

CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF
VIETNAM TO SUPPORT CITIZEN
ACCESS TO INTERNET

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the number of bloggers and democracy activists who have been imprisoned in Vietnam for distributing their peaceful views over the Internet. The Government of Vietnam continues to restrict websites and blogs that promote democracy, human rights, and speak against the actions of the government.

It has become evident over the past several months that the human rights situation in Vietnam continues to deteriorate. Today, I will be introducing a house resolution calling on the Government of Vietnam to not only release imprisoned bloggers but to also respect the people's right to internet freedom.

This resolution urges the Vietnamese government to support the right of citizens to access websites of their choosing, and to repeal statutes like Circular 07 and Article 88 which restrict the internet in Vietnam. It is time for the Government of Vietnam to become a responsible member of the international community and to respect an individual's freedom of speech, press and political association.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI—

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. 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. 3288, The Departments of Transportation—HUD Appropriations Bill for FY 2010.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT

Priority Name: Springfield MO Transit Related Improvements for National Avenue, Monroe Street, Brick City, and John Q. Hammons Parkway

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65804

Description of Request: Missouri State University, an authorized recipient of transit funds, will make needed transit related improvements to make accessing transit safer and more convenient in order to increase transit use and reduce vehicle traffic in and around campus. The use of taxpayer funds is justified as decreasing vehicular traffic by increasing transit usage will have a significant impact on safety and the environment.

Priority Name: MODOT Reconstruct I-44/Range Line Road Interchange in Joplin, MO

Amount: \$550,000

Account: IM—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 East 32nd Street, Joplin, MO 64804

Description of Request: The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this request would fund the redesign and reconstruction of the functionally obsolete and structurally deficient cloverleaf interchange at Interstate 44 and Range Line Road in Joplin. The project would eliminate weaving movements traffic must now perform, and it also would eliminate two structurally deficient bridges.

Priority Name: City of Springfield, MO—West Wye Rail Line Relocation

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Springfield, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 840 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802

Description of Request: The funding would be used to fund the design and construction of a new West Wye that will allow relocation and reconfiguration of freight rail traffic. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because completion of the project will have a large impact on safety.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. 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. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Federal Highway Administration

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington DC, 20590

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for I-69 with Federal Highway Administration. For more than 15 years, the I-69 Corridor has been under development and has been consistently recognized by Congress as a national transportation priority. Funding for this project in Texas will help expand interstate highways 77, 281, and 59, to support local, interregional and international traffic. It will provide direct access to the Port of Houston and relieve congestion for the communities all along the route, providing the most direct route from Mexico and Canada for major commercial centers in the U.S., easing traffic on I-35. Funds will also ensure FHWA and in turn the resource agencies with responsibility for environmental clearances—US Fish & Wildlife and the Army Corps of Engineers—have additional staff to expedite the environmental reviews of projects along congressionally designated High Priority Corridors, including I-69 in Texas which is defined by statute as US 59, 77 and 281. Without such resources, the ongoing delay of environmental clearances will continue to significantly increase the cost of

construction of I-69 and other High Priority Corridors. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL and Congressman MIKE ROSS

Bill Number: 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010:

Account: Airport Improvement Program
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texarkana Regional Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Airport Dr., Texarkana, AR 71854

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 for Texarkana Regional Airport Fire Station Project with the Texarkana Regional Airport. Funding for this project will be used to construct an aircraft rescue fire station to save lives in the event of an aircraft accident. This project would complete an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station that has been constructed in four phases using incremental funding (continuing resolutions). Without the remaining funds, the facility is not useable. Until recently, airport firefighters shared an off-airport station with city fire crews. Response times to the airfield from the city station did not meet FAA standards for a commercial service airport. The ARFF crews have been temporarily relocated to a maintenance hangar to meet response timing, but the hangar does not meet FAA standards for an ARFF station. The hangar is located in an area where taxiing aircraft may delay ARFF response and aircraft engine noise limits the firefighters' training, rest and ability to hear the crash phone. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION—

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. 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. 3293, the Labor, Health & Human Services, Education & Other Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Representative JACK KINGSTON
Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Account

Recipient information: \$1 million, Southeast Georgia Health System, Carlton DeVooght, 2415 Parkwood Avenue, Brunswick, GA 31522

Description: This program will establish a full spectrum of pediatric and adolescent care, including preventative immunizations and well care for Medicaid and uninsured patients in Glynn, Camden, Brantley, McIntosh and Wayne Counties. This pilot project will allow the system to cut costs of the ER, keeping health care costs down across the system.

Representative JACK KINGSTON
Request Information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration Account

Recipient Information: \$100,000, Coastal Medical Access project, Pat Kota, 2605 Parkwood Drive, Brunswick, GA 31520

Description: This program will expand clinical care and add new services at CMAP's

Brunswick clinic, including chronic disease management and dental and vision care. Program expansion meets the needs of many uninsured residents in Glynn and McIntosh County who cannot access health services.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293 Department of Education, Fund for Improvement of Post-secondary Education

Recipient information: \$457,000 Armstrong Atlantic State University Cyber Security Foundation, Randy Grubb, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31419

Description: The goal of the Cyber Security initiative is to provide subject matter expertise to students in cyber and homeland-security issues as they relate to academic curriculum, training, and special research and development projects.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

Recipient information: \$993,000, Bacon County Hospital, Cindy Turner, 302 South Wayne Street, Alma, GA 31510

Description: The equipment purchase will help the hospital decide whether to retain the patient in Bacon County or transfer to a trauma care center quicker and more accurate. As a result, healthcare dollars will be saved, patient's lives improved, and resources utilized more efficiently.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families

Recipient information: \$300,000 The Marcus Autism Center Farah Chapes 1920 Briarcliff Road Atlanta, GA 30329

Description: The Marcus Autism center will use the federal funding to develop a statewide service delivery system supporting children with Autism and related disorders. Funds will link existing academic/research and clinical models together providing a cohesive continuum of care for the patient population.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Labor, Employment Training Administration

Recipient information: \$350,000, Atlanta Christian College, Dean Collins, 2605 Ben Hill Road, East Point, GA 30344

Description: ACC will use these funds to help supplement the development of a satellite campus in Savannah to bring college to working adults. This satellite campus will help ACC to equip working adults to obtain employment and/or advance to higher wage jobs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. 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. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Representative ELTON GALLEGLY

Bill: H.R. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California State University Channel Islands

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

Description of Request: This request of \$195,220 is to enhance nursing education and practice and improve health care quality by addressing technological competency in pre-licensure nursing education. Three areas of education are highlighted: faculty development, curriculum integration and infrastructure support. First, this project will strengthen faculty preparation in using health information technology through an intense week of training immersion prior to each fall semester and regularly updated thereafter. Second, health information technology theory and practice will be integrated into multiple courses and all levels of the nursing program and supported as a basic practice skill in the simulation lab under the direct supervision of an instructor. Lastly, the existing regional simulation laboratory will be augmented by twelve computerized hospital information systems work stations equipped with information systems used in local facilities. Health information technology integration throughout the curriculum will enable beginning students to tackle technology in their introductory courses and labs and then increasingly use health information technology throughout their nursing educational experience. By integrating health information technology into the nursing program curriculum, CSUCI is ensuring that future nurses will be able to access and retrieve electronic data necessary for technological advances in patient care. The bill provides \$195,000 in funding for this project request.

Requesting Member: Representative ELTON GALLEGLY

Bill: H.R. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Ventura

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Description of Request: This request of \$750,000 is for the formation by the County of Ventura Human Services Agency of a multidisciplinary "expert team" to comprehensively address the diverse needs of victims of elder abuse. The team will be comprised of experts and would provide new perspectives in working with the elderly and the training of social workers, mandated reporters, the medical community and all other types of organizations that interface with seniors and the aged community. The unified expert team concept is a practical approach for the development of empirical data and outcomes regarding service strategies, intervention and assessment tools, training, and public awareness information. Existing systems that service the aged population largely rely on intergovernmental partnerships, service referral networks, and community organizations. However, this proposal brings diverse services together under a unified mission to more fully realize the best practice models of expert teams. The bill provides \$654,000 in funding for this project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed some recorded votes on the House floor on Thursday, July 16, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote #555 (On agreeing to the Price of Georgia amendment to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #556 (On agreeing to the Emerson of Missouri amendment to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #557 (On agreeing to the Blackburn of Tennessee amendment to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #558 (On agreeing to the Broun of Georgia amendment to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #559 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #7 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #560 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #8 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #561 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #9 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #562 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #10 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #563 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #11 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #564 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #12 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #565 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #13 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #566 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #14 to H.R. 3170), "no" on rollcall vote #567 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #15 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #568 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #16 to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #569 (On agreeing to the Flake of Arizona amendment #17 to H.R. 3170), "no" on rollcall vote #570 (On Motion to Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair to H.R. 3170), "no" on rollcall vote #571 (On passage to H.R. 3170), "aye" on rollcall vote #572 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and pass H. Res. 476).

Madam Speaker, unfortunately I also missed some recorded votes on the House floor on Friday, July 17, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote #573 (to Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair), "no" on rollcall vote #574 (on ordering the previous question to H. Res. 653), "no" on rollcall vote #575 (on agreeing to H.Res. 653), "aye" on rollcall vote #576 (on agreeing to the Hastings of Washington part B substitute amendment to H.R. 1018), "no" on rollcall vote #577 (on passage to H.R. 1018), "aye" on rollcall vote #578 (on agreeing to Heinrich of New Mexico Part A Amendment No. 9 amendment to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #579 (on agreeing to Cao of Louisiana Part A Amendment No. 10 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #580 (on agreeing to Blackburn of Tennessee Part A Amendment No. 11 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #581 (on agreeing to Campbell of California Part B Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #582 (on agreeing to Flake of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #583 (on agreeing to Flake of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 3183), "aye" on rollcall vote #584 (on agreeing to Flake of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 4 to H.R. 3183), "aye"