

homeless adult men at a time. Men may stay for up to 24 months. The Inn provides for group living in a safe, supportive, home-like environment. The project has as its primary mission to promote residential stability, increase skill level, and increase income which leads to greater self determination, thereby enabling the men serviced to move to permanent housing.

Specifically, the Inn: (1) provides safe, decent temporary shelter for homeless men in transition from homelessness to independent living in permanent housing; (2) provides case management services that emphasize healthy relationships, financial responsibility, education and training, household management, work ethics, mental and physical health, and responsible personal behavior; (3) provides opportunity to recover self-esteem, build confidence, restore dignity; and (4) provides life skill training and job development skills required to support and sustain independent living in permanent housing.

For a number of years, Samaritan Inn was the only HUD supported transitional housing available for men in the Kanawha Valley. Today it is one of only two HUD supported transitional facilities for men in this area.

The Inn is a stately Victorian home-like facility that is conveniently located in downtown Charleston and is close to bus lines and businesses.

Upon entry, each resident works with staff to establish individualized goals designed to overcome the obstacles to permanent, independent living. Each resident is required to work, pay up to 30% of his income in rent, maintain his own living area, share the cooking and cleaning responsibilities, participate in a life skills curriculum, substance abuse education, and participate in community volunteer activities.

The Samaritan Inn provides a safe environment to recover from homelessness, offers services that permanently change the lives of men who have been homeless, and empowers men to be productive independent citizens of our community.

BIASED LA TIMES STORY MISSES POINT

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam speaker, I have more bad news for Americans . . . yet another example of biased reporting.

This one comes from the Los Angeles Times.

The paper ran a story about a company that fired 200 workers after an IRS audit found "hundreds of 'invalid or fraudulent' Social Security numbers."

An unbiased story would have focused on how devastating ID theft is to families. It might have discussed the range of problems they face—faulty arrest records and tax liabilities among them.

The article also might have mentioned that those 200 jobs are now open for jobless U.S. citizens and legal immigrants. And that typically after an action like this, wages for American workers are higher.

But the Times story did neither of these things.

Instead, the story followed the talking points set forth by amnesty advocates and the Times' own editorial board.

Readers deserve better. They deserve a balanced view.

And that Los Angeles company—it should be praised for its actions to comply with the law instead of ignoring it.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 37th Anniversary of Title IX. Title IX is the federal law that prohibits gender discrimination in federally funded educational programs. Specifically this legislation was designed to create equality among the sexes in education, but this mandate has had an even greater impact on women's athletics. As a result, it has provided opportunities which were not previously available. While many gender barriers have been broken since Title IX's implementation, there are still many obstacles that young women face today.

Many of Title IX's accomplishments stem from successes with collegiate level athletics. Unfortunately, elementary and high school girls are still not completely protected by the requirements of this legislation. Today we know that those young women are not receiving nearly as much funding as their male counterparts in sport related activities. Although there is still work to be done in regards to Title IX, a lot has changed since its inception. Before the law passed in 1972, women consisted of just seven percent of all high school sports participants. Today over forty percent of high school athletes are females. In terms of collegiate academia and sports participation, well over half of all undergraduate college students are women. Women also outnumber men in graduate school and law school enrollment.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to acknowledge the 37th Anniversary of Title IX and all it has done to provide our young women with so many excellent opportunities. I will work diligently with my colleagues to protect the rights of women and ensure that gender discrimination becomes a remnant of the past.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent Friday, June 19, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the ten votes that day, I would have voted the following way:

I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 559, rollcall vote No. 409;

I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 559, rollcall vote No. 410;

I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 560, rollcall vote No. 411;

I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 2918, rollcall vote No. 412;

I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 2918, rollcall vote No. 413;

I would have voted "present" on rollcall vote No. 414;

I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 520, rollcall vote No. 415;

I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 520, rollcall vote No. 416;

I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 520, rollcall vote No. 417;

I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 520, rollcall vote No. 418.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information regarding project funding I had requested and which was included within the legislation H.R. 2647, as reported. To the best of my knowledge, funding for this project: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds. I further certify that neither my spouse, nor I, have any personal financial interests in this request.

Project Title: Senior Center, Brigham City, Utah

Amount: \$250,000

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Address of Requesting Entity: Brigham City Corporation

Location: Brigham City Corp., 20 North Main, Brigham City, UT 84302

Matching Funds: \$125,000

Detailed Spending Plan: FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation project grants require a minimum local cost share of 25% or the total project cost. This project is estimated as costing \$500,000. Under regular FEMA guidelines, Brigham City would be required to expend \$125,000 as the local cost-share. Request for federal share was for \$375,000. However, the committee decided only to fund \$250,000 of the regular federal portion, which may require up to an additional \$100,000 local cost share for a total of \$225,000 local cost share to fully complete the project. Funds will be used to perform seismic upgrades to existing senior center facilities, such as strengthening the roof system, and the wall structures. Minor bracing will be used on existing walls, doors and windows.

Description and Justification of Funding: Project would strengthen an existing Senior Citizen Center facility in Brigham City, Utah, against future seismic threats. Brigham City is located along the Wasatch Fault and according to the U.S. Geological Survey, there is a 25% chance of a 6.5 to 7.0 earthquake along this fault within the next 100 years. This Senior Center services thousands of local residents as well as senior populations in outlying areas in a large geographical region. Located

less than one mile downhill from the Wasatch Fault, there is a significant chance that liquefaction of the subsurface would occur during a major seismic event, and that the center could sustain severe damage or, at worst, collapse outright resulting in numerous fatalities and serious injuries.

MEDIA SHOULD SAVE OPINIONS FOR EDITORIALS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, in some national newspapers, the line between news reporting and opinion has become nonexistent. Take two recent examples:

First, this opinionated sentence from The Washington Post on America's health care system: "Nowhere else in the world is so much money spent with such poor results."

Second, this sarcastic comment from The New York Times on Supreme Court nominee Judge Sotomayor: "Of course, it is not as if a lawyer and judge with a history of involvement in racial issues has not made it onto the Supreme Court. Thurgood Marshall, a fierce advocate for racial justice as a lawyer for the NAACP, sailed onto the highest bench in the 1960s."

Amazingly, these blatant opinions are from front-page news stories, not editorials.

Newspapers should report the facts and save opinions for the editorial page.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010. The entity authorized to receive funding for this project is KCF Technologies, 112 West Foster Avenue, State College, PA 16801, in the amount of \$2,000,000. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for self-powered prosthetic limb technology. Successful development and deployment of the Self-Powered Prosthetic Limb Technology will create an opportunity for our country's injured soldiers to attain high functional levels with hopes of remaining on active duty in service to their country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 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. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: RDAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Integrated Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 10001 Jack Finney Boulevard, Greenville, TX 75403

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,500,000 for the Rivet Joint Services Oriented Architecture (SOA) with L-3 Communications Integrated Systems. Funding for this project will fully implement the RC-135 SOA, which will ensure full RIVET JOINT integration in the ISR Enterprise, thus meeting USAF/DoD/DNI requirements for making ISR data and information discoverable, accessible, and to enable information sharing. RIVET JOINT requires continuous, current access to other ISR nodes, databases, and special processing to accomplish current and projected missions. At the same time, the ISR Enterprise will benefit greatly from RC-135 provision of ISR services, both intra- and post-mission. This will be achieved by building on current ongoing RC-135 ground systems, extending the number and performance of ISR services available through these systems, and fully meeting USAF/DoD/DNI SOA tenets. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. HELLER. 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. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FEMA—Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Reno, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1900, Reno, NV 89505.

Description of Request: \$500,000. The Reno area is ringed by federal lands and each year the growing community moves closer to the "wildland/urban interface," zone where the City limits meet open land. As a result, the threat of wildfires reaching and damaging the community grows significantly. The Reno Fire Department has initiated discussions with regional and statewide stakeholders to help residents and organizations undertake the needed mitigation that would reduce the susceptibility to wildfire. This Federal funding will expand fire suppression activities throughout the Washoe County area and provide assistance that would be shared by multiple partner agencies.

ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS PACKAGING

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that a number of companies in the outdoor industry have begun taking steps to reduce the amount of packaging that accompany their products. I commend the companies for their efforts to reduce waste and minimize their environmental footprint.

These businesses have taken meaningful steps toward the preservation of our planet, and they set a vital example for businesses throughout America. Over the past year, a coalition of outdoor industry companies worked together to create policies for the reduction of consumer waste. I was pleased to learn that they have successfully followed through with these policies, utilizing higher levels of recycled material and reducing the amount of packaging used in production.

As these companies demonstrate, a reduction in waste can be accomplished through a variety of innovative practices. In order to cut down on the use of new materials, one footwear company redesigned their shoeboxes to use 100 percent post-recycled content. A family-owned business that sells camping equipment began packaging mattresses in completely degradable plastic bags. Another travel accessories company completely overhauled their packaging program, eliminating about 15 tons of packaging waste.

These companies are a beacon of environmental awareness and responsible stewardship. They provide an example to all American businesses involved in manufacturing, which must begin to see the reduction of consumer waste as an essential step in protecting our environment. As members of Congress, it is our responsibility to encourage every industry to begin making such environmentally conscious choices as these.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. 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. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: RDA, 0603807A (PE Number), 70 (Line Number)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Zimmer Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 708, Warsaw, IN 46581

Description of Request: Zimmer has concepts for a pneumatic "nail" gun that would fire resorbable darts in rapid succession for the purpose of temporarily holding together the fragments of complex fractures prior to using standard plates and screws for long-