

CONFERENCE REPORT H.R. 2419,
FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND EN-
ERGY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF
HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I would like to make a few brief comments to clarify the fruit and vegetable provisions that were in the conference report.

In this and previous Congresses, Madam Speaker, I have cosponsored legislation to allow farmers who grow fruit and vegetables for processing to opt out of farm programs on an acre-for-acre basis without limitation, changes that would reduce farm program costs and improve the environment by allowing more extensive crop rotations. I am very pleased that the farm bill conference report takes a step in this direction by establishing a pilot project to allocate 75,000 acres of new authority for the production of fruit and vegetables for processing in specified Midwestern states.

To administrate this pilot project, the conference agreement gives the USDA broad discretion. It does not specify a procedure for allocation of the pilot project acreage or other administrative matters, such as re-allocation of unused acreage allocations among states. However, the agreement does clearly state that USDA is required to establish rules to assure that this additional fruit and vegetable production authority will not be abused. For example, only fruit and vegetables under contract for processing are to be produced under this authority, and the USDA is to assure that all of the crop produced is delivered to a processor and that the quantity of crop delivered under the original contract (the contract in existence upon Farm Service Agency certification) does not exceed the quantity that is produced on the contracted acreage.

Furthermore, the effects of the pilot project and fruit and vegetable restrictions on the specialty crop industry, both fresh and processed, are to be evaluated. These restrictions are intended to protect the objectives of the pilot project, not to compel food waste or excessively burden Farmers with added regulation. Finally, the conference report includes an important statement of policy indicating that in the next recalculation of base acreage, fruit and vegetable production will not cause a reduction in a farmer's base acreage. While this is a small step in reducing restrictions on the production of fruits and vegetables, it is a step in the right direction, and I commend the conference committee for including it.

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: Cold Weather Layering System (CWLS)—\$4.0 million.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account Information: Navy, O&M, MARINE CORPS, PE BA01-1106N, Line 010.

Legal Name and Address of Receiving Entity: Peckham Industries, 2822 North Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

Earmark Description: The CWLS is part of the Marine Corps' Mountain and Cold Weather Clothing and Equipment Program, which provides lightweight, durable combat clothing that allows Marines to operate in all kinds of cold weather environments. It is the intent of the Commandant of the Marine Corps to provide warfighters with a "capability set" of clothing to facilitate expeditionary operations in mountainous and cold weather environments. The goal is for the CWLS to reduce the weight and volume that a Marine operating as dismounted infantry must carry to accomplish combat missions in those conditions.

Earmark Budget: Cost of Garments Per System (for Peckham/Polartec layer of system ONLY)—\$137.07; Test and build approximately 29,000 total systems—\$4,000,000; Garment Production—\$2,000,000; Materials—\$1,600,000; Quality Control/Fielding—\$400,000; Total—\$4,000,000.

The Cold Weather Layering System includes: 1 Polartec Windpro MARPAT Jacket; 1 Polartec Stretch Windpro Hat; 1 Set of Polartec PowerDry Silkweight underwear top and pants; 1 Set of Polartec PowerDry Grid long underwear top and pants.

BILL CASTOR: BROUGHT THE
WORLD TO HIS CLASSROOM

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, as Americans we begin our careers with lofty goals; the sky is the limit because in America it is "okay" to dream big. And when we retire, and as we look back over our lives can we say that we made a difference and left the world a better place? I can assure you Bill Castor can say that without hesitation.

After 39 years of teaching in public education, Bill Castor has been an inspiration to his profession, the community, and most importantly, his students.

Bill graduated from Lapel High School in May 1964, and in 1969 he graduated from Ball State University where he received a Bachelors of Science degree in Social Studies, Sociology, American History, and Psychology. In 1973, he received his Masters degree in Social Studies Education from Purdue University.

As a young teacher in the 1970s at West Central High School, Bill taught my wife—then Joni Geyer. Joni always speaks fondly at the mention of his name.

Throughout his teaching career, Bill has taught both high school and middle school. His teaching assignments have included psychology, sociology, geography, government, and American history.

In his teaching career, Bill brought the world into his classroom. He knew how to bring history to life. Stepping into Bill's classroom was like stepping into the past as he incorporated his love for antiques in his lessons. Whether looking at an 1840s cabinet or a showcase of his antiques, history was not just read from a book in his classroom, but tangible items that students could see and touch.

Bill's sense of humor makes it easy to understand how he made such an impact on his students. Whether lecturing, involving students in a class project or discussion, or telling stories about the people and events in our country's history, his sense of humor was deeply woven throughout the classes that he taught, keeping participation and interest high for his students.

Bill's love for the liberties which make this Nation great are reflected in his efforts to honor the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform. In that regard Bill organized Veteran's Day celebrations to make sure his students did not forget the people who spend their lives protecting our freedom. I have enjoyed participating in several of these activities honoring America over the years including the annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Bill would do along with his fellow teacher, Jody Healy.

The staff and students Roosevelt Middle School will miss Bill Castor. The teaching profession will miss him. He has left behind a fine legacy. His pleasant and positive outlook on life has been a refreshing and motivating influence on the students and faculty of Roosevelt Middle School.

Teachers often say that the biggest reward that they get from their profession is when they "connect" with students. Bill Castor connected with his students on a daily basis. He set the bar high as he brought the world to his classroom and challenged his students every day. In short, he made a difference in so many students' lives.

Mr. Castor, you should be proud of your contributions to your students, your fellow teachers and your community. Thank you for being a part of the Roosevelt Middle School faculty.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman FRED UPTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eaton Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 19218 B Drive South, Marshall, MI 49068.

Description of Request: This request is to provide funding for the final phase of an ongoing three phase program between Eaton and the U.S. Army. Eaton Corporation, which produces truck components in Galesburg, Michigan, has successfully worked with the Army over the past several years to develop specialized torque-modifying differentials for the HUMVEE to improve the vehicle safety. Phase I and II of the project was structured to first adapt commercial Eaton side-to-side torque modifying differentials to HUMVEES. These programs have proven very successful in quantitatively demonstrating improved vehicle safety by increasing mobility and stability on rough terrain and drastically reducing vehicle rollovers. Prototype systems will be delivered to the Army for additional testing in May

2008. Military-hardened systems will be subsequently designed.

The third and final phase of the program is to develop a front-to-rear transfer case to modulate the driving torque between the front and rear axles. In conjunction with the side-to-side system developed in Phases I and II, this will provide the soldier with the ultimate system for HUMVEE stability and mobility through complete 4x4 active torque management.

Financial Breakdown:

Funding Source Breakdown: 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 × 100 percent = 29 percent.

Allocation of Funds: 15 percent—\$375,000—Model hardware function and vehicle maneuvers; 25 percent—\$625,000—Materials—modifications to transfer case and addition of differential; 10 percent—\$250,000—Preliminary Bench test and vehicle functional tests; 50 percent—\$1,250,000—Labor—Design/procure hardware, develop preliminary controls software.

Justification for the use of taxpayer dollars: This program addresses a key military need for tactical wheeled vehicle stability and mobility. The technology will greatly improve soldier safety and survivability and mission effectiveness. Eaton Automotive is a commercial company serving non-military customers. Taxpayer dollars are requested for this program to adapt Eaton commercial technology to military vehicles.

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF
BARRY H. GOTTEHRER**

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great leader, a great man, and a truly great American, Barry H. Gottehrer.

A Bronx native, Barry graduated from the Horace Mann School, Brown University, and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

A well-known journalist, Barry worked as an author, sportswriter, and editor at various magazines, including Newsweek. In the mid-1960s, noted reporter Dick Schaap recruited Barry to lead a team of reporters at the New York Herald-Tribune in an examination of the rising crime and racial tensions that were plaguing New York City. The award-winning series, "City in Crisis," was credited with helping to elect John V. Lindsay mayor of New York in 1965.

Barry went on to join the Lindsay administration as a mayoral assistant, and he soon organized the Urban Action Task Forces, described in his New York Times obituary as "neighborhood-based groups created to anticipate local grievances and to quell unrest."

In a memoir, "The Mayor's Man," Barry described himself as "a white in a world of black and brown, a moderate in a world of revolutionaries, trying to bring change where change seemed needed most, trying to buy time until the change would come."

While serving in Mayor Lindsay's office, Barry created the precursor of the office to

promote television and film production in New York. He also instituted a summer jobs program for young people.

Following his tenure in the administration, Barry joined Madison Square Garden as a senior executive before joining MassMutual, where he served as senior vice president of government relations for many years. In 1996, Barry left MassMutual to work as an independent Washington-based consultant.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated public servant, community leader, a friend to many, as well as a wonderful husband and father. Barry Gottehrer will be dearly missed by his family—his wife, Patricia Anne Gottehrer; his children, Kevin Gottehrer, Andrea Kling and Gregg Salem; and his two grandchildren—as well as the many countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I wish to submit the following earmark:

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Additional Defense Access Roads funding for Fort Bragg Access Roads, Phase I (Bragg Boulevard/Murchison Road)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: BRAC Regional Task Force, Inc. Fort Bragg, NC.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 70999 Fort Bragg, NC 28307, USA.

Description of Request: This request increases the Department of Defense funding authorization from the President's FY09 Budget level of \$13.24 million by an additional authorization for \$8.56 million. The increase is due to revisions to the original project necessitated by BRAC and other mission growth at Fort Bragg. This is a high priority security project to close Bragg Boulevard to public traffic through Fort Bragg. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of the new FORSCOM HQ which is being built in close proximity to Bragg Boulevard. The project will widen Murchison Road to flow traffic around Fort Bragg and includes two new interchanges to access control points at Fort Bragg. The project is currently being planned and designed by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in two phases. This increase is needed for Phase I which will widen NC 210 (Murchison Road) to six lanes beginning at the new I295 Fayetteville Outer Loop interchange and continue north to include a new interchange at Honeycutt Rd. The new interchange, rather than an at-grade crossing is the reason for the additional funds. NC DOT is providing additional funding for this.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDTE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership for Defense Innovation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville NC 28301.

Description of Request: The Partnership for Defense Innovation received an authorization for \$3 million for an expansion of the PDI Special Operations Forces Wireless Testbed by establishing a testing and evaluation assessment center. This added capability will provide rapid testing and assessment, modeling and simulation, software verification, validation and accreditation, strategic analysis and consulting, and provides built out laboratories and equipment bays designed for technical testing and assessment. Capabilities will include an indoor high-bay for vehicle modification and testing, a radio frequency testing chamber for evaluation of communications equipment, and environmental testing chambers designed to test and assess the temperature and humidity impact on equipment. USSOCOM requires testing and assessment of emerging technologies in net-centric operations. USSOCOM is facing a convergence of factors constraining military bandwidth. The reliance on the vast amount and types of data that the net-centric warrior requires for computing, communication, command & control, intelligence and surveillance is challenging. These different types of data are collected from a plethora of different sources and sensor types, which rely on different data transfer protocols that can affect the size of the files and thus bandwidth demands. The Lab will continue to problem-solve these issues while providing a proximate test bed for just-in-time new product tests and evaluations on WiFi battlefield solutions.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Defense-Wide, RDT&E, R=1 Line Number: 23; PE #: 1160401BB.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DropMaster, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3600 Abernathy Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28311.

Description of Request: Provide a \$3.5 million defense authorization to produce a stealthy and expendable small payload system of aerial re-supply providing Special Operations Forces with immediate on-call logistical airdrop leveraging existing technologies to produce a scalable family of CopterBox units with precision guidance. Special Operations Forces have successfully used hundreds of unguided CopterBox units in Afghanistan and seek to replace depleted inventory. FY09 funding will supply current needs and produce a guidance system and a scalable family of precision-guided expendable airdrop delivery vehicles (EADS). Using FY08 USSOCOM appropriations, the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center is preparing to undertake initial certification drop-testing of CopterBox. Full FY09 funding will develop guidable variants and result in a self-sufficient program as certified EADS units are purchased in the ordinary procurement process.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Operations & Maintenance, Marine Corps, Operating Forces.