

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. 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—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

REQUEST NUMBER 1

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Vincent College

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650

Amount: \$150,000

Description of Request: Saint Vincent College is currently engaged in a capital project to expand and renovate facilities for mathematics and science education as part of a \$42.5 million campaign to strengthen the Boyer School. The expansion of academic programs, combined with an increasing student enrollment and active faculty and student research agenda, have created a critical need for new science center facilities, particularly interdisciplinary research laboratories. Federal grant funds, if awarded, would be applied to these costs and may include, for example, specialized instrumentation for a biochemistry laboratory, including the acquisition and installation of a NMR and GC mass spectrometer, equipment for a materials science laboratory, and a planetarium projector.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The state-of-the-art laboratory and teaching facilities for the Herbert W. Boyer School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Computing appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

REQUEST NUMBER 2

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Family Hospice and Palliative Care

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 Moffett St., Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Amount: \$100,000

Description of Request: Funds will be used to staff and purchase materials for on-going educational programs on end-of-life care for patient families, general public, volunteers and healthcare professionals within Family Hospice and Palliative Care's Center for Compa-

sionate Care, in Mt. Lebanon, PA. Through hands-on training in medical equipment used for homecare, confidence-building seminars, workshops with clinical staff and colloquiums to increase certification in hospice and palliative care among healthcare professionals, the goal of Education Outreach is to enhance the quality of life for persons entering their final months.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Center for Compassionate Care Education Outreach appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

REQUEST NUMBER 3

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mario Lemieux Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 Abele Road, Suite 100, Bridgeville, PA 15017

Amount: \$100,000

Description of Request: The Mario Lemieux Foundation, in conjunction with UPCI, recognizes the need for additional community awareness and education. With increased funding for patient and community education, outreach and awareness activities, MLF's Hodgkin's Disease Patient and Public Education Outreach Initiative could do the following: Create a Self-Teaching Continuing Medical Education module, expand the "Reason to Hope" lecture series to an additional twenty sites, develop educational materials, provide consumer education in local libraries, community centers, hospitals, churches and other venues, purchase new books on Hodgkin's disease and related issues (fertility, age appropriate information for patients' children and teens, nutrition, coping and inspirational stories), develop educational community events at UPMC Cancer Centers sites on various aspects of Hodgkin's disease including a speaker series to appeal to all age groups, genders and interests.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Hodgkin's Disease Patient and Public Education Outreach Initiative appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

REQUEST NUMBER 4

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY and Congressman JOHN MURTHA

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Monongahela Valley Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1163 Country Club Road; Monongahela, PA 15063

Amount: \$400,000

Description of Request: In the coming year, Monongahela Valley plans critical new acquisitions to continue its ongoing effort to serve its patients more effectively. Specifically, the hospital must replace three key pieces of diagnostic equipment that are vital to hospital operations but that have all come to the end of their useful lives. Such equipment is absolutely essential to the hospital's continued ability to serve its community. This advanced digital diagnostic technology will allow health care providers to detect diseases earlier and to share those findings more quickly and across greater distances, which is important in an area like the Monongahela Valley. Earlier detection of diseases improves the quality of life for patients, even saving lives, and saves money because when diseases are discovered in earlier stages, they are easier and less expensive to treat and are treated more successfully.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Diagnostic Radiologic Equipment appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

REQUEST NUMBER 5

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Seton Hill University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Seton Hill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: Orthodontics improve oral health, function, esthetics and most importantly quality of life. However, significant disparities exist regarding access to orthodontic services for low-income families. Orthodontists have particularly low participation rates in Medicaid programs. Reasons for this include low fee reimbursement, negative perceptions of Medicaid patients and high rates of noncompliance. Access to orthodontics care continues to worsen as the weak economy has left many more families without health and dental insurance. This problem has been exacerbated in Southwestern Pennsylvania as the only area orthodontics clinic (at Westmoreland Hospital) that treated the indigent population closed its doors two years ago. FY10 would be used to develop the Advanced Certificate in Orthodontics at Seton Hill University and help outfit the required clinic facilities, which will also serve indigent families' clinical care.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Orthodontics Program at Seton Hill University appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, due to scheduling conflicts, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 607. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Springfield Rail Relocation, IL Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Federal Railroad Administration: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Illinois Department of Transportation, located at 2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62702.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to design, engineer, and acquire land for rail line relocation in Springfield, Illinois.

COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH
INVASION OF CYPRUS**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, this week, we commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Over a third of a century ago, more than 200,000 Cypriots were driven from their homes and forced to live under foreign occupation. We are at a critical juncture in the pursuit of peace and prosperity for all Cypriots, and I urge all parties to move toward a peaceful resolution and reunification effort that will build a more united and prosperous Cyprus.

There is a strong view that any solution to the Cyprus problem must include a bicomunal, bi-zonal federal State of Cyprus. The international community has stressed that this should include a single sovereignty and a single citizenship, with its independence and territorial integrity safeguarded, and comprising two politically equal communities as described by the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

I welcome the renewed interest in the efforts for a lasting solution. Under initiatives undertaken by President Christofias since his election in 2008, there is a movement which I hope will finally lead to a comprehensive solution to the problems facing Cyprus.

The leaders of the Greek and Turkish-Cypriot communities have demonstrated a strong commitment by holding more than 35 rounds

of direct talks starting on September 3, 2008, and continuing on a regular basis. These ongoing reunification talks between the two Cypriot leaders offer real opportunity to advance peace and work toward a just and lasting reunification. If there is commitment to establishing one prosperous Cyprus in which all people benefit from good relations with the international community and membership in the EU, we must resolve to do everything we can to make this goal a reality.

I am confident the Cypriots' desire to reunify their country, to bring peace and prosperity throughout the region, and ultimately to stand up for what they believe in, will prevail. I sincerely hope a solution to reuniting the island of Cyprus will be reached under a government that safeguards basic human rights and democracy and respects the fundamental freedoms of the people as a whole.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kern County Roads Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 2700 M Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield, California 93301

Description of Request: \$400,000 was included for the Kern County Roads Department to help fund construction of a six-lane overpass along Seventh Standard Road at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crossing. Seventh Standard Road is located in the northern Bakersfield metropolitan area, and serves as a major goods carrier route and east/west corridor in the community. This grade separation project will produce local jobs and reduce congestion and air pollution from idling vehicles as more than 50 high-speed trains cross Seventh Standard Road at this railroad crossing daily.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the FY10 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY10 Labor/HHS/ Education Appropriations Act

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Project Name: Sioux City College Center

Amount: \$100,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Wayne State College located at 1111 Main Street, Wayne, Nebraska

Description: To adequately address the higher education and workforce development needs of Dakota and Thurston Counties, Nebraska higher education institutions Wayne State College and Northeast Community College are collaborating with the city of South Sioux City to build and equip the South Sioux City College Center to offer academic programs specifically designed to meet the needs of Nebraska and the tri-state region. The new College Center will serve the area by creating a "one-stop" consolidated service center offering community and economic development resources in addition to providing educational opportunity for area residents at an affordable price. This funding would assist with the purchase of distance learning equipment, nursing/health/science lab technology and equipment; business and industry training technology equipment; and general classroom equipment.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY10 Labor/HHS/ Education Appropriations Act

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project Name: University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Initiative

Amount: \$150,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska Medical Center located at 986380 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska 68198

Description: The funding would be used by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) to create a biomarkers database of rural diseases to assess environmental influences on the development of diseases by collecting health information from at least 50,000 Midwesterners. Currently most information about the relationship between disease and the environment is generated by major databases located in large urban areas on the east and west coasts which tend to be regionally specific and generally not applicable to rural areas. This database would be the first research cohort in the Midwest to study the relationship between rural populations, the environment, and disease development. This project could reveal environmental factors responsible for birth defects or lymphoma, a cancer with high incidence in Nebraska. The data will provide valuable information on the factors influencing development of deadly diseases like cancer and position UNMC Eppley Cancer Institute to be designated a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Comprehensive Cancer Center. This high distinction will allow for the most advanced patient care and research to be available in Nebraska. UNMC is the ideal institution to spearhead this database with its numerous resources, well-established statewide hospital network to collect data, a state-of-the-art cancer research team and facilities, and comprehensive database capabilities to collect and assess acquired data from this project.