The $40 million of stimulus funding is for improvements to Kings Bay submarine base, which means architecture, construction, and engineering jobs on top of expanded hospital facilities and energy efficient upgrades.

Another example: St. Johns County, St. Augustine, FL—the oldest continuous settlement in the United States—1565. We are going to celebrate the 450 year anniversary. We have 42 years on the English settlement in Jamestown, VA. Not 1607, Jamestown; but 1565, St. Augustine. Well, their school system was going to cut teacher and staff salaries and force them to take unpaid days. Now they are going to get an infusion of an additional $9 million this year and another $9 million next year so these cuts won’t occur.

Going over to the West Coast of Florida—Tampa. The Tampa International Airport. It is going to create 250 new jobs using $8 million from the stimulus bill to go out there and improve a taxiway on one of the major runways. This is a job where it would have been done had it not been for this bill.

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Let me give another example. The big county hospital in Miami—Jackson Memorial Hospital—is a similar case of about a $45 million whack that was going to occur because of the State of Florida constraining its Medicaid funding. The bill for Florida allowed that additional money to flow and, therefore, that hospital will not have its services terminated for a good part of the medically needy as well as the disabled.

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