

of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate devastating citrus diseases and disease vector. This project is eligible to receive a federal grant under the Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES) Account.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on an official leave of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on the account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote No. 328 to H.R. 2410 taken on June 10, 2009. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted nay.

As an ardent supporter of the unborn, I am strongly opposed to this legislation, which among many issues created an Office of Global Women's Issues that could advocate for abortions around the world. I believe that life begins at conception and could not support this legislation without safeguards that ensure that abortion is not promoted.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that is listed in H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: National Institute for Food and Agriculture, SRG

Title: Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request: Funding for this project will support a collaborative research and education program between the Pennsylvania State University and the Rodale Institute that will help diverse farm operations better adopt sustainable farming practices. The project will increase field research and demonstration to enhance the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Practices to be further investigated and field-demonstrated include: crop species and cultivars for inclusion in crop rotations that improve the performance of sustainable and organic cropping systems, especially for the Northeast; fine-tuning of management guidelines for mechanical control of cover crops and weeds in conservation and no-tillage systems to reduce or eliminate herbicides; factors that better promote conserva-

tion of biological control organisms and beneficial soil microorganisms for weed seed predation and management of other pests; and practices that increase soil organic matter.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Provision: Title I

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Extension

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$209,000 to fund the Pilot Technology transfer services and engineering assistance to small, rural manufacturers with the goal of improving their profitability and enhancing the economy in rural communities. More specifically, 25 percent of these funds be used for Oklahoma State University's Corporate Extension office to fund the salary and benefits for one Applications Engineer, 25 percent of the funds would fund the Rural Enterprises Institute, and 50 percent of the funds would fund a companion program at Mississippi State University.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Provision: Title I

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$223,000 for the expanded Wheat Pasture project to develop science and technologies, uniquely adapted wheat varieties, decision-support economic models, and extension education programs to increase profitability of the many dual-purpose wheat enterprises (i.e. wheat grain and stocker cattle) in Oklahoma and the southern Great Plains and strengthen the economies of rural communities. More specifically, 60 percent will be used for staff salaries to conduct the program; 33 percent will be for the annual land lease where field trials are conducted; and 7 percent will be used for field supplies, vehicles and maintenance and other miscellaneous expenses.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Provision: Title I

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "City of Norman, Oklahoma"

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$177,000 for the Integrated Production Systems for Alternative Crops to develop and refine crop management techniques that enable environmentally sound and economically feasible production of alternative crops that will best utilize natural resources as they produce organically grown vegetable crops and crops for the bio-fuel industry. The research and educational program includes organic production practices, pest management strategies and weed control using organically approved practices and chemical agents. The work is conducted at the Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lane, Oklahoma. All the funding will be used for the technician, researcher and student salaries needed to carry out the program.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service—Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Carson City, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 N. Carson Street, Suite 2, Carson City, NV 89701

Description of Request: \$375,000. Carson City suffered a devastating wildfire in July 2004. Over 8,700 acres reaching across the entire west side of Carson City were burned. This devastation removed all vegetation, and destroyed a large stand of timber. The eastern flank of the Sierras remains burned and barren. These mountains are extremely steep, and severe erosion continues to occur. Carson City therefore faces threats from flooding and potential debris flows, as well as severe damage to surface water supplies. This federal funding will help to continue critical reforestation work, which is necessary to control erosion, prevent flooding, and restore the areas destroyed by the fire.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding received in my district as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.