

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2008*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today the House is considering three amendments to fund the war in Iraq, enact important policies regarding the war in Iraq, and meet critical domestic needs. I will support two of these amendments.

The American people want this wrong-headed war in Iraq to come to an end. More than 4,000 soldiers have lost their lives and billions of dollars have been spent. Yet this Administration insists on staying the course.

I will not support the amendment that would provide nearly \$163 billion through next summer to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. While I believe that our efforts in Afghanistan are necessary and have not received sufficient attention or resources since the start of the war in Iraq, I cannot support devoting billions of dollars to a failed policy in Iraq, particularly when we are facing significant economic problems here at home.

However, I strongly support the amendment that would enact several necessary policies regarding the war in Iraq including the complete withdrawal of American troops from Iraq by December 2009, ensuring congressional approval of any treaties between the United States and Iraq, no permanent bases in Iraq, and prohibiting torture techniques not authorized in the Army Field Manual. I hope that the final bill sent to the President will include these important provisions.

Finally, I am pleased to support the amendment that will expand benefits for veterans, provide, food, disaster, and refugee assistance, help strengthen levees in Louisiana, enact contracting reforms, and extend unemployment benefits in all states for 13 weeks and in some states, an additional 13 weeks. We must continue to do all that we can to help those Americans who are looking for employment in these difficult economic times.

I want to thank Chairman OBEY and Chairman MOLLOHAN for the inclusion of \$210 million in funding for the Census Bureau. This is a welcome first step in repairing the mismanagement of the 2010 Census planning process by the Bush Administration, and it is a responsible action by this Congress.

Full and fair representation is a fundamental building block of our democracy, and it is imperative that we guarantee every American is counted. While this funding is a critical first step, we must continue to hold this Administration accountable and restore the American people's confidence in our ability to fulfill this Constitutional mandate.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing additional funding for the war in Iraq so that we send the President the message he needs to hear: bring the troops home now.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION TO REPLACE THE ASHCROFT FBI GUIDELINES WITH THE LEVI FBI GUIDELINES

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, May 30th, 2002 Attorney General John Ashcroft changed the guidelines established by Attorney General Edward Levi in 1976 to curb abuses by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), following revelations of an FBI "enemies list" in the wake of the Watergate scandal.

The Levi Guidelines were adopted after the Church Committee found that the FBI had developed over 500,000 domestic intelligence files on Americans and domestic groups and had clearly targeted investigations to disrupt the efforts of dissenters. This famed Committee detailed the disturbing extent to which the FBI had spied on Americans such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., former Navy officer Father Roy Bourgeois, and Holocaust survivor and grandmother Edith Bell, all of whom were peaceful protestors and advocates for their beliefs.

While the Levi guidelines ensured there was a justifiable criminal investigation and supervision of such investigations, the Ashcroft Guidelines have enabled the FBI to investigate groups and individuals whether or not there was evidence of criminal activity. The Levi Guidelines required that limited FBI investigations be instigated by facts or circumstances that reasonably indicate a federal crime has been, is being or will be committed. Under the Ashcroft Guidelines, we have even seen college students endure taxpayer funded FBI interrogations and investigations for simply placing irreverent posters up in their college communities. In one case, the FBI resorted to grilling a North Carolina college student about "un-American materials" in her apartment, such as a poster of George W. Bush holding a noose. It read, "We hang on your every word." While some may argue this is not in good taste, it is far from a potential act of terrorism.

The Ashcroft Guidelines have allowed the FBI to attend and begin to track those present in every public meeting, at every demonstration and visiting all internet chat rooms. Americans need to be able to meet and debate without fear that their associations and dissent will end up in an FBI database at every turn. By severing the tie between evidence of crime and initial FBI surveillance, the Ashcroft Guidelines fundamentally alter the role of the FBI in our society and ignore the very basis for adoption of the original Levi Guidelines.

My Resolution is simple. It calls on Congress to reinstate the Levi guidelines which provide better protections for ordinary Americans from unwarranted, domestic FBI spying, on this, the 6-year anniversary of the eradication of such critical guidelines. This will end domestic spying such as that documented by the Church Committee report, where there is no evidence of criminal activity, while ensuring that the FBI can investigate anyone as long as there is a rational basis for doing so.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution urging that the Ashcroft

Guidelines be replaced with a return to the Levi Guidelines.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Department of Defense, Army RDT&E (R-1 Line #30).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229-3900.

Description of Request: The requested funds will be used to: Establish the National Center for Trauma Research, which will be the primary site for trauma research in the US; this will be accomplished through federal and non-federal funding; expand clinical research that benefits the nation's civilian and military trauma patient population, focusing on survival rates, pre-hospital interventions and surgical techniques; potential studies include wound healing, hemorrhage control with dressing, traumatic brain injury; establish telecommunications technology that connects the three trauma centers and Burn Center, necessary to coordinate disaster/bioterrorism response and also useful on a daily basis so that medical education opportunities at any facility are available across our system; develop a regional ICU Registry to parallel the current Regional Trauma Registry; coupling the data available in both allows researchers to study the entire patient episode, from pre-hospital to discharge and outcome; and support the infrastructure needed to accomplish these goals, given that during the same period new revenue streams from physician fee-for-service billing will partially replace the need for federal funding. NTI is directly leading to better care for combat casualties. Today military surgeons and nurses are continuing to be trained at NTI facilities prior to their deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan. Over 550 critically burned soldiers have been treated in San Antonio. The NTI is playing a critical role in our nation's battlefield medical response effort and helping to improve outcomes for these brave men and women.

SLAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICER STAMP ACT

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, my colleagues, and I rise today to speak about a concurrent resolution that I have just introduced that recognizes the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

My legislation would express the sense of Congress that a stamp, called the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Stamp, should be