

induction into the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame (MSHOF). Begun in 1987, the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame was created by the Mobile Chamber of Commerce to recognize those sports figures whose accomplishments and service have greatly benefited—and reflected credit on—the city of Mobile.

Coach Gottfried, an Ohio native, was a successful head football coach at Murray State, Cincinnati, and Kansas, before going to Pittsburgh, where he had wins over Notre Dame, Penn State, and West Virginia. In 1990, he moved to Mobile at the urging of his brother, University of South Alabama athletics director Joe Gottfried, for what he thought would be a temporary stay on the way to another college football coaching job. Eighteen years later, Coach Gottfried is still a resident of Mobile and is considered by many, including Mobile's Press-Register, as "one of the city's leading citizens."

In the late 1990s, Coach Gottfried was approached by then Mobile Mayor Mike Dow and then Press-Register Executive Editor Stan Tiner to gauge whether a postseason bowl game in Mobile could be successful. Using his contacts as a former head coach and as a football analyst for ESPN, he began building support for creating a bowl game in Mobile. That bowl game became the GMAC bowl, a bowl that is repeatedly rated as one of the top 10 bowl games to watch each year. Due in large part to Coach Gottfried's efforts, Mobile, with the GMAC bowl and the Senior Bowl, joined Miami as the only cities in the country to host two major college bowl games every year.

Shortly after the founding of the GMAC bowl, Coach Gottfried and his wife, Mickey, founded Team Focus, a Mobile-based community outreach program that provides fatherless boys with role models and positive influences in order to build character and foster self-esteem, self-worth and self-confidence. The program has grown rapidly, and today, there are camps in seven states and the District of Columbia. Last year, First Lady Laura Bush traveled to Mobile to commend Team Focus. She thanked all of the mentors for "trying to fill that void in the lives of these boys and being so successful at it."

Madam Speaker, throughout his life, Coach Mike Gottfried has been an outstanding role model for both children and adults alike. I know his family; his wife, Mickey; and his many friends join me in congratulating him on this remarkable achievement and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND
STEEL TOOL COMPANY ON
THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cleveland Steel Tool Company and in recognition of 100 years of service and business in the city of Cleveland.

Founded in 1908, the Cleveland Steel Tool Company began as a producer of patented punches for the automotive leaf spring industry, the same year that Henry Ford introduced

his Model T automobile. For the past 100 years CST's products have been used in bridge, automotive, aircraft and shipbuilding industries and the company incorporated under President J.E. Doolittle, in downtown Cleveland on West 3rd Street. CST has been there since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution and is now one of the leading manufacturers in the world of punches, dies, tools and specialties. CST has been able to stay true to its roots despite the demands of the new technological era. With an inventory of over 12,000 products, its equipment and staff provide the best service and technological expertise to its customers worldwide. Over 50 of its 100 years of service and business has been from the same plant location in Cleveland.

The community of employees at CST is comprised of engineers and a technical team who contribute their talent, trade and expertise within an array of roles, ensuring the collective success of the company and its clients. CST's team of engineers works tirelessly to create innovative solutions to the Metalworking industry and their ingenuity is the driving success behind CST's equipment design. The technical team works directly with CST's customers by providing support for their tooling application problems.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and gratitude of all members of the Cleveland Steel Tool Company and the individuals who live and work within our Cleveland community. May their individual and collective commitment to their work bring another 100 years of success for the Cleveland Steel Tool Company.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, H.R. 5658 contains an authorization of \$3 million for electromagnetic inflight propeller balancing. The entity to receive funding for this project is the LORD Corporation, located at 2000 W. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16509. The funding would be used for technology to electronically balance C-130 propeller blades. This project will benefit the U.S. Air Force C-130E/H fleet by reducing maintenance workload, improving aircraft readiness and availability, and improving the reliability of engine mounted components on C-130 aircraft. Initial estimates by the Air Force indicate a potential savings of \$169 million over 10 years.

H.R. 5658 contains an authorization of \$4 million for Next Generation Intelligent 8 Portable Radionuclide Detection and Identification Systems. The entity to receive funding for this project is eV Products, a division of II-VI, Incorporated, located at 373 Saxonburg Rd., Saxonburg, PA 16056. The funding would be used for development of Next Generation Intelligent Portable Radionuclide Detection systems. This project will be beneficial because these materials and systems are used for the detection, monitoring, and fast efficient reporting of the illegal import and transport of nuclear devices, special nuclear materials, and radiological materials.

H.R. 5658 contains an authorization of \$5 million in the aircraft procurement for the Army

account for UH-60A utility helicopter upgrades. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army, located at the Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310. The funding would be used for recapitalization and conversion of UH-60A to UH-60L helicopters as part of a UH-60A upgrade program. This project will be beneficial as it will result in significantly increased reliability, reduction in operating costs, and increased capability to Army National Guard helicopters.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and clause 9 of rule XXI, I submit the following statement for the RECORD.

The first purpose of the Federal Government is to provide for the common defense. In accordance with this responsibility, which I swore to do when I signed my oath of office, I offered several amendments in the House Armed Services Committee to H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009. One of the amendments I offered passed and I understand that Mr. SKELTON, Chairman of the Committee, is now considering it an "earmark", which I believe is an inappropriate application of the definition and one which could subject all budget designations in the entire budget which differ from the President's submitted budget in any way to be considered "earmarks." House rule XXI defines an earmark as something that is included 'primarily at the request of a Member,' and since the entire Committee considered and voted on my amendment, it was agreed to by the Committee, and not simply by one Member who by submitting an amendment, is merely offering it as a suggestion for the Committee's consideration. As such, the purpose of this statement is to describe what my amendment is and what it is not.

The American people are right when they say Congress has a serious problem abusing the legislative process to fund pet and pork projects with American taxpayers' dollars. As such, I opted to suspend my requests to authorization and appropriations Committees until the system is cleared up enough to restore confidence both to the taxpayer and to me. Until this year, I did submit requests to the authorization and appropriations Committees in order to receive funding for programs and projects that are worthy of Federal dollars. I have always supported transparency and have never shied away from detailing which requests I asked for and which requests were ultimately included in the bills.

Federal dollars should not be used simply to take from all taxpayers to pour into another person's coffers. In other words, Peter in New Mexico should not be robbed to pay Paul in Arizona, even if Paul lives in Congressional District Two, which I represent. Federal taxpayer dollars should be wisely used to ensure our entire Nation is served well. It was this principle that inspired me to offer three amendments in the Armed Services Committee.

One amendment, which passed in an en bloc amendment, restores \$6 million to the Joint Tactical Ground System Pre-Planned Product Improvement effort. I included an offset for the money as well. The offset is the Army's High-Capacity Communications Capability radio, which has approximately \$45 million more than the program can execute at this point in its acquisition life-cycle. This offset will not have a negative impact on the HC3 program.

For nearly fifteen years, the Army's Joint Tactical Ground System, or "J-TAGS," (Program Element: 0208053A) has stood watch over our forward-deployed forces by providing rapid warning of ballistic missile launches. JTAGS relies upon a direct downlink from Defense Support Program (or DSP) missile warning satellites. The Army intends to modernize JTAGS to process SBIRS data, but is underfunded to accomplish this upgrade for each of the JTAGS suites on a co-current timeline with satellite and sensor deployment. JTAGS is developed by multiple companies including Northrop Grumman in Azusa, California, Northrop Grumman in Boulder, Colorado, and Lockheed Martin in Sunnydale, California. The contract for the primary hardware is won competitively. The program offices are in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Huntsville, Alabama.

I have a letter from LTG Kevin Campbell, Commanding General of U.S. Army Space & Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command that calls attention to the risks we assume by under-funding this important upgrade, which is also included with this statement.

This amendment is not parochial, wasteful, or frivolous. It is an example of the fruits of good government oversight and of prudent caretaking of the American taxpayer's hard earned money. This amendment is being conflated with Members' requests to fund pet projects to benefit private entities that have been squeezed into the bill without offsets, transparency, and frankly without regard to the true purpose of government.

I believe the Chairman's definition of an earmark is at best inadvertently overbroad, and at worse it is deceiving to the American taxpayer, who will be closely watching the authorization process to ensure their money is not being abused.

The annual defense policy bill has the potential to authorize around \$515.4 billion of the American taxpayers' money to be spent to protect the Nation and U.S. interests worldwide. We must demonstrate to the American people that we are worthy of such responsibility. Since the Speaker pledged that this will be, "the most honest, ethical, and open Congress in history," I think the Armed Services Committee ought to provide the tables of the House Report to each HASC Member's office at least 2 days in advance to the Full Committee markup so that we and our staff can carefully consider the contents.

The Committee has traditionally provided directive report language 2 days in advance to each HASC Member's office because such report language has the effect of law. The accompanying report tables however, which are often secret until after the markup is complete also have the effect of law. Oftentimes the tables of the House Report are altered in en bloc amendments during the Committee markup, rather than the actual text of the bill. These changes are made to language we

have not seen and can add or take away funding for various projects, essentially circumventing the open and public means of amending the text of the bill. I would submit that if this Democratic controlled Congress is interested in truly reforming the earmark process, and since it is claiming to do so by calling my amendment an earmark, we should reassess what the problem actually is. The problem is wasteful spending in a secret, dishonest way without oversight. Truly restoring confidence in the taxpayers begins by shedding light on the report tables. This would be a step in the right direction.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, U.S.
ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND/ARMY FORCES STRATEGIC COMMAND,

Huntsville, AL, May 5, 2008.

Hon. TRENT FRANKS,
House of Representatives, Longworth Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN FRANKS: I would like to thank you and the members of the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces for inquiring on the needs of our Nation's requirements for assured theater ballistic missile warning. I also view early theater missile warning as a critical need for our forward deployed forces.

As you state in your 1 May 2008 letter, the capabilities provided by the Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTAGS) are essential to meet the Warfighters needs. It is important that we ensure unhindered execution of the JTAGS block upgrades and modernization, so that we can take advantage of the new Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS).

The Department's Fiscal Year 2009 JTAGS funding reduction of \$6 million has resulted in an increase of technical and schedule risk and caused the reprioritization of program scope. Specifically, this reduction will cause an approximately nine month delay of essential block upgrades impacting JTAGS integration into the SBIRS architecture.

Assured missile warning for our deployed forces remains an essential warfighting requirement. We appreciate your support in ensuring our men and women are provided every advantage for their protection.

Sincerely,

KEVIN T. CAMPBELL,
Lieutenant General, USA,
Commanding.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

Name of Earmark and Amount: Advanced Drivetrains for Enhanced Mobility and Safety—\$2.5 million.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account Information: Army, RDTE, PE 0603005A, Line 33.

Legal Name and Address of Receiving Entity: Eaton Automotive, 19218 B Drive South, Marshall, MI 49068.

Earmark Description: This request is for funding for the final phase of an on-going three phase program between Eaton and the US Army. Eaton has successfully worked with the Army for the past two years to develop specialized torque-modifying differentials for the HMMWV to improve the vehicle safety. The Phase I and II work was structured to first

adapt commercial Eaton side-to-side torque modifying differentials to HMMWVs. These programs have proven very successful in quantitatively demonstrating improved vehicle safety. Prototype systems will be delivered to the Army for additional testing in May 2008. Military-hardened side-to-side systems will be subsequently developed and delivered in 2009. This Phase III funding request is for a center coupler to provide full active 4x4 torque management to military vehicles.

Earmark Budget

Model hardware function and vehicle maneuvers—15%—\$375,000.

Materials—modifications to transfer case and addition of differential—25%—\$625,000.

Preliminary Bench test and vehicle functional tests—10%—\$250,000.

Labor—Design/procure hardware, develop preliminary controls software—50%—\$1,250,000.

Total—\$2,500,000.

Total Phase III project cost: \$3,500,000.

Federal funds: \$2,500,000.

Eaton internal funds: \$1,000,000.

Percent matching funds = \$1,000,000/\$3,500,000 x 100% = 29%.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, per House Republican earmark disclosure rules, I submit the following to be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Requesting Member: Congressman DENNY REHBERG.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: MILCON, Army National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montana Army National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1900 Williams St., Fort Harrison, Montana 59636.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$621,000 for the construction of the Miles City Readiness Center. This is the first year authorization of a multi-year construction project. Specifically, funding for this project includes:

Item	Cost (in \$1,000s)
Primary Facility	10,134
Readiness Center	6,326
Flammable Materials Facility	20
Controlled Waste Facility	60
Unheated Metal Storage Bldg	551
Unheated Enclosure/Vehicle Storage	1,977
Circulation and Access	75
Support Facilities	1,872
Electric Service	125
Water, Sewer, Gas	200
Steam/Chilled Water Distribution	10
Paving, Walks, Curbs, Gutters	568
Storm Drainage	50
Site Imp	836
Information Systems	54
Antiterrorism Measures	29
Est. Contract Cost	12,006
Contingency (5%)	600
Subtotal	12,606
Supervision, Inspection, Overhead (3%)	378
Design Contract Not Used	0
Contract Commission (1% Primary Fac)	101
Total Request	13,086

The existing Miles City Readiness Center was originally constructed for an Armored Cavalry Unit in 1957 and consists of 8,481 square feet of administrative, training, supply and arms vaults, locker rooms, classrooms