

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes on July 13, 2009 due to a flight delay. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 530.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. CAO. 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, 2010:

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 2892—the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for the City of New Orleans Emergency Medical Services ("EMS"), New Orleans, LA in support of an Emergency Operations Center. This is in the FEMA—State and Local Programs—Emergency Operations Center Account in the amount of \$750,000. This will benefit the City of New Orleans, 1300 Perdido Street, Suite 4W07, New Orleans, LA 70112 in the form of upgrades and retrofitting of a new permanent Emergency Operations Center for the city's sole 9–1–1 emergency medical service provider. This funding will help secure and store equipment and medication, and provide a training center and base of operations for the emergency medical services. Currently, Emergency Medical Services are operating from a pairing of FEMA trailers staged underneath the Crescent City Connection overpass. Moving to the new facility on City Park Avenue and making the proposed changes to the facility will provide for the critical operational needs. Having a secure medication and equipment storage area, training areas, and a protected emergency operations center will help the department serve the citizens of New Orleans and better secure the city.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I would like to place in the RECORD a listing of the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of HR 3183, the FY2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: City of Boise Geothermal Expansion to Boise State University  
Amount Received: \$1,000,000  
Account: DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Geothermal Technology

Recipient: City of Boise

Recipient's Street Address: 150 N Capitol Boulevard, Third Floor, Boise, Idaho 83702  
Description: The Boise City geothermal system currently provides a low cost, environmentally sound, sustainable, locally provided heat source to commercial and publicly owned buildings in downtown Boise. Geothermal heat is considered a renewable source of energy and does not rely on fossil fuels, nuclear power, mining or damming of rivers and emits zero emissions into the atmosphere. This project will extend the City of Boise geothermal pipeline system to Boise State University and would have the capacity to heat almost two million square feet on the campus. As global energy costs increase, the expansion to increased facilities will provide significant cost savings.

Project Name: Idaho Accelerator Center Production of Medical Isotopes  
Amount Received: \$1,500,000  
Account: DOE Office of Science  
Recipient: Idaho State University  
Recipient's Street Address: 921 South 8th Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83209

Description: The National Academy of Sciences recently issued a report recommending that the federal government increase support to radionuclide production, distribution and basic research in production mechanisms; increase the domestic production of medical radionuclides through dedicated accelerators and reactors; and educate the next generation of medically-related nuclear scientists. The Idaho Accelerator Center (IAC) will develop a medical isotope production facility that will serve regional isotope needs, conduct basic research in isotope production, educate the next generation of medically-related nuclear scientists, and partner with regional and national entities in medical isotope distribution and use. This program will meet regional and national needs in education and isotope production and provide new isotopes that are not currently part of the national isotope portfolio. IAC will complement, supplement and enhance DOE's National Isotope Program.

Project Name: Idaho National Laboratory Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES)  
Amount Received: \$1,000,000  
Account: DOE Office of Science  
Recipient: Idaho National Laboratory  
Recipient's Street Address: 2525 North Freemont St., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415

Description: CAES is a partnership between the State of Idaho and its academic research institutions, the federal government through the U.S. Department of Energy and the Idaho National Laboratory managed by the Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC. Through its collaborative structure, CAES combines the efforts of these institutions to provide timely energy research on both technical and policy issues. The funds provided will procure world-class computation and visualization research equipment to be located in the CAES research laboratory. These research tools will enable both critical-path scientific research and graduate education programs focused on such twenty-first century energy challenges as the availability of carbon-neutral renewable energy, such as biofuels for transportation; the stewardship of the environment including water resource management through energy efficiency; the management of fossil fuel energy systems; and the expansion of energy production from commercial nuclear power while edu-

cating the next generation of scientists, engineers, policy makers and the public.

Project Name: Little Wood River Ecosystem Restoration  
Amount Received: \$100,000  
Account: Corps of Engineers  
Recipient: City of Gooding, Idaho  
Recipient's Street Address: 308 5th Ave. West, Gooding, ID 83330

Description: This funding was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 and would be used to repair and replace an aging WPA/CCC project that channeled the Little Wood River through the City of Gooding, Idaho. The project will remove and replace the existing rock wall and the boxed culverts that severely restrict the stream channel flow. Approximately 1.5 miles of the Little Wood River flow within Gooding city limits. Over the years, aging along with high water and ice jam events have caused severe deterioration of the masonry rock walls constructed in the 1930s and 40s in order to protect the city from floods. Large portions of the existing lava rock walls that line the Little Wood River through the city are structurally unserviceable and many have failed and fallen into the channel. This deterioration has increased at an alarming rate. The Corps of Engineers and the City of Gooding have been working on a solution for this rock wall failure for the past 20 years. The Army Corps has completed the Reconnaissance Study and the General Investigation Study, but the project has been on hold due to a lack of funding.

Project Name: Rural Idaho Section 595  
Amount Received: \$5,000,000  
Account: Corps of Engineers  
Recipient: Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers  
Recipient's Street Address: Boise Field Office, 304 8th St., Rm. 140, Boise, ID 83702–5802

Description: The funding was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. This funding is critical to assisting rural Idaho communities in upgrading their water and wastewater treatment facilities. In many cases, this funding is required to comply with unfunded mandates passed down by this Congress and federal agencies. In addition, these funds help rural communities in Idaho trying to attract new businesses and spur economic development. The vital water funding in this bill will assist rural communities in job creation and affordable housing by offering improved services at lower costs than would otherwise be possible. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account. Funding will be directed primarily to the Eastern Idaho Regional Wastewater Authority in Shelley, Idaho.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in the report accompanying the FY2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy

on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the requests I have detailed below are (1) not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on projects I requested and were included in the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010 (H.R. 3183).

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

Project Name: Deschutes Project

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Deschutes Basin Board of Control, PO Box 919, Madras, OR 97741

Project Location: Deschutes County, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 3183 appropriates \$482,000 for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Deschutes Project. According to the requesting entity, the appropriated funds for this project will be used by the Bureau of Reclamation in coordination with the Deschutes Basin Board of Control (consists of the seven primary irrigation districts in Central Oregon) to pursue water conservation, piping, lining and efficiency projects that will improve irrigation efficiencies, and result in increased in-stream flows benefiting federally-listed steelhead and bull trout in the Deschutes and Crooked Rivers and their tributaries. The Deschutes Basin Board of Control states in their request that these projects will provide a broad array of economic and environmental benefits to central Oregonians.

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

Project Name: Savage Rapids Dam Removal

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Grants Pass Irrigation District, 200 Fruitdale Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97527

Project Location: Savage Rapids Dam, Grants Pass, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 3183 appropriates \$1,160,000 for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Savage Rapids Dam Removal project. According to the requesting entity, the appropriated funds for this project will be used by the Bureau of Reclamation to complete installation, testing, and operation of electric pumps and to complete removal of a major portion of the Savage Rapids Dam on the Rogue River, Oregon. The Grants Pass Irrigation District states that this project, which was authorized by P.L. 108–137, is a justified use of taxpayer funding because it will restore significant portions of the Rogue Wild and Scenic River to a free-flowing river by removing the dam as an impediment to passage of federally-listed fish species.

Account: Corps of Engineers—Section 206

Project Name: Camp Creek, Zumwalt Prairie Preserve, OR

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The Nature Conservancy in Oregon, 821 SE 14th Avenue, Portland, OR 97214

Project Location: Wallowa County, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 3183 provides Corps of Engineers Section 206 status for the Camp Creek, Zumwalt Prairie Preserve in Oregon. According to the requesting entity, the appropriated funds for this project will be used by the Corps of Engineers for site work on this

ecosystem restoration project, including the removal of small push-up dams and to restore aquatic and riparian habitats within the upper Camp Creek watershed in The Nature Conservancy's Zumwalt Prairie Preserve in Wallowa County. The Nature Conservancy states in its request that this project is a justified use of taxpayer funding because it will create approximately 15 to 20 temporary and full-time jobs and support the restoration of aquatic and riparian habitat conditions along six miles of spawning habitat for Snake River Steelhead.

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations  
Project Name: Walla Walla Watershed, OR & WA

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, PO Box 638, Pendleton, OR 97801

Project Location: Umatilla, Wallowa, and Union Counties in Oregon, Walla Walla and Columbia County in Washington

Description of Project: H.R. 3183 appropriates \$203,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue the general investigations of the Walla Walla Watershed project. According to the requesting entity, the appropriated funds for this project will be used by the Corps of Engineers for the feasibility report/environmental impact statement (FR/EIS) and to initiate pre-engineering and design based on findings and recommendations of the ER/EIS. Moreover, the project will provide restoration and management tools needed to help create a viable ecosystem within the Walla Walla River Basin for federally-listed bull trout and steelhead. The requesting entity states that this project is a justified use of taxpayer funding because the ER/EIS will promote the fulfillment of a Treaty reserved right of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Project Name: Christmas Valley Renewable Energy Development

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Department of Energy, 625 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Project Location: Christmas Valley, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 3183 appropriates \$410,000 for the Oregon Department of Energy's Christmas Valley Renewable Energy Development project. According to the requesting entity, the appropriated funds for this project will be used to conduct renewable energy assessments at the former site of the Air Combat Command Radar Transmitter located in Christmas Valley, Oregon. Specifically, the project will fund assessments of wind, solar and geothermal energy resources. Over the years, the US Air Force and Bureau of Land Management have left intact the mothballed facility's massive electrical transmission lines and support infrastructure that will someday allow for renewable energy development. The requesting entity states that this project is a justified use of taxpayer funding because it would advance the utilization of various renewable resources while providing a significant economic boost to the local economy of Lake County, Oregon which currently has a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 12.8 percent.

Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Project Name: Geothermal Power Generation Plant at Oregon Institute of Technology

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Institute of Technology, 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

Project Location: Klamath Falls, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 3183 appropriates \$1,000,000 for Oregon Institute of Technology's Geothermal Power Generation Plant. According to the requesting entity, the appropriated funds for this project will be used to help construct a high-temperature geothermal power plant on the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) campus. The plant will eventually provide 100 percent of the electricity demands and hot water supply to the campus and it would be the first flash steam geothermal power plant in Oregon. When the Geothermal Power Generation Plant is complete, OIT will be the only campus in the world to satisfy all of its electricity needs from an on-site geothermal energy source. The requesting entity states that this project is a justified use of taxpayer funding because it would serve as a demonstration tool and educational training facility for OIT students and faculty.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JEAN SCHMIDT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mrs. SCHMIDT. 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JEAN SCHMIDT

Bill number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Requesting entity: City of Cincinnati/Cincinnati Park Board, 950 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202; and

Summary: \$4.9 million provided for Ohio Riverfront, Cincinnati, OH, to continue construction of Phase I. Project authorization in PL 110–114, Section 5116, (WRDA 2007). Funds will be used to continue construction of flood-tolerant, stabilized river bank that will become riverfront park linking Central Riverfront attractions to Downtown Cincinnati. Project is key to efforts to revitalize downtown Cincinnati.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. SOUDER. 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, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southwest Allen County Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 4810 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46814