

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