

University of Missouri-Columbia in 1993 and 1994, respectively. Her research interest in gerontological research evolved from her dissertation, *Availability of Social Support Resources among African American Grandmother Caregivers*. This novel exposition revealed that most grandmothers provide supplementary care for a dependent elder and/or disabled adult child. Since the completion of her dissertation in 2002, Dr. Simpson has diligently continued to contribute to the body of gerontological literature through publications including, but not limited to, the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*; *African American Research Perspectives*, and *American Journal of Public Health*.

Not only has Dr. Simpson made significant scholarly achievements, she has also made a profound impact through community-based, participatory activities with the Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education on Senior Health Education Forum. Dr. Simpson is an avid leader as she serves as the Gerontology Coordinator and Chair of both the Multidisciplinary Urban Gerontology Advisory Board and the Bi-Annual Gerontology Conference at Morgan State University. Her active participation in three competitive training institutes further attests to her commitment in the geriatric social work field.

The Gerontological Society of America administers the Hartford Faculty Scholars Program. The Society is a national organization of professionals in the field of aging and is dedicated to the promotion of scientific study. Dr. Simpson's work is an exemplary display of her dedication to scientific study in geriatrics.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Dr. Gaynell Simpson on this memorable occasion. Her demonstrated leadership, accomplishments, and continued efforts to enhance her research, has made a positive difference in field of geriatric social work.

IN DEFENSE OF RENTERS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, the House Financial Services Committee last week voted out by a large margin a bill to improve the way in which people who rent are treated under our Section 8 Voucher Program.

Madam Speaker, I believe that one of the contributing causes to the housing crisis that led to the economic crisis we now face was an insufficient recognition of the importance of decent rental housing, and the consequent push of people who were not economically suited to the task into homeownership. On July 5th, in the New York Daily News, former New York Mayor Ed Koch and a former aide of his, Robert Weiner, wrote an excellent article about the importance of this program. We are not yet finished with trying to improve the way in which renters are treated by federal policies, and this very thoughtful article by Ed Koch and Robert Weiner reminds us of how important it is to continue that job.

[From the Daily News, July 5, 2009]
RENTERS ACROSS AMERICA NEED MORE HELP FROM CONGRESS

(By Ed Koch and Robert Weiner)

While the recent anti-foreclosure bill signed by President Obama is of assistance to the homeowners affected by the current financial meltdown, the bill and its \$13.6 billion of housing recovery money have ignored the nearly one-third of American households who rent, including more than 2 million households in New York City.

All these people also have a dream of having and staying in a home—and they also need help from Congress, on the double. Over the course of the last generation, things have gotten progressively worse for renters—and the deep recession has added insult to injury.

When Congress passed the Housing and Community Development Act in 1974, the law included a goal of closing the gap between the rising cost of housing and the slower rate of increase in wages. The Koch Amendment to that bill—which established that a family should pay no more than 15%–20% of their income in federally assisted housing, and that a voucher (we now call this a Section 8 voucher)—would cover the difference. After a compromise with the Senate, the cap was set at 25%.

Over the years, the successful program has been whittled away by special interest groups and misdirected priorities. In 1983, the percentage of a family's income that could go towards rent was increased to 30%. That may sound like a small but necessary increase given federal budgetary constraints. However, many families that get Section 8 are paying upwards of 40% and 50% of their income because they cannot find an apartment that meets the established rent cap.

It's not just the size of the individual voucher that's the problem; it is the overall scope of the program. The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that 3 million families will receive aid under Section 8 this year. The number of individuals in need is far greater. The New York City Housing Authority reports there are 127,825 New York families on the wait list.

Their hopes for affordable housing are dependent on the chance that their number is picked out of a hat.

The Federal Housing Administration advocates that a family should spend no more than 30% of their income on housing. In 2006, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than half of renters exceeded this guideline, with almost a quarter of renters spending more than 50%. The situation is particularly dire in New York, where nearly one in three New Yorkers use half of their income on rent.

It shouldn't surprise us that one very immediate consequence of all this is homelessness. New York City alone, there has been a 65% increase in the use of homeless shelters since 1998 and a 23% increase since 2002. Even at these record numbers—36,218 were in shelters as of May 31—a shelter, though a wonderful resource, is not a permanent home, and shelters only house a tiny fraction of the homeless. While a virtually immeasurable number, the New York City Coalition for the Homeless believes homelessness this decade is "the greatest since the Great Depression."

In Congress, Reps. Maxine Waters (D-Cal.) and Barney Frank (D-Mass.), the chairs of the House Housing Subcommittee and the full Financial Services Committee, are moving forward with Section 8 housing reform after the July 4 recess. The White House and Congress can help the third of Americans who rent by going back to the guidelines set by the Housing Act of 1974—increasing the

availability of Section 8 housing vouchers, assuring that families pay no more than 30% of their income on housing and using the rent limit as a model for other low income housing. This would not be a bailout for renters, but a return to the protection needed to enable people to pay their rent and remain in their homes.

Congress must make sure that all citizens, including renters, who are often the poorest Americans, have roofs over their head. That's not too much to ask in America.

Koch is a former mayor of New York City and member of Congress. Weiner was legislative assistant to Koch.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 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. 3326, The Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT

Priority Name: Command & Control Service Level Management (C2SLM)

Authorized Amount: \$4 million

Account: Global Command And Control System

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Accenture National Security Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 407 S Pennsylvania Ave # 201, Joplin, MO 64801

Description of Request: C2SLM addresses the articulated needs by the warfighter in both the short and long-term to deliver critical information across a low-bandwidth enterprise while providing the ability to manage services. It will be able to be deployed on top of legacy C2 systems, as well as the envisioned C2 systems of the future. In addition, this technology is being explored to provide the Secretary of the Air Force with the ability to finally integrate command and control data with financial data.

The ability to distribute services and manage them for the entire military enterprise is critical to achieving today's and tomorrow's mission. C2SLM, while leveraging the work done by the Network-Centric Enterprise Services (NCES) program, views the enterprise from the warfighters' perspective, not the networking perspective. C2SLM pushes the military enterprises capability to the edges and to the warfighter. C2SLM will enable our military to respond to the agility of our opponent by building agility and flexibility into our technology. C2SLM has been selected by the Pentagon to be the early pathfinder for the A-Staff, which will lead to use by non-AOC command and control for COCOMs and NAFs.

Priority Name: Lithium Ion Storage Advancement for Aircraft Applications

Authorized Amount: \$2.5 million

Account: Force Protection Applied Research
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: EaglePicher Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 1215 W B St, Joplin, MO 64801

Description of Request: This funding will be used toward continued advancement in Lithium Ion storage. Protection of Li-Ion power systems is absolutely necessary on all current

chemistries to prevent catastrophic failures due to over charge, over discharge and temperature excursions. In conjunction with the necessary safety aspects of the power system, a management function is necessary to achieve maximum performance. Maximum performance is achieved by monitoring individual cell voltages, temperature and currents and using this information to control each cell's charging based on environments. By managing the system at the cell level, premature power system degradation and failure can be greatly reduced. This translates into reduced maintenance costs, increased battery life, increased performance and overall increased safety. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the results from advancements in overall safety and chemistry not only provide safety for aircraft applications but can also be transitioned to the commercial, industrial, military as well as consumer product industries. The next generation of energy storage can be achieved. In addition, by leveraging the results from efforts on current projects, advancements toward new technologies can be realized sooner. These batteries have significant weight and power density advantages over legacy technologies that are currently in use.

Priority Name: Long-Loiter, Load Bearing Antenna Platform for Pervasive Airborne Intelligence

Authorized Amount: \$5 million

Account: Aerospace Technology Dev/Demo
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University/QuinetiQ North America

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

Description of Request: This funding will be used toward a revolutionary approach to the realization of truly load bearing antenna arrays. In addition to load bearing antennas, the DF hardware will be structurally integrated such that weight is minimized. DF algorithms have been developed and modifications for the severe conditions in Afghanistan will be used as a baseline. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this new, affordable, antenna platform will significantly increase the DF capabilities of the Zephyr platform. This will enable rapid deployment and affordable assets in theater, adding significantly to the nation's assets.

Priority Name: Self-Decontaminating Polymer System for Chemical and Biological Weapons Systems

Authorized Amount: \$3.5 million

Account: Chemical And Biological Defense Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University/Lumimove d/b/a Crosslink

Address of Requesting Entity: 524 N Boonville, Springfield, MO 65806

Description of Request: This funding will be used to continue development of an on-demand, self-generating and self-renewing polymer-based decontamination system that produces, in real time, activated hydrogen peroxide for the destruction of chemical and biological warfare agents on fabrics for collective and individual protection applications. Hydrogen peroxide is known to be an effective broad spectrum decontamination agent for both chemical and biological warfare agents. The system will interface with state-of-the-art chemical and biological stand-off sensors currently deployed in theater and will react to signals generated by such sensors to initiate the

production of the activated hydrogen peroxide. Such a system will reduce the logistic burden associated with maintaining product stores in theater and the continuous monitoring of the product due to loss of effectiveness.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. 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. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE,A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Argonne National Laboratory

Address of Requesting Entity: 9700 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of \$5,000,000 for Argonne National Lab, which is collaborating with the Commonwealth of Kentucky in an industrial consortium to advance battery materials and manufacturing. The main objective is to make breakthroughs in new battery materials and electro-chemistry critically needed to move forward to practical, competitive transportation solutions and for efficient storage of electricity generated from distributed renewable energy sources.

SOUTHERN SEA OTTER RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 556, the Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act.

I want to thank my neighbor, SAM FARR, for introducing this legislation, which I have co-sponsored. We both represent districts that are home to the southern sea otter, and so this topic is of great concern to me and my constituents.

Sea otters on the California coast are dying. A recent study by the U.S. Geological Survey found that otter populations are down 3.8 percent from last year, the fastest decline since the 1990s.

We need to act, and we need to act now. Scientists believe that these elevated mortality rates are linked to water pollution, but continued research is needed to clearly understand the pathways of diseases and to learn how to protect the sea otter. And we need to take concrete action to recover the population.

H.R. 556 requires the Fish and Wildlife Service, in conjunction with the U.S. Geological Survey, to carry out just such a research and recovery program.

This program requires monitoring, analysis, and assessment of population health and mortality, and directs the agencies to find ways to

reduce or eliminate those factors that might be causing the decline in sea otter populations.

The health of Central California's marine ecosystem and economy depends in large part on the health of the sea otter.

Sea otters are keystone species and economic drivers. By foraging on sea urchins they help to maintain a lively kelp forest environment. Kelp forests, in turn, influence oceanographic patterns, ensure a healthy habitat for many commercially important fish species, and provide countless recreational opportunities. As a symbol of California, sea otters also bring in droves of tourists who want to nature watch and purchase merchandise.

This bill is not just about preserving one species, but about preserving an ecosystem, an economy, and a way of life. In these uncertain times, we must fight to preserve all that we can. The science is clear; the sea otters need our help. And, quite frankly, we need theirs.

I urge all of my colleagues to vote in support of H.R. 556.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 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. 3266—the Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3266—the Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, for Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic Office in New Orleans. This is in the "OP,N" account in the amount of \$7,500,000.—This funding would sustain critical joint Navy/university information systems research and technology transfer, in partnership with the University of New Orleans and local IT companies recovering from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Funding will update the current operations environment at the SSC/ITC, which is now becoming obsolete and needs to be refreshed with a more up-to-date computer environment. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because, due to the aging equipment, major failure of one or several components is imminent, putting the Data Center at risk for a catastrophic failure, including loss or damage of millions of dollars in IT equipment.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on Congressionally-directed project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested for Southeast Louisiana as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE