

3,500 clinics and hospitals nationwide are implementing the program, reaching more than 25% of America's at-risk-children. Funding provided by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education has been matched by tens of millions of dollars from the private sector and state governments. Program has benefited over 18,000 children in the First District.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: DOE, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trident Technical College

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 118067, Charleston, SC 29423

Description of Project: Purchasing simulators and equipment for a nursing simulation lab at Trident's School of Nursing; equipment will allow integration of simulation into every nursing program at the college; the nation and South Carolina is suffering from a nursing shortage, and Trident Tech has one of the most successful nursing schools in South Carolina.

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Account: Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Medical University of South Carolina Hollings Cancer Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 86 Jonathan Lucas Street, Charleston, SC 29425

Description of Project: Funding will be used to purchase medical and diagnostic equipment to support the research work at NCI-designated Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC. The Center is focused on cancer molecular diagnostics as a path-way to create new cancer screening tools, design of new treatments, monitor treatment effectiveness and predict patient response. Equipment will enhance the Center's ability to partner with other oncology providers across the state to not only improve research but ensure that South Carolina patients receive cutting-edge care.

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Account: Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Roper St. Francis Healthcare

Address of Requesting Entity: 316 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Description of Project: Purchase of equipment a new hospital operated by non-profit health care provider to serve rural areas that currently lack health care services; by increasing access to health care, project will assist in reducing long-term health care costs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Centre County Commissioners, 420 Homes Street, Willowbank Building, Bellefonte, PA 16823, in the amount of \$750,000. Funding will be used for Safety Improvements along the US Route 322 Corridor in Centre County.

STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Thank, you Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairman SPRATT, for introducing this critical bill. As a Member of the House Budget Committee, I rise in support of H.R. 2920, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009. This vote is one of the most important actions Congress can take towards ensuring fiscal discipline and restoring a balanced federal budget.

Our nation faces great challenges in our efforts to get our economy back on track. As we take steps in Congress to address short-term economic problems, we need to do so with an eye on the long-term impact of our decisions. As a former business owner, I know the importance of keeping your books balanced and your budget in order. You can't run a successful business by spending more money than you have and running up huge deficits. Careful budgeting often means making tough choices. But oftentimes the tough choices are the necessary ones. I remember the 1990s, when we turned large deficits into budget surpluses through a disciplined commitment to balancing the budget.

H.R. 2920 requires Congress to pay for any new policy that reduces revenues or expands spending. Under this bill, if the net effect of all new tax and entitlement legislation enacted during a session of Congress resulted in an increase to the deficit, there would have to be a corresponding cut in Federal spending. However, this balanced proposal protects our most vulnerable citizens by preventing cuts in certain designated initiatives like Social Security, Medicaid, and school nutrition funding. H.R. 2920 also represents a realistic approach that would make an exception for emergency spending and several current policies including Medicare physician payments, the Alternative Minimum Tax, middle class tax cuts, and the current estate tax exemption.

While we have heard a lot of rhetoric from our colleagues on the other side of the aisle

about fiscal responsibility, all that they offer is "more of the same." In 2002, the Republican-controlled Congress allowed PAYGO rules to expire, which took us from a projected surplus of \$5.6 trillion to projected deficits of more than \$11 trillion. Their substitute amendment would have replaced PAYGO with discretionary spending limits and deficit targets. Targets are not enough, and have failed us in the past. We need statutory and automatic requirements to comply with PAYGO. The Republican proposal also exempted tax cuts from complying with PAYGO, which is part of how we ended up in the current economic crisis. More of the same will not solve our economic problems.

I cosponsored the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act because it is a crucial step towards returning to fiscal discipline, just as I have worked on the budget committee to pass responsible, disciplined spending plans. This commitment goes back to my first term in Congress, when I crossed party lines to support the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. We need discipline now in order to make sure we can afford our most important priorities for future generations down the road. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to commit to budget discipline and vote in favor of H.R. 2920.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Project Funding Amount: \$400,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Southern College

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, FL 33801

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction costs and to purchase instructional technology and equipment for the nursing skills lab to allow Florida Southern College (FSC) to continue increasing student enrollment in its nursing programs in an effort to address the well-documented, critical shortage of nurses in the State of Florida and the nation. Specifically, accommodating rapidly growing enrollment in Florida FSC's RN-to-BSN, BSN, and MSN programs and to prepare for further growth from their three-year cooperative BSN program with Polk State (Community) College, FSC is constructing a 3,000-square-foot expansion of the Joe K. and Alberta Blanton Nursing Building, which will house a classroom and a high-tech nursing skills lab.