

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