

Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Restoration. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers Investigations account in the amount of \$20,000,000. The funding will go towards identifying and implementing ecosystem restoration projects to restore and protect coastal Louisiana.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for floor control construction in the Mississippi Delta Region. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers MRT-Construction account in the amount of \$2,250,000. The funding for this project will go towards providing protection against a projected flood having a flow of 3,000,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the latitude of Old River.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for operations and maintenance funding in the Mississippi River Levees area, specifically within Southeast Louisiana. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers MRT-Operations and Maintenance account in the amount of \$8,011,000. The funding will go towards raising, strengthening, and in some cases, extending existing levees to stronger flood protection along the Mississippi River west bank from Black Hawk to Venice, and on the east bank from Baton Rouge to Bohemia, LA.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for operations and maintenance funding for the Gulf Coast Intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance account in the amount of \$24,777,000. The funding for this project would go towards the operation and maintenance of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) which crosses through all five states that comprise the Gulf of Mexico.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for operations and maintenance of projects along the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance account in the amount of \$54,994,000. The funding for this project will go towards the operation and maintenance of the Mississippi River, Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico project which provides a 45-foot deep draft channel between Baton Rouge and the Gulf of Mexico.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for increased hurricane protection along the southeast coast of Louisiana. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers Investigations account in the amount of \$1,000,000. The funding will go towards overall efforts to comprehensively address storm damage risk reduction protection, coastal restoration and flood control needs in South Louisiana and would provide a detailed study as part of the LACPR initiatives.

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, Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trine University

Address of Requesting Entity: Trine University, One University Avenue, Angola, IN, 46703

Description of Request: Trine University will play a key role in educating future biomechanical engineers creating and delivering a unique Masters of Biomedical Engineering applied research program that will be incubated over time to provide the foundation for a Biomechanics and Movement Sciences Center at Trine University. For the MBE program to become reality, Trine must renovate the existing Aero Building on the Trine University campus. The renovations will include a laboratory area that will enable students to engage in applied research in materials strengths, mechanical efficacy, and structures utilizing industry-standard full and desktop-scale universal testing equipment. An additional laboratory area will provide opportunities for students to investigate motion systems through the utilization of biomechanical simulation, EMG, MX and force plate technology.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMPRESS CASINO OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, on June 25th, the Empress Casino opened its doors after a three month hiatus. In March, the casino suffered a nearly catastrophic fire. Being a major employer in Will County, the impact could have been devastating. However, thanks to the tenacity of the casino and its employees, the situation has had a very successful outcome.

Over the past three months, Empress Casino and its employees continued to contribute to their community. Empress Casino maintained their charitable support and paid employees their usual salaries during this time. Empress staff responded to this challenge by providing more than 6,000 volunteer hours to community organizations. Empress Casino and their employees have overcome adversity and despite the obstacles, they have continued to be a caring neighbor.

Empress Casino implemented an aggressive renovation plan, which has allowed gaming revenues to be reinstated and Empress

employees to come back to work. Local businesses who provide services at the Empress have also returned. I extend my congratulations to the company and its employees for their extraordinary conduct during this difficult time. They offer a shining example of leadership and compassion.

IN RECOGNITION OF AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER JOHN C. HOUBOLT'S JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM PERMANENT EXHIBIT

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Aeronautical Engineer John C. Houbolt, an unsung champion of space exploration and intelligence, who is going to be eternalized at the Joliet Area Historical Museum with a permanent exhibit entitled "The Soaring Achievements of John C. Houbolt."

Houbolt played a critical role in the infancy of space exploration when he discovered, adopted, and then championed the lunar flight path called "Lunar Orbit Rendezvous." (LOB) In June 1961, LOR was chosen for the Apollo program and this critical decision was viewed as vital to ensuring that man reached the Moon in the 1960's, as President John F. Kennedy had proposed and, in the process, saved billions of dollars and time by efficiently using existing rocket technology.

Houbolt never lost faith in LOR even when his theories faced strong opposition from others in his field. His humble persistence and determination are a testament to his passion for knowledge and his own ideas. It is this fervor and intelligence that allowed him to not only be an inspiration for men and women all over the nation interested in space discovery, but also other important figures in space exploration, like Buzz Aldrin, who has expressed much admiration for Houbolt.

On May 15, 2005, Houbolt was granted an honorary doctorate from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for his lifetime achievements, even after earning his Bachelor's degree in 1940 and his Master's degree in 1942 in Civil Engineering. Houbolt didn't stop there, however, obtaining a PhD in Technical Sciences in 1957 from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland.

Although no other human being contributed more in making the Apollo lunar landings possible, Houbolt's contributions to Apollo's mission do not define this man as his contributions will continue to reverberate into the future of aeronautical engineering. John C. Houbolt has left his influential mark on the field of space exploration and will continue to be an inspiration to those just entering the field or becoming interested in the universe around us. It is with great pride that I recognize all of his many accomplishments upon the event of this exhibit.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 17

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Economic Policy Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the elements of a national manufacturing strategy.
SD-538

JULY 21

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 561 and H.R. 1404, bills to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy.
SD-366

Environment and Public Works
Green Jobs and the New Economy Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine state and local views on clean energy jobs, climate-related policies, and economic growth.
SD-406

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine stimulus spending, transparency, and fraud prevention.
SD-342

1 p.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the Federal Statistical System in the 21st century, focusing on the role of the Census Bureau.
2203, Rayburn Building

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the current employment verification system.
SD-226

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine Cyprus' religious cultural heritage.
B318, Rayburn Building

2:15 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the wheat market.
SD-342

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.
S-407, Capitol

JULY 22

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to the Congress.
SD-106

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine advertising trends and consumer protection.
SR-253

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine job creation and foreign investment in the United States, focusing on assessing the EB-5 Regional Center Program.
SD-226

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, and Joan M. Evans, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional and Legislative Affairs.
SR-418

1 p.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the role of agriculture and forestry in global warming legislation.
SR-325

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the Children's Television Act for a digital media age.
SR-253

Judiciary
Crime and Drugs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine metal theft, focusing on law enforcement challenges.
SD-226

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 635, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 715, to establish a pilot program to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses, S. 742, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a

National Historical Park, S. 1270, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 1418 and H.R. 2330, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System, and H.R. 2430, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.
SD-366

3 p.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Deborah Matz, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.
SD-538

JULY 23

10:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Crime and Drugs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 845, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State.
SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 637, to authorize the construction of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the State of Montana and a portion of McKenzie County, North Dakota, S. 789, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, S. 1080, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and S. 1453, to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023.
SD-366

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.
S-407, Capitol

JULY 29

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine veteran's disability compensation.
SR-418