

for expenditure with or to an entity or targeted to a specific State, locality, or congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process:

Section	Program or entity	State	Principal sponsor of Senate bill
2501(b) ..	Rio Puerco Watershed	NM ...	Bingaman/Domenici
7101(c) ..	Keweenaw National Historical Park	MI	Levin
7111	Women's Rights National Historical Park	NY	Clinton
7405(g) ..	St. Augustine Commemoration Commission	FL	Martinez/Nelson
8001(h) ..	Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area	CO	Salazar/Allard
8002(h) ..	Cache La Poudre National Heritage Area	CO	Allard/Salazar
8003(h) ..	South Park National Heritage Area	CO	Salazar
8004(h) ..	Northern Plains National Heritage Area	ND	Dorgan/Conrad
8005(h) ..	Baltimore National Heritage Area	MD ...	Mikulski/Cardin
8006(i) ...	Freedom's Way National Heritage Area	MA & NH	Kerry
8007(h) ..	Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area	MS	Cochran
8008(h) ..	Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area	MS	Cochran
8009(i) ...	Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area	AL	None
8010(h) ..	Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm NHA	AK	Murkowski
8201(c) ..	Quinebaug & Shetucket Nat. Heritage Corridor	CT	Dodd
9001(c) ...	Snake, Boise & Payette River Systems Study	ID	Craig
9002(b) ..	Sierra Vista Subwatershed Study	AZ	Kyl/McCain
9003(c) ...	San Diego Intertie Study	CA	None
9101(c) ...	Tumalo Irrigation Project	OR	Smith/Wyden
9102(d) ...	Madera Water Supply Project	CA	Feinstein
9103(e) ...	Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Project	NM ...	Bingaman/Domenici
9105(b) ...	Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Project	CO	Salazar/Allard
9106(g) ...	Rio Grande Pueblos	NM ...	Bingaman
9108(j) ...	Santa Margarita River	CA	None
9109(a) ...	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	CA	None
9110(a) ...	North Bay Water Reuse Authority	CA	Feinstein/Boxer
9111(a) ...	Prado Basin Treatment Project	CA	Feinstein
9112(b) ...	Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin	CA	Feinstein
9114(a) ...	Yucaipa Valley Water District	CA	None
9301(3) ...	San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund	CA	None
10009	San Joaquin Restoration Settlement	CA	Feinstein/Boxer
10203	Friant Division Improvements	CA	Feinstein/Boxer
10501	Reclamation Water Settlement Funds	NM ...	Bingaman/Domenici
10609(a) ...	Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project	NM ...	Bingaman/Domenici
10609(b) ...	San Juan Conjunctive Use Wells	NM ...	Bingaman/Domenici
10609(c) ...	San Juan River Irrigation Projects	NM ...	Bingaman/Domenici
10609(d) ...	Other Irrigation Projects	NM ...	Bingaman/Domenici
10702(f) ...	Navajo Nation Water Trust Fund	NM ...	Bingaman/Domenici
12006	National Tropical Botanical Garden	HI	Akaka

THE MATTHEW SHEPARD ACT OF 2007

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor on many occasions to highlight a separate violent, hate-motivated crime that has occurred in our country.

On Saturday, September 6, 2008, in Portland, ME, a 31-year-old resident was walking home at 12:30 a.m. when he was stopped by two men and assaulted. According to the police state-

ment, one of the assailants used homophobic slurs toward the victim, questioning his sexual orientation before attacking him. The police are searching for two suspects in connection with the weekend assault that they have classified as a hate crime. The victim was hit once in the head and recalls little else, the police said. A passerby reportedly found the victim unconscious on the sidewalk and called police. The victim was taken by ambulance to Maine Medical Center where he was admitted for treatment of a head injury.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Matthew Shepard Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

INCREASED BRAIN ANEURYSM AWARENESS

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to discuss an important medical condition that, in my opinion, is in need of increased attention. Brain aneurysm is defined by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, NINDS, as, "the dilation, bulging, or ballooning-out of part of the wall of an artery in the brain." Nationwide, there are 27,000 patients who each year have a ruptured aneurysm. But an estimated 6 million Americans currently live with an unruptured brain aneurysm. In Massachusetts alone, more than 1,000 cases of brain aneurysm are treated annually. With few symptoms, brain aneurysm is a condition that can strike without warning and have a devastating impact on individual lives and families in our country and abroad.

I applaud the efforts of the medical profession, research institutes such as the National Institutes of Health, NIH, and nonprofit organizations and groups such as the Brain Aneurysm Foundation who work tirelessly to combat brain aneurysm. Such work is critical to increasing the medical research and education that will lead to breakthroughs in the diagnosis and treatment of this devastating condition.

During the month of September, conferences and meetings are taking place across the country to raise brain aneurysm awareness. I want to recognize Massachusetts as one of several States which have declared the month of September as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month." Such declarations show that States across the country understand the importance of raising awareness of this condition and are taking the time to highlight the need for additional education. I support these efforts and look forward to Congress working in a similar fashion in the near future.

WORKFORCE POLICY

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise to thank Senator MURRAY. As chairman of the HELP Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, she works hard and effectively to protect workers and to champion skills development and employment services to help adults and dislocated workers and at-risk youth succeed in this highly competitive economy. I am proud to serve on this subcommittee. I thank Senator MURRAY for her leadership in introducing the Promoting Innovations to 21st Century Careers Act that will help young adults transition from high school to postsecondary education, including registered apprenticeship, and to the high skill jobs of the future. I am proud to cosponsor this legislation.

Mrs. MURRAY. I thank the Senator. I appreciate the Senator's work on skills-training issues, and I am proud to cosponsor his legislation entitled, "Strengthening Employment Clusters to Organize Regional Success—SECTORS—Act." Partnerships organized by industry sectors are an effective strategy to connect workers with thriving industries such as health care, emerging and transitioning industries like the energy industry, and manufacturing, which are vital to both the Ohio and Washington State economies. The strategies of both Promoting Innovations to 21st Century Careers Act and SECTORS Act are effective because they bring together the key stakeholders, including business, labor organizations, education at various levels, workforce boards, economic development entities, and other community organizations.

Mr. BROWN. I thank the Senator for highlighting local workforce boards as a key stakeholder in sector partnerships. It has been brought to my attention that we can further clarify that the SECTORS Act specifies the connection to local workforce boards. It is the intent for this legislation to acknowledge our local Ohio workforce boards and other regional and local workforce boards as key stakeholders in any industry sector strategy, something that is important to champions of good workforce policy.

Mrs. MURRAY. I thank the Senator for clarifying that point. The SECTORS Act models itself after many successful industry sector partnerships in our home States of Washington and Ohio, and elsewhere, such as Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. I look forward to continuing to work with the Senator to develop innovative workforce policies and programs that help our workers and communities stay competitive in this knowledge-based, technology-advanced, global economy.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CAPTAIN BENEDICT SMITH

Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of CPT Benedict Smith, who will

forever be a hometown hero of Monroe City, MO.

On Saturday, October 4, 2008, the citizens of Monroe City will gather at its local community airfield and name it in memory of Ben, who lost his life on November 7, 2003, when, while piloting a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter near Tikrit, Iraq, he was shot down.

In a famous speech given by General Douglas MacArthur before the West Point Corps of Cadets on May 12, 1962, MacArthur exclaimed:

Duty, Honor, Country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points: to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

Ben Smith, a 1999 graduate of the United States Military Academy, was what MacArthur envisioned—he did not just live “Duty, Honor, Country,” he was “Duty, Honor, Country.” He lived a life marked by a duty to serve a higher cause; he did so with impeccable honor; and, finally, he committed and ultimately sacrificed his life for his beloved country. Today, I humbly honor Ben and his family.

But saying that Ben served and sacrificed would only be telling part of his story, because Ben was more than a great man, he was also a lot of fun. I recently heard a story from one of Ben’s West Point classmates that demonstrates Ben’s wise guy attitude. In the spring of 1999 the senior cadets were brought together for a lecture. Officers from an Army unit that had recently returned from overseas deployment were to talk to the cadets about the challenges they would soon face as new second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. During a question and answer period Ben rose and boldly asked:

Sir, I was wondering, in the Army, will we be able to take the afternoon naps we have grown accustomed to here at West Point?

A roar of laughter followed. Ben Smith was brave well before his time and exhibited more than a healthy dose of a Missourians swagger.

Ben went on to become a helicopter pilot and soon joined the esteemed “Screaming Eagles” of the 101st Airborne Division. He would marry a fellow helicopter pilot, Maggie, in December 2002, and both would soon find themselves deployed to Iraq.

Ben, tragically, made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on this tour of duty. He would be received home by his family in Monroe City where an entire town rallied to honor its fallen hero and to support Ben’s loved ones. One military service member who attended Ben’s funeral later wrote:

The people of Monroe City, MO are truly what a community should be modeled after. You, your family and the people of Monroe City are and will always be true heroes.

I am proud of Ben Smith, of his family and of his many friends. I am also proud of Monroe City, which has so humbly supported Ben and the Smith

family. Monroe City reminds us all of the greatness of small town America. And Monroe City has displayed the special values of Missourians who have such a strong love of country and such a remarkable commitment to their communities. It is no surprise that a town like Monroe City produces American heroes such as Ben Smith.

As Ben’s friends and family once again come out to honor his memory and remember his life on the occasion of the naming of the Monroe City Regional Airport as the “Captain Ben Smith Airfield,” we are reminded of what it means to be an American. More importantly, we recognize how great it is to have the freedoms we enjoy as we also acknowledge that our freedom did not and does not come for free.

Part of the West Point Alma-Mater reads

And when our work is done, Our course on earth is run, May it be said, “Well Done; Be Thou at Peace.”

Ben is no doubt at peace today. Ben’s work was well done. His memory and sacrifice will always be with those of us still here on earth. Those who fly in and out of the Ben Smith Airfield may be said to take to the heavens in flight. Today I think we can safely say that Ben is flying in heaven.

IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in mid-June, I asked Idahoans to share with me how high energy prices are affecting their lives, and they responded by the hundreds. The stories, numbering well over 1,200, are heartbreaking and touching. To respect their efforts, I am submitting every e-mail sent to me through an address set up specifically for this purpose to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This is not an issue that will be easily resolved, but it is one that deserves immediate and serious attention, and Idahoans deserve to be heard. Their stories not only detail their struggles to meet everyday expenses, but also have suggestions and recommendations as to what Congress can do now to tackle this problem and find solutions that last beyond today. I ask unanimous consent to have today’s letters printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

I am listening to you on “Probing America” and wanted to express my thoughts on the current oil situation.

We, as a family, have obviously cut down on our driving around town and the trips to the store. We recently moved back to Idaho from Washington to be closer to my parents, who are having many health problems. They live in the small town of Soda Springs. Due to employment, I am not able to live closer than a couple hours away in Idaho Falls. Recently my father has had a stroke, and we have not been able to travel to Soda to help my mother out on the farm. We are a fairly new family (not well-established) and do not have a large amount of disposable income. Just the rise in our everyday gas costs has

cut the remaining disposable income down to nil and now we cannot afford to do the needed extra traveling. My oldest brother has been helping as much as he can, but I know that gas prices are a burden for him as well. This is frustrating to us as this is the only stumbling block that is preventing us in doing what we moved back to do. This does not even account for the increased price of all the other everyday items that are more expensive due to the retail market passing on their increased costs to the consumer.

I also just heard on the radio that Meals on Wheels in Pocatello may start turning away new customers due to high gas prices.

I think that the number one priority should be to expand our own resources. I am tired of being pushed around by a radical few. I believe that pollution is bad and that we should protect our surroundings as much as possible. However, I believe that a few radical environmentalists have outspoken the silent majority. I think that we should tap into the oil reserves that we have hear in our own back yard. I think that it is ludicrous that other countries are drilling for oil just off the coast and we are not able to. By allowing them to drill off our coast, we are accepting the risk of environmental pollution without any benefit. I think that we should tap into the reserves in ANWR. I believe that the imprint would be minimal compared to the benefit that we would receive.

Other energy resources, such as nuclear, should be expanded. However, our priority for the near future should be to start processing our own oil.

Thank you for your work and allowing us as Idahoans express our views.

JUSTIN.

I am a retired Idahoan who spent much of his professional career working at the Idaho National Laboratory, which, as you know, is our nation’s premier nuclear energy research laboratory. We have not realized the real potential of nuclear energy for decades. It was often said (at my workplace) that we will not appreciate the need for this technology until the brownouts and the cost of energy overcomes our fear of nuclear power. I think the time is near, and the sad part is that it takes years to permit and build new nuclear power plants.

As a retiree, I am constantly reminded of my family’s vulnerability to the rising cost of living. Fuel prices continue to force the costs of many of the staples of our life higher and those of us on fixed incomes have no recourse to mitigate this change to our lives. It takes little imagination to realize that our food chain, and everything connected to fossil fuels will be affected by this. Energy independence is crucial for our nation’s prosperity and to our children’s legacy as leaders of the free world. I am sure each of us has a vision for our future retirement and the quality of life that we have spent a lifetime planning for. We depend on the leadership in the congress and our nation’s administration to preserve our future economic security. This includes prioritizing the things we must do to avoid threats to our economy such as is occurring with this fuel crisis. Your help and those of your colleagues in congress is needed, now more than ever, and I support your efforts to make a difference.

R. E., *Blackfoot*.

Yes, high energy costs are impacting my family quite significantly. I grew up in Idaho and convinced my hubby and family to move to Idaho about five years ago. We plan on living here forever. We sold our house in Oregon and moved to Ashton into our family’s old farm house. My hubby works in Jackson, WY because he only has three years left before