petersburg is uniquely situated to exploit cheap, clean renewable solar power and is committed to utilize the limitless resource to go solar at all of its City parks and eventually all operating facilities. The City of St. Petersburg has 137 parks occupying in excess of 2300 acres of public lands. All parks are served with a varying degree of overhead lighting for basic usage and security purposes. Forty of the parks have buildings that can accommodate the renewable energy system in terms of structural and orientation to the sun. Renewable energy technologies are seen as the only sustainable energy source for the future. However, solar energy can be intermittent in nature necessitating an energy storage medium or energy carrier to effectively use this energy. Through collaboration with Progress Energy Florida, Inc., and the USF Center for Utility Exploration, this project will consist of a photovoltaic energy system, an advanced energy storage battery system and appropriate control systems to make an integrated energy system that will supply a clean renewable energy when it is needed. The system will be interconnected with the power system of the host building. The system will store the solar energy in an advanced battery. The energy will then be used on-peak to reduce the maximum demand of the building. If the battery is not fully charged by the solar panels, off-peak energy from the grid can also be used to charge the battery for peak operation. This project will employ demand side management using both renewable energy and off-peak grid energy. The energy storage system will convert chemical energy into electrical energy. The chemical reaction within the storage system is reversible, thereby allowing the battery to be charged, discharged and recharged. The project will be used to pass on information and benefits about renewable energy. Students and the public will be engaged to learn from and understand the system functions and renewable energy benefits. The solar energy systems are proposed to generate sufficient energy to power the park lighting systems with any excess energy returned to the grid for offsets to city electrical expenses. Previous federal funding was provided for this project in Fiscal Year 2009 in the amount of \$1,427,250. The City of St. Petersburg will provide a \$500,000 match.

Tampa Port Planning, Engineering and Design for future requirements

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Tampa Port Authority, 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the Tampa Port Authority for the continued planning, engineering, and design for a project to widen and deepen the Tampa shipping channel to allow for the safer passage of shipping traffic and to accommodate larger ships requiring a deeper draft. The Army Corps of Engineers completed a draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) in 2008 which focuses on traffic congestion in the main Tampa Harbor channel where extensive delays occur due to lack of adequate channel width. The 40 mile main federal channel han-

dles traffic in and out of the entire Tampa Bay federal port system for the Ports of Tampa, Manatee and St. Petersburg. The ship channel is too narrow to allow for safe two-way vessel traffic due to the introduction of new longer and broader cruise ships. The impacts associated with having a restriction of this nature include vessels waiting at berth or at the sea buoy while large cruise ships transit the channel. The GRR concurs with the Tampa Port Authority and the port community that the resulting congestion causes safety hazards and economic inefficiencies and recommends widening select portions of the main channel. The GRR finds that vessel operation costs would be reduced, resulting in transportation cost savings, increased harbor safety and reduced cargo delivery delays. In addition, the continued reevaluation of the needs in the Tampa Harbor is necessary, to include deepening, in order to facilitate anticipated growth in trade as the Port of Tampa continues its steady growth and diversification. As Florida's largest cargo port, the Port of Tampa handles approximately 50 million tons of cargo per year. The Port of Tampa is also the largest economic engine in West Central Florida and the nation's 14th largest port in terms of short tons. The Port of Tampa generates an annual economic impact of almost \$8 billion on the region which includes the contribution of over \$570 million annually in state and local taxes. This project is authorized by three separate federal statutes: The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2004 (P.L. 108-137); The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2005 (P.L. 108-447); and the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114). Previous funding for this project has been provided as follows: FY 2009—\$478,000, FY 2008—\$133,000, FY 2004—\$2,500,000, FY 2003—\$200,000, FY 2002—\$500,000, FY 2001—\$300,000.

Intracoastal Waterway Operation and Maintenance from Caloosahatchee River to Anclote River

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal name and address of requesting entity: West Coast Inland Navigation District, P.O. Box 1845, Venice, FL 34284

Description of request: \$4,500,000 is included in the bill for the West Coast Inland Navigation District for the maintenance dredging of sections of the Intracoastal Waterway through six Florida counties, including Pinellas County. The 1945 Rivers and Harbors Act authorized the Intracoastal Waterway to be maintained at a width of 100-feet, and a depth of nine-feet between the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, near Ft. Myers, and the Anclote River, north of Tampa. The channel runs through six counties (Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, and Lee) and links natural deep-water sections of bays through a series of man-made channels, thereby providing for the safe passage of commercial goods and access to commercial fishing grounds. Dredging of the Intracoastal Waterway commenced in 1960 and was completed in 1967, at which time the West Coast Inland Navigation District began maintenance activities. This funding will support maintenance dredging for Longboat Pass (Manatee County), Venice Inlet (Sarasota County), mouth of Caloosahatchee River (Miserable Mile in Lee County), the Boca Grande Bayou area (Miller's Marina in Lee County),

and a section of the Intracoastal Waterway in Pinellas County just north of the Tampa Bay port shipping channel. Previous funding totaling \$1,400,000 was included in FY 2004 and FY 2005 for the design, engineering, and permitting for this project and \$1,215,000 was included in FY 2008 and \$2,076,000 in FY 2009 for the initial dredging of this waterway.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. 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 the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies and Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$100,000.00, would be used to implement one or more priority projects that are consistent with the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair Management Plan. These projects were developed in a broad based and consensus driven process involving multiple counties, local governments, state governments, federal agencies and regional planners.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183 the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies and Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Way of Southeastern Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: 1212 Griswold St. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$400,000.00, would be used by the United Way of Southeastern Michigan to assist two community non-profits to make energy efficiency and insulation upgrades at their facilities. The two organizations are Turning Point of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, a domestic violence shelter, as well as the Macomb County Rotating Shelter Team, a coalition of churches that provide overnight shelter to homeless persons and families.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Illinois School for the Deaf and Mr. Albert Caswell. On January 20, 2009, the Illinois School for the Deaf traveled to Washington, DC, to witness the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Inspired by these

young children and with the thought that perhaps one day one of those children may also stand on the west front of the U.S. Capitol, I submit a poem penned by U.S. Capitol Guide Albert Carey Caswell. Mr. Caswell was able to spend some time with them on that day and wrote the following tribute.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

(By Mr. Albert Caswell)

Can you hear me?
I can hear you!
Not with my ears!
But, with something far much more greater,
so true!
For it's with my heart . . .
That, I can hear you too . . .
Look at me!
I'm just the same as you!
For what I've lost . . .
For inside, I've gained so much more so too!
For I can feel you . . .
And, I can read you . . .
I'm just a kid like you!
And, I want to grow up to be happy . . . and
so healthy, oh so much so too!
Just, because I can't understand you!
I can read you!
Like a book!
For our Lord God, has given me other gifts
that I can use. . . .
For your coming through to me, loud and
clear . . .
For I've developed my senses, so much greater
so here. . . .
We're all the same!
Some of us even, have the same names . . .
So hear me!
Do not fear me!
Be near me, be my friend . . . so tried and
true . . .
There's, so much more we can learn about
each other . . . me and you
For, I can hear you!
In our world, there is such a special
bond. . . .
That, in the quiet world is so formed . . .
At first, you may not understand . . . but
it's in our heart where it is born . . .
I can teach you!
I can reach you!
In all I do!
Life lesson's so very true . . .
For, I will not give up!
Nor give in!
On this Inauguration Day, I see how far
dreams can take you to!
And yet I ask, "Why, must children have so
much courage then so too?"
For some things, are so hard to understand
. . . .
As where faith must begin and end . . .
Reach out, and take my hand . . .
Let's be friends, me and you . . .
There's so much more together we can learn
and do!
Little children as Heroes should not have to
be . . . but are put on this earth for all
to teach!
Can you hear me?
I can hear you!
And one day up in Heaven . . . I know, my
Lord I will view . . .
And, I will begin to cry . . .
When, I look into his eyes . . . and I hear for
the first time . . .
My very first words!
"I love you"!

MR. GEORGE F. "BUTCH" BUCCELLA

HON. TIM RYAN-

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

GEORGE F. "BUTCH" BUCCELLA, 68

MINERAL RIDGE.—George F. "Butch" Buccella, 68, of 812 Carson Salt Springs Road, died at 9:32 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Forum Health Trumbull Memorial Hospital in Warren.

He was born Jan. 31, 1941, in Youngstown, the son of Frank and Betty Cutright Buccella.

He was a 1958 graduate of Niles McKinley High School.

Butch owned and operated Buccella and Sons RV Sales for nine years, was a Weathersfield Township trustee for 16 years, where he served as chairman and vice-chairman, co-owned A'Lenzio's Pizza in Mineral Ridge with his wife Judy for 14 years, and was a staff representative to Congressman James Traficant for 17 years until his retirement.

After his retirement, George worked for Western Reserve Limousines and at the Joseph Rossi and Sons Funeral Home in Niles as a hearse and limo driver.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Niles and served on its parish council, was a member and past King Lion of the Niles Lions Club, and involved with the Niles Democratic Club, the Trumbull County Fair Board, and the Jolly Boys Monday Night Gang.

He was also a member of the Niles Area Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president, vice president, and secretary and received its Outstanding Citizen of The Year Award and its Small Business Advocate of The Year Award.

He was on the Fairhaven Workshop Board of Trustees, Niles Churches for Housing, and the Jefferson Democratic Club.

He enjoyed NASCAR as he was an avid Jeff Gordon fan. He built and raced stock cars at the Canfield, Expo, and Sharon Speedways for 28 years, and also enjoyed bowling.

Butch, who was always known for saying "one day at a time" will be deeply missed by his wife, Judy Sheldon Buccella, whom he married Dec. 8, 1962; a son, Jeff Buccella (Dawn) of Austintown; a daughter, Tracie Fynes (Dan) of Garrettsville; a sister, Suzanne Miller of Florida; and five grandchildren, Eddie, Kyle, Miamie, Jordyn and Lillie.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Joseph Rossi & Sons Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Niles where the Niles Lions Club will conduct prayers at 7:30 p.m.

Friends may also call from 10 until the 11 a.m. funeral service on Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Niles with Pastor Beth Ferne Johnson officiating.

Burial will be at Kerr Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by the Joseph Rossi & Sons Funeral Home and Cremation Service Inc. in Niles.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

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