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DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3293) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Chair, I want to commend your hard work on this bill which shows our strong commitment to America's children, seniors, families, and others in most need.

In particular, I want to thank the Chairman for increasing funding for the NIH, CDC and SAMHSA.

When it comes to medical research the bill moves our nation forward. It provides \$500 million over the President's Budget for the National Institutes of Health so that NIH can get us closer to the cures that we all wait for.

When it comes to addressing our national security from the H1N1 virus it moves our nation forward. The bill gives \$545 million total for critical pandemic flu activities at NIH, CDC and the Office of the Secretary.

When it comes to public and preventative health the bill moves our nation forward. It provides increases to health professions and nursing education, which have been starved in recent years. This year instead, we will be able to train the doctors, nurses, and other health professionals the country needs to ensure that more people get quality health care.

When it comes to mental health and substance abuse services the bill moves us forward. In particular, I want to commend the new initiative funded by the Chairman in SAMHSA regarding the effects of the economic downturn on mental health. There is \$5 million provided for a Community Resilience Initiative.

Nowhere are our economic hard times felt more than in Rhode Island, where we have over twelve percent (12%) unemployment and a state in budget crisis. This new initiative will help workers across the nation and in my state, to better cope with the stress this economy is placing on them.

I also would like to commend the Chairman for his commitment to funding the Senator Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. Named after my father, the senior Senator from Massachusetts, this bill provides the public and volunteer service roadmap for the Twenty-first Century, much like my uncle's call to service over 40 years ago.

Named after a steadfast leader of so many of the programs that are funded in this bill, from vocational education to AmeriCorps, from NIH research to the Corporation for National and Community Service, it is only fitting that

funding for the Senator Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the Senate be included in this Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. I thank the Chairman for his support for what will be a part of a tremendous legacy.

Again, I want to thank the Gentleman from Wisconsin and his staff, for their unwavering commitment to the vital programs in this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I requested as part of H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southern Research Institution

Address of Requesting Entity: 757 Tom Martin Drive, Birmingham, AL 35211

Description of Request: Provide \$3,000,000 to provide a needed testbed platform for evaluation of advanced sensor technologies in a cost-effective and countermeasure development for threat systems. The Captive Carry Sensor Testbed addresses the unfunded requirement for enhancing weapon system effectiveness through the development and integration of a UAV-based captive carry sensor testbed and characterization of realistic flight conditions. The project's total budget is \$4,000,000. Specifically within the budget, \$600,000 will go toward system procurement, \$200,000 will go toward system integration, \$1,500,000 will go to an Alabama subcontractor for software and systems, \$900,000 will go toward SRI Program Management, and \$800,000 will go toward Army project management and administration. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account. The Southern Research Institute will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama at Birmingham

Address of Requesting Entity: 1802 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35249

Description of Request: Provide \$1,500,000 for development of a medical training simulation using a supercomputer based, immersive virtual environment to train military personnel in medical skills. The simulation will focus on combat search and rescue, mass casualty, confined space, and other challenging environments and scenarios to enhance training. The training simulation capability would allow mili-

tary personnel to quickly and cost effectively adapt, train, and develop responses for a variety of emerging threats and emergencies. The project's total budget is \$3,837,000. Specifically within the budget, \$1,500,000 will go toward personnel, \$1,200,000 will go toward IT equipment, \$200,000 will go toward software, \$75,000 will go toward administrative expenses, \$25,000 will go toward travel, and \$837,000 will go toward indirect costs. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account. The University of Alabama at Birmingham will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849

Description of Request: Provide \$1,500,000 to develop and demonstrate logistical fuel processor-fuel cell combinations that operate at significantly higher efficiencies than currently used by the Army. System improvements include: overall efficiency, fuel flexibility, activity maintenance and poison tolerance of the various catalysts, startup/shutdown timescales, process strength, reliability, safety, thermal/acoustic signature and integration, and reductions in overall weight and volume. This project directly supports the war fighting capabilities of the entire U.S. military. Moreover, it focuses on more efficient power generation from readily available existing fuels, and develops and underpins dual use technologies critical to the energy security of the U.S. The project's total budget is \$6,970,000. Specifically within the budget, \$2,230,000 will go toward Auburn personnel costs, \$1,200,000 will go toward research expense and supplies, \$900,000 will go toward supplies, \$1,090,000 will go to a subcontractor, \$300,000 will go to Anniston Army Depot for tech support for Army vehicle retrofits, and \$1,250,000 will go toward Army project management and administration. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account. Auburn University will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama at Birmingham

Address of Requesting Entity: 1530 3rd Avenue South, AB 720E, Birmingham, AL 35294

Description of Request: Provide \$1,500,000 to focus on rapid development and application insertion of emerging design, materials, and manufacturing technologies to provide solution options for many important military needs. Particular research projects will focus on encapsulated-ceramic armor using metallic thermoplastic matrices, metal matrix composites, modeling of casting and deformation processing for non-ferrous and ferrous alloys, and