

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 478 (on motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 135), "no" on rollcall vote No. 479 (on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1129).

HONORING MS. JANE MARKHAM

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Jane Markham, a dedicated member of my district office staff. Jane's last day as a Congressional Aide and District Representative in our office will be August 1, 2009, and she deserves our wholehearted appreciation for her work.

Jane Markham began her career working for Congress in 1997 as District Director and Field Representative for Congresswoman Darlene Hooley and in 2003 she came to Chicago, Illinois to work for Congressman Rahm Emanuel, serving as a Congressional Aide and District Representative. She was instrumental to my transition into Congress and has served the needs of countless constituents of the 5th District.

While Jane's dedication and integrity will be sorely missed, her infectious personality and jovial attitude will be irreplaceable. Her sense of humor and vivacity are her trademark and our district staff will be at a loss without her unfaltering ability to make a person smile. Jane's family has always been a priority in her life. She and her husband David Cameron are the proud parents of their children, Mira and Julia.

We thank Jane for her time in our office, both as a co-worker tirelessly dedicated to constituent services and as a friend. We wish her all the best in the future knowing wherever that she may be, Jane will be going there with a confidence and liveliness that will be felt by all.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I submit the following member requests for the record regarding H.R. 3327, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project: Hyperspectral Imaging for Improved Force Protection (HYPER-IFP)

Account: Department of Defense, Army, RDT&E (CERDEC, NVESD, Special Projects)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clean Earth Technologies, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 13378 Lakefront Drive, Earth City, MO, USA

Description of Request: To provide \$2,000,000 for the Hyper-IFP (Hyper spectral Sensor for Improved Force Protection) Program. The introduction of a Hyper-IFP in FY08 is allowing the detection and recognition of humans (with a near zero false alarm rate) and providing indication of other certain physiological triggers that can indicate that a person is under extreme stress such as contemplating "bad" behavior. To date successful development, test and evaluation has been done in the lab, though these systems have not been fully optimized for theatre operation or for costs. The continued funding of Hyper-IFP will operationalize and integrate the knowledge gain in the lab and apply it in a true-fielded application at an affordable cost. The Hyper-IFP system will also be environmentally hardened to allow field deployment and allow integration with other FP sensors in the last quarter of 2009. Hyper-IFP is focused on the missions of Perimeter Security, Suicide Bomb Detection and Urban Route Recon. Utility will be demonstrated through an evaluation in both the Southwest border and contingency mission in Southwest Asia. This effort will require leveraging the current Force Protection sensor suite designs for the missions sites to maintain interoperability. In the end, this request focuses on both achieving data verification, and the delivery of sufficient hardware to validate the Technical Data package for re-procurement as well as demonstrate the system's ability to deploy to DoD/DHS users for the missions described. The Night Vision Electronic Sensors Directorate, Ft. Belvoir Virginia, is very supportive of this project.

Project: Aircrew Body Armor and Load Carriage Vest System

Account: Other Procurement—U.S. Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eagle Industries

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Biltmore Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

Description of Request: To provide \$3,000,000 to issue the Aircrew Body Armor Load Carriage Vest System, an integrated body armor vest system, to aircrew personnel. The system provides fire retardancy and ballistic protection from a wide array of threats including small arms fire, fragmenting shrapnel and spall, while decreasing the heat stress and weight burdens faced by airmen. Currently issued aircrew flight equipment survival vests are not body armor-compatible due to weight, heat, and survivability concerns. Current issue is not fire retardant and fails to meet the present needs of the U.S. Air Force. Of the \$3 million, approximately 25% is for materials; 25% is for labor; and 50% is for armor and armor integration.

This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Air Force-Other Procurement account. If funded in full, this is a one-time funding request with the goal of the Air Force using internally budgeted funding to continue fielding the system to aircrew personnel.

A TRIBUTE TO TUMBLEWEED SMITH

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize distinguished writer, speaker, and entertainer, Bob Lewis, better known as Tumbleweed Smith. Tumbleweed Smith is both creator and producer of the renowned radio program *The Sound of Texas*. August 1, 2009 will mark the celebration of 40 prosperous years on the air, making *The Sound of Texas* the longest running syndicated radio program in Texas.

In his 40 years of interviews, Tumbleweed Smith has accumulated the largest private collection of oral history in the United States. His one-man shows have been performed all over Texas, as well as six other states, and three other countries.

In addition to being an influential entertainer, Tumbleweed Smith has won international recognition for his advertising and production work. His honors include two CLIO advertising awards, the Governor's Award for Tourism, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Cultural Achievement award and two Freedom Foundation awards.

The Texas House of Representatives has recognized Tumbleweed "for creating a priceless resource of Texas folk tales, lore and wisdom." He was honored by the Texas House of Representatives in 1999 for his outstanding communication skills and radio service to West Texas. In 2008 he was recognized by the Texas State Senate for celebrating his 10,000th program of *The Sound of Texas*.

Mr. Lewis resides in Big Spring, TX with his wife Susan and they have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandsons. He writes a syndicated weekly news column and teaches radio production in the Permian Basin. Tumbleweed Smith is a true gem to West Texas. I am proud to honor his achievements and look forward to more of his unique and entertaining work in the future.

TAXPAYER RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CONSISTENCY ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, earlier today I introduced legislation—the Taxpayer Responsibility, Accountability, and Consistency Act. The aim of this legislation is to reverse the growing trend of the misclassification of employees as independent contractors. Independent contractors serve a legitimate purpose in our workforce, our economy, and in many business models. These contractors are important to our economy and often provide the flexibility that many businesses need. Some employers, however, are using a loophole that exists in the Internal Revenue Code to treat workers that are actually employees as contractors in order to reduce their own tax liability and avoid federal and state labor law. When employees are misclassified as contractors, responsible companies lose business,

workers lose rights and protections, and the federal and state governments lose out of billions of dollars in much-needed revenue.

This legislation is similar to the measure I introduced last year, along with Representatives RICHARD NEAL, and JOHN TIERNEY. I am pleased we have joined together again this Congress to reintroduce this initiative. Our efforts to construct this bill were informed by information obtained through public hearings on this issue in the House Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Education and Labor.

The Taxpayer Responsibility, Accountability, and Consistency Act would close the tax loophole that allows employers to misclassify employees as contractors at will. It aims to put all employers on a level playing field, protect workers, and reduce the federal budget deficit. The intention of the bill is not to deny businesses the ability to use legitimate independent contractors; instead it is to ensure that laws that determine what an employee or independent contractor is are evenly applied. They are not today.

I recognize that this issue is one that has vexed the Congress for some time and that forging the necessary degree of consensus to address this problem will be difficult. I intend for the legislation introduced today to serve as a basis for discussion and look forward to working with many stakeholders to perfect the bill and help push for its passage.

RECOGNIZING TREENA TUBBS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Treena Tubbs of Malad, Idaho. Treena is celebrating her twentieth year of work for the U.S. Government. She began her career with the USDA-FSA in the Malad office. After three years, she was recruited to work for the Veterans Administration. She traveled to Pocatello to work at the Veterans Affairs Community-based Outreach Clinic of the George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Treena quickly became known as a friendly and helpful assistant to the veterans who came to the clinic for services. Throughout her career, she has proved herself to be a compassionate ally of those who have bravely served their country and now are in need of medical care. By contributing her time and talents, Treena has ensured a brighter future for our veterans.

It is not enough for Treena to assist in meeting the needs of veterans during office hours. She always makes time from home to help fill out paperwork, answer questions, and remind of appointments. Because it is often difficult to remember all the questions while in the doctor's office, Treena welcomes calls at home to clarify issues the veteran may have regarding his or her care.

The son of one veteran tells of Treena calling in the evening to make sure his father was alright, as he had missed his appointment that day. Another vet said he spent several hours asking questions at Treena's kitchen table on a Saturday.

Although the drive from Malad to Pocatello is difficult, Treena makes it to the clinic unless the winter roads become truly impassable.

In keeping with her commitment to make positive contributions to her community and her sincere willingness to serve, Treena has recently been appointed to the Oneida County Hospital Board.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have a constituent in my district who is dedicated to improving the lives of our veterans and who devotes her time in selfless service to others.

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Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed some recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 655 (on agreeing to H. Res. 685), "present" on rollcall vote No. 656 (on motion to table the Boehner Privileged Resolution).

HONORING MR. DAVID HAWPE

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of one of Kentucky's premier journalists, a man who has shaped countless events and policies in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for decades, Mr. David Hawpe. After 40 years of public service journalism, tough reporting, and insightful analysis as editorial director, he will retire on August 14, 2009. I cannot begin to adequately describe the immeasurable contributions Mr. Hawpe has made to better the lives of all Kentuckians.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky in 1965 with a focus in journalism, Mr. Hawpe began his career as a reporter for the Associated Press and then moved to the The St. Petersburg Times in Florida, where he was an editorial writer.

In 1969, he came back to his home state and took charge of the Hazard bureau of The Courier-Journal in Eastern Kentucky, and in 1972, he moved to the Louisville home office. Mr. Hawpe held many positions, including editorial writer, assistant regional editor, managing editor and editor of The Courier-Journal and also served as city editor of the former afternoon newspaper, The Louisville Times.

Through his decades of reporting, Mr. Hawpe's influence can be seen in nearly every corner of the state.

He covered the Hyden mine disaster in 1970, bringing to light the many hazards and realities of coal mining. In later years, he played a significant role in strengthening laws and regulations governing the mining industry, and attacked abuses related to the broad deed and strip mining.

Through his reporting and advocacy, he helped bring about new regulations of toxic

chemicals, improved school bus safety, better enforcement of drunk driving laws, and reform in the medical license system.

Through his and his colleagues' legislative coverage, Mr. Hawpe and his coworkers literally helped reshape the Kentucky General Assembly—my home state's legislative body—into a more influential, co-equal branch of state government. In conjunction with formidable investigative reporting, Mr. Hawpe also played a critical role in the momentum to rewrite Kentucky's campaign finance laws.

And also, very notably, Mr. Hawpe has been instrumental in the reform of Kentucky's public education system. Through his direction of relentless and informed reporting, he helped convince the public that Kentucky was in need of meaningful, extensive higher education reform, which paved the way for the 1997 Kentucky Higher Education Reform Act. He has been credited by many, including a former governor and key policy makers, with being the main force behind this historic legislation.

In light of these achievements, it should be no surprise the newspaper won four Pulitzer prizes under his direction.

Mr. Hawpe is a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame and has long been a strong advocate for ethics and diversity initiatives. A Nieman Fellow at Harvard, he was also prominent in national news organizations, having served as president of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association.

Through Mr. Hawpe's editorials and columns, he has been called "the voice and conscience of The Courier-Journal" and, in my opinion, in many ways, he has been the voice and conscience of reform and good policy in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Over the years, he has held individuals and institutions accountable for their actions, reined in unfair practices, and been an unwavering advocate for the underprivileged. Mr. Hawpe will be sorely missed, but the impact of his work will be felt in my state, and, indeed the nation, for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that he has made our great state even better.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Commerce, Justice Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 2847.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 2997

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Louisiana State University located at 156 Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Formosan Subterranean Research—\$2,600,000. The Formosan subterranean termite has infested 32 of the 64 parishes in Louisiana, with the most severe infestations in the New Orleans and Lake Charles areas. This insect has caused millions of dollars worth of damage including over \$300 million in New Orleans alone. Clearly, it is the most costly