

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-