

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Department of Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association).

Project Funding Amount: \$1,000,000.00.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Address of Requesting Entity: 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600.

Description of Request: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is seeking \$1 million in Federal funds in FY 2010 to continue implementation of the Cooperative Reef Fish Monitoring and Research Program, a partnership between FWC and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Public criticism of fishery-related science used in management decisions highlights the need for data that has the confidence of regulators and the public. FWC and NMFS are building long-term information for improving stock assessments and management of important reef fisheries in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, with a goal of ensuring a sustainable snapper-groupers fishery. This partnership increases integration of institutional resources, knowledge, and expertise, in an efficient and cost-effective manner. During FY 2008 and 2009—part of a three-year pilot phase—FWC and NMFS staffs have focused on developing scientific sampling protocols, identifying critical data gaps, and integrating existing state and federal fisheries sampling programs. Following this pilot phase, permanent authorization for this program will ensure that State and Federal fisheries managers have access to long-term status and trend information to support science-based and proactive fisheries management decisions.

HONORING NICHOLAS ROBERT
RITTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas Robert Ritter of Liberty, Missouri. Nicholas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 134, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nicholas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas Robert Ritter for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies—NRCS—Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Address of Requesting Entity: Eisenhower Corporate Park, 2805 S. Industrial Hwy, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6791.

Description of Request: The \$404,000 appropriation will be used for grants and technical assistance, demonstration grants, and information/educational activities related to soil erosion and sediment control of the Great Lakes. This request has been made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

Account: Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies—COPSTECH

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Address of Requesting Entity: City County Government Center, 160 S. Macy Street, P.O. Box 150, Fond du Lac, WI 54935-0150.

Description of Request: Will provide \$385,000 to the City of Fond du Lac to replace all mobile and portable radios used by the Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Police Department with radios that are P25 compliant. The Fond du Lac Police Department is the largest police agency in Fond du Lac County, and this project will further provide the Department with equipment that is compatible with other agencies' communication systems, particularly in times of emergencies when multiple jurisdiction interaction is required. This request covers the cost of programming, ancillary equipment, and installation of the radios (mobiles).

Account: Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies—OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center—Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Address of Requesting Entity: Concorde Building, 325 N. Commercial St., Suite 400, Neenah, WI 54956.

Description of Request: The Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center, an entity of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin—Fox Valley and not-for-profit, serves as a Child Advocacy Center for Winnebago, Calumet, and Outagamie Counties. Since its inception in 2004, the Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center has had a major impact in the manner in which investigations of child abuse and neglect have been conducted in the Fox Valley. So far, about 1,000 children have been served at the Center. The \$115,000 appropriation will be used to enhance the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) by supporting new staff positions as well as pur-

chasing computer and office equipment. These enhancements will allow the CAC to take on more child abuse cases. The appropriation will be matched by private dollars. The federal government has taken responsibility to ensure that all victims of violent crimes receive adequate investigation and victim services through programs like VOCA, VAWA and the Children's Justice Act. Federal Byrne grants have also been used in many states to support efforts like Child Advocacy Centers.

Account: Division C—Energy and Water Development—Operations & Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1027, Detroit, MI 48231.

Description of Request: The appropriation will provide \$754,000 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, to restore and maintain navigable channels within the Federal Project Limits at Two Rivers Harbor. The outer harbor was last dredged in 2005 and now is experiencing shoaling problems that resulted in the issuance of a Notice to Navigation Interests by the Corps of Engineers in September 2007. This request also includes funding for dredging the upstream on the East Twin River between the 17th Street and 22nd Street bridges, to a project depth of 10 feet. This section of the Federal Channel was last dredged in 1980, and in some areas is now as shallow as 3.5 feet. The project will benefit various harbor and river users by continuing to provide safe, reliable access to Lake Michigan from all properties located adjacent to the Federal Channel. This project has been requested along with Senator HERB KOHL (WI).

Account: Division C—Energy and Water Development—General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer Division, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division.

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 Main Street, Room 10032, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Description of Request: The \$1,195,000 appropriation will allow the U.S. Army Engineer Division, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division's Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Committees to identify specific actions to resolve pollution problems by coordinating with the Corps of Engineers in dredging and sediment cleanups. This request was made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

Account: Division C—Energy and Water Development—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 North Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606.

Description of Request: The \$5.75 million appropriation will provide the U.S. Army Engineer District, Chicago, the ability to continue construction and operation of the electric dispersal barrier in the canal. \$500,000 has also been allocated for dispersal barrier II. These requests have been made with numerous Members and Senators of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.

Account: Division E—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies—National Park Service, from the Land Acquisition and State Assistance Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 306 East Wilson Street, Lower Level, Madison, WI 53703.

Description of Request: The Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation (IAP&TF) is the principal non-profit partner of the National Park Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in preserving, developing, sustaining, and operating the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (IANST) and the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve (IANSR) for public appreciation and enjoyment. The Ice Age Trail is one of only eight Congressionally authorized National Scenic Trails in the National Trails System. The \$1,000,000 appropriation will allow the National Park Service to continue acquisition of the authorized interpretive site for the Ice Age Trail in Dane County and for the Park Service to grant to the State of Wisconsin to be matched by state, local and private funds for Ice Age Trail acquisition in Chippewa, Dane, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Polk, Portage, Sheboygan, Taylor, Walworth, Washington, Waupaca, and Waushara counties. This project has been requested along with other Members of Congress.

Account: Division E—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies—National Park Service, Construction

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Address of Requesting Entity: 306 East Wilson Street, Lower Level, Madison, WI 53703.

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Account: Division E—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies—EPA/STAG Water and Waste Water Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 187, Kaukauna, WI 54130.

Description of Request: The \$300,000 appropriation will be used to develop improvements in sanitary sewer rehabilitation, inspection, cleaning, maintenance, and sanitary sewer overflow prevention. The Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District encompasses the communities of Kaukauna, Little Chute, Combined Locks, Kimberly and the Darboy Joint Sanitary District of Wisconsin. This project has been requested along with Senator HERB KOHL (WI).

Account: Division F—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies—Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake-Shore Technical College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1290 North Ave., Cleveland, WI 53015

Description of Request: To resolve current and projected manufacturing workforce needs and to remain current with advancing technologies, Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) is in the process of creating a Center for Manufacturing Excellence. Manufacturing is the largest employment sector in LTC's district and employers cite a shortage of skilled workers. The Manufacturing Center is projected to cost \$7.4 million. The first phase opened in 2007. The federal appropriation of \$238,000 will support the second phase which will improve the quality and relevance of education by integrating advanced manufacturing technology equipment into the electromechanical and machine tool laboratories. The federal funds also will be used to hire and train additional faculty. The federal government has a vital interest in ensuring our workforce is able to meet the demands of the today's economy and respond to the changing technology, while offering employment opportunities.

Account: Division F—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies—Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marian College (recently renamed Marian University)

Address of Requesting Entity: 45 South National Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

Description of Request: \$190,000 will be used to establish a collaborative abilities-based Master's Program in Nursing Education. The establishment of this program is designed to address the shortage of nurse educators, thereby expanding opportunities for students to get degrees in nursing. Through this program, Marian College (University) proposes to create the relationships and infrastructure to support collaborative agreements among a group of nursing programs at colleges, universities, and technical colleges within Wisconsin. Although the proposed program would have as its primary focus nursing education, students would be able to obtain advanced clinical preparation in specialty areas. This venture would be the first in Wisconsin to join private and public colleges in order to create new models that wisely use the scarce faculty resources available. Specifically, the federal dollars will be used for faculty, staff, equipment and travel. Marian College plans to spend \$550,000 on this effort using its own resources and private funding sources outside of Marian College. The establishment of this program is designed to address the shortage of nurse educators, thereby expanding opportunities for students to get degrees in nursing. This will address a national and state-wide need for nurses as identified by Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development.

Account: Division F—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies—Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI 54901

Description of Request: \$95,000 will be used for the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Processes and Environmental Research (CASPER) Northeast Wisconsin Environ-

mental Footprint Project. This project will establish a benchmark for sustainable business activity in Wisconsin, and this information will be used to partner with area businesses to foster corporate environmental sustainability and economic development. Specifically the federal funds will be used for: research, staff training and travel, resource acquisition and office expenses. The federal government supports many programs to promote energy conservation and renewable energy. This program will aid economic development by empowering local businesses to lessen their environmental footprints.

Account: Division F—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies—Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU)

Address of Requesting Entity: 122 West Washington Avenue, Suite 700, Madison, WI 53703

Description of Request: WAICU launched the WAICU Collaboration Project in 2002. It is a comprehensive initiative to perform all administrative support (back office) functions of Wisconsin's 20 private colleges and universities on a collaborative basis. By working closely with other participating institutions to reduce paperwork and consolidate back office functions, the colleges and universities will be able to concentrate on their primary mission of teaching and learning. Also, saving money will free additional funds for students in financial need and for improvements in academic programming. The objectives include: saving money (controlling college costs); improving the quality of services to students, faculty, and staff; and serving as a national model for controlling college costs. In sum, this is a project about access, affordability, and accountability for higher education. This project will serve as a model for other states, specifically private colleges, for reducing costs. The appropriation of \$285,000 will provide continued implementation of the WAICU Collaboration Project which will be used for personnel and technology costs. WAICU member colleges and universities and private foundation grants provide additional funding for this project.

Account: Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies—Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Address of Requesting Entity: 16 Garfield St., North Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Description of Request: The appropriation of \$570,000 will be provided to begin the construction of an overpass across the Wisconsin Central Railyards located in the Village of North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The rail/classification yard is the largest of its kind in the State of Wisconsin and connects the rail operations of the Canadian National Railroad in Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. The overpass would not only allow for the safe and efficient passage of rail traffic through the community, but would allow for the delivery of essential services to the residents of the community. The overpass would consist of a 532' bridge span across the yard and access ramps to the connecting roads on both sides of the bridge structure. The proposed bridge structure would be supported by columns placed between the

six sets of tracks that now cross Lakeshore Drive. The two sets of warning gates could be eliminated as all access to the crossings would be removed. The potential for a train/vehicle collision would be totally eliminated. The cost of the project will be split 80% Federal, 10% Village of North Fond du Lac, and 10% Wisconsin Central. This project has been requested along with Senator HERB KOHL (WI).

Account: Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies—Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Military Veterans Museum Foundation, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 501 City Center, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Description of Request: The \$142,500 appropriation will go toward constructing a 45,000 square foot state of the art educational facility onto the existing "Fields of Honor" Military Veterans Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It would be located on a 10 acre tract a half mile south of the Experimental Aircraft Association grounds (Wittman Regional Airport) overlooking Highway 41. It will contain displays of artifacts and memorabilia ranging from the Revolutionary War to the present; a multi-faceted Educational Center including a library, art gallery, 80 seat theater, an audio/visual center; administrative offices; and banquet rooms. It will also provide a unique gathering place for veterans and school groups, and become a showcase attraction for the area economy. A 5% match is required by the Military Veterans Museum Foundation, Inc. in order to receive the allocated money.

Account: Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies—FTA/Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4802 Sheboygan Ave., Madison, WI 53702

Description of Request: The \$269,800 appropriation will be used for renovation of the Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Transit System's administrative/maintenance facility, shop equipment, maintenance vehicles, rehabilitation of its bus terminal, and yard equipment and maintenance.

IN RECOGNITION OF RISON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rison High School in Rison, Arkansas, for having been selected as one of the top high schools in America by U.S. News and World Report.

U.S. News and World Report honored Rison High School with its Silver Medal, one of only four schools in Arkansas to receive such recognition. In order to qualify for this honor, a high school must have a challenging college-ready curriculum, performed well on standardized tests, and provide support and programs that best serve students from all backgrounds, according to the report.

I am personally proud of Rison High School for working to achieve excellence in the classroom and helping to ensure their students have the means they need to succeed in this

21st century global marketplace. A stellar education requires not only good educators and administrators, but also support from the surrounding community. The Rison community, with its top-notch educators, active parents and involved local leadership, deserve much-needed praise for their unified efforts in providing Rison High School students with a world-class education, and I am pleased that U.S. News and World Report took notice.

Once again, I would like to congratulate Rison High School on this significant accomplishment and hope they will continue to strive for excellence in the years to come.

COACH LARRY HOLLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding leadership of Coach Larry Holley on the occasion of his induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame on February 7, 2009.

Larry Holley has been the head men's basketball coach at William Jewell College since the 1979–80 school year. He is truly among America's elite coaches, having won more than 750 games during his career and having received 14 Coach of the Year Awards. Coach Holley is ranked #3 among all NAIA coaches and #8 among active four-year college coaches. We are truly lucky to have him as a coach in Northwest Missouri.

True to his dedication, Coach Holley is a 1967 William Jewell graduate. He lettered in three different sports, was President of his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, and was always a leader in his academics, school activities and his entire community in general.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Coach Larry Holley for his dedicated service to William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. Larry's commitment to his team, the school and our community provide a strong example of the kind of leader we should all work to be. I know Larry's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him congratulations on his induction to the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and best wishes on many more years of happiness and success.

CONF. REPORT ON H.R. 1

SPEECH OF

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Stimulus bill we're voting on today is supposed to stimulate business and create jobs. However, one provision of the bill will do just the opposite. Title II of the Conference Report on H.R. 1, under the Office of Justice Programs, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, provides \$2 billion in Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG). This funding is frequently used by local government agencies to fund pretrial

release for criminal defendants. The problem is that it's at taxpayer expense.

When a defendant is given a pre-trial release bond or personal recognizance bond, he is released on his own recognizance. For example, a bond may be set at \$10,000, and the defendant is released on his promise to return based on his "word" alone. If the defendant does not return, the sheriff has to go find him. The taxpayers are usually out \$10,000 because judgments are seldom obtained from defendants for failure to appear.

On the other hand, when a surety bond is used, the court enters into a contractual agreement with a bonding company. The defendant also makes an agreement with the bonding company, and pays the company 10%. Then the defendant is released with the understanding that the bonding company will pay the court \$10,000 if the defendant does not show up. Plus the bonding company is obligated to go and look for the defendant if the defendant does not appear in court. This form of free enterprise takes taxpayers off the financial hook.

Mr. Speaker, by allowing taxpayer money to go to pretrial release, the free enterprise system is greatly hindered. Instead of providing jobs, jobs are taken away from the private sector—namely the bonding and insurance community.

As a former judge, I found that defendants released on pretrial bonds seldom reappeared in court. With surety bonds, however, they were much more likely to show up because they had a vested financial interest in appearing. Plus, the bondsman looks for defendants who fail to appear.

During my 22 years as a criminal court judge, I saw how if left alone, the free enterprise system guarantees the best result. By allowing private enterprise to take part in the process, people are held accountable, and taxpayers are protected.

Mr. Speaker, this so-called "Stimulus" bill will not stimulate the economy with jobs. It will only further stifle the free enterprise system, take jobs, and will leave taxpayers with the bill. This is just one of many examples of flaws in this bill.

THE PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, tonight the President plans to address the American people in his first State of the Union. I can only hope that the President won't say what we're expecting: that the key to solvency is to lose a war and raise taxes. Congress just passed the Democrat's trillion dollar plus stimulus plan, with hundreds of billions of dollars in spending for special interest groups. Later this week we will consider the 2009 Appropriations Omnibus, which will include an 8% increase over last year's spending.

We will hear some good ideas that embrace the fiscally responsible bi-partisan change the president was elected on. I hope the Democrat leadership doesn't turn it into taxing and spending as usual. Madam Speaker, we all know that the way to a balanced budget is