

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, due to scheduling conflicts, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 607. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Springfield Rail Relocation, IL Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Federal Railroad Administration: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Illinois Department of Transportation, located at 2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62702.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to design, engineer, and acquire land for rail line relocation in Springfield, Illinois.

COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH
INVASION OF CYPRUS**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, this week, we commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Over a third of a century ago, more than 200,000 Cypriots were driven from their homes and forced to live under foreign occupation. We are at a critical juncture in the pursuit of peace and prosperity for all Cypriots, and I urge all parties to move toward a peaceful resolution and reunification effort that will build a more united and prosperous Cyprus.

There is a strong view that any solution to the Cyprus problem must include a bicomunal, bi-zonal federal State of Cyprus. The international community has stressed that this should include a single sovereignty and a single citizenship, with its independence and territorial integrity safeguarded, and comprising two politically equal communities as described by the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

I welcome the renewed interest in the efforts for a lasting solution. Under initiatives undertaken by President Christofias since his election in 2008, there is a movement which I hope will finally lead to a comprehensive solution to the problems facing Cyprus.

The leaders of the Greek and Turkish-Cypriot communities have demonstrated a strong commitment by holding more than 35 rounds

of direct talks starting on September 3, 2008, and continuing on a regular basis. These ongoing reunification talks between the two Cypriot leaders offer real opportunity to advance peace and work toward a just and lasting reunification. If there is commitment to establishing one prosperous Cyprus in which all people benefit from good relations with the international community and membership in the EU, we must resolve to do everything we can to make this goal a reality.

I am confident the Cypriots' desire to reunify their country, to bring peace and prosperity throughout the region, and ultimately to stand up for what they believe in, will prevail. I sincerely hope a solution to reuniting the island of Cyprus will be reached under a government that safeguards basic human rights and democracy and respects the fundamental freedoms of the people as a whole.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership guidelines on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I requested that were included as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kern County Roads Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 2700 M Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield, California 93301

Description of Request: \$400,000 was included for the Kern County Roads Department to help fund construction of a six-lane overpass along Seventh Standard Road at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crossing. Seventh Standard Road is located in the northern Bakersfield metropolitan area, and serves as a major goods carrier route and east/west corridor in the community. This grade separation project will produce local jobs and reduce congestion and air pollution from idling vehicles as more than 50 high-speed trains cross Seventh Standard Road at this railroad crossing daily.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the FY10 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY10 Labor/HHS/ Education Appropriations Act

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Project Name: Sioux City College Center

Amount: \$100,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Wayne State College located at 1111 Main Street, Wayne, Nebraska

Description: To adequately address the higher education and workforce development needs of Dakota and Thurston Counties, Nebraska higher education institutions Wayne State College and Northeast Community College are collaborating with the city of South Sioux City to build and equip the South Sioux City College Center to offer academic programs specifically designed to meet the needs of Nebraska and the tri-state region. The new College Center will serve the area by creating a "one-stop" consolidated service center offering community and economic development resources in addition to providing educational opportunity for area residents at an affordable price. This funding would assist with the purchase of distance learning equipment, nursing/health/science lab technology and equipment; business and industry training technology equipment; and general classroom equipment.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, FY10 Labor/HHS/ Education Appropriations Act

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project Name: University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Initiative

Amount: \$150,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska Medical Center located at 986380 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska 68198

Description: The funding would be used by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) to create a biomarkers database of rural diseases to assess environmental influences on the development of diseases by collecting health information from at least 50,000 Midwesterners. Currently most information about the relationship between disease and the environment is generated by major databases located in large urban areas on the east and west coasts which tend to be regionally specific and generally not applicable to rural areas. This database would be the first research cohort in the Midwest to study the relationship between rural populations, the environment, and disease development. This project could reveal environmental factors responsible for birth defects or lymphoma, a cancer with high incidence in Nebraska. The data will provide valuable information on the factors influencing development of deadly diseases like cancer and position UNMC Eppley Cancer Institute to be designated a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Comprehensive Cancer Center. This high distinction will allow for the most advanced patient care and research to be available in Nebraska. UNMC is the ideal institution to spearhead this database with its numerous resources, well-established statewide hospital network to collect data, a state-of-the-art cancer research team and facilities, and comprehensive database capabilities to collect and assess acquired data from this project.