

Project Name: St. John's Bayou and New Madrid Floodway, Missouri
 Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: MRT—Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. John's Levee and Drainage District of Missouri
 Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 40, New Madrid, MO 63869

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$200,000 for the St. John's Bayou and New Madrid Floodway. This funding will be used to conduct NEPA activities. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MR&T Construction Account.

Project Name: Clearwater Lake, Missouri
 Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Piedmont, Missouri
 Address of Requesting Entity: 115 West Green Street, Piedmont, MO 63957

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,827,000 for Operation and Maintenance of Clearwater Lake. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: St. Francis Basin, AR & MO
 Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: MRT—Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Little River Drainage District

Address of Requesting Entity: 1440 Kurre Lane, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$9,509,000 for St. Francis River and Tributaries, AR & MO Maintenance. This funding will be used for land and damages, cultural resources, engineering, design, construction management and operate and maintain two pumping stations. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MR&T Maintenance Account.

Project Name: Caruthersville Harbor, Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pemiscot County Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 619 Ward Avenue, Caruthersville, MO 63830

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$482,000 for Caruthersville Harbor for annual maintenance of the navigation channel conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately \$482,000 is for dredging the harbor to authorized levels. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: New Madrid Harbor, Missouri
 Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Madrid County Port Authority
 Address of Requesting Entity: 435 Main Street, New Madrid, MO 63869

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$400,000 for the New Madrid County Harbor for annual maintenance of the navigation channel conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately \$400,000 is for dredging the harbor. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: New Madrid Harbor (Mile 889), Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Madrid, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 96, New Madrid, MO 63869

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$240,000 for the New Madrid Harbor Mile 889 for annual maintenance of the navigation channel conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately \$240,000 will be used to dredge the harbor. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: Little River Diversion, Dutchtown, Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Little River Drainage District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 159 Cape Girardeau, MO 63702

Description of Request: The Little River Diversion project will be funded at the discretion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, through Section 205 funds. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Section 205 account.

Project Name: Mississippi River Levees, AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO & TN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: MRT—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 E. North Main Street, Dexter, MO 63841

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$11,311,000 for Mississippi River Levees (MR&T) to continue work on flood protection projects conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Operations and Maintenance Account.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall vote No. 740.

Had I been present I would have voted as follows: On rollcall No. 740, Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 905, as amended, "Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act of 2009." I would have voted "aye."

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA MENTORS AND VOLUNTEERS HONORED WITH STATUE IN RIVERFRONT PARK; SPOKANE, WA

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and commitment to service exemplified by the mentors and volunteers of the Boy Scouts of America and to commemorate the installation of a statue, dedicated in honor of these mentors and volunteers, in Riverfront Park in Spokane, Washington.

The support and assistance of the community and those directly associated with the Boy Scouts has made this project a reality. Over the course of three years, funds were raised and a location secured for the installation of the "Footsteps of the Future" statue honoring the volunteers and mentors involved with the Boy Scouts of America. A gift from Troop 325 and the Inland Northwest Council of the Boy Scouts to the City of Spokane, this bronze statue, over seven feet in height, is inspired by the National Boy Scouts of America statuette that is oftentimes given to those attaining Eagle Scout rank. The models for the statue are two Boy Scouts from Troop 325; the older Scout is depicted pointing the way for the younger Scout.

However, perhaps the greatest impetus behind this project was the inspired service of a Spokane-area man who devoted nearly 40 years of his life mentoring the youth in our community as a Boy Scout leader. Dean Dinnison, former Scoutmaster of Troop 325, served honorably with the United States Marine Corps for four years during World War II. It is fitting, then, that the statue honoring his commitment to service and that of countless other mentors and volunteers should be placed at the western-most edge of Riverfront Park, in the Veterans Park.

Madam Speaker, as we recognize 100 years of Scouting in America this year, I believe the ongoing service of our Nation's Boy Scouts and the mentors and volunteers who help shape them as leaders in our communities deserves recognition. It is my hope that this statue, like the two boys it is modeled after and the man who inspired its creation, will serve to inspire future generations of our Nation's youth to a vibrant life of civic involvement. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the volunteers, mentors, and Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America and in commemorating the dedication of the "Footsteps to the Future" statue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on September 29, 2009. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted Yea on each of the following:

Roll 740, September 29, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended:

H.R. 905, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act.

Roll 741, September 29, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 16, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month.

Roll 742, September 29, 2009: On Motion to Instruct Conferees: H.R. 2997, Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

FISCAL NEW YEAR

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, Happy New Year.

Today is October first, the start of the 2010 Fiscal Year. That means it is also Fiscal New Year.

My short time here in Washington has convinced me that many inside the Beltway are out of touch with the real day-to-day lives of those in the rest of the country.

So we should do what many Americans do, and use the New Year as an opportunity to reassess how we are doing, and to make resolutions to improve our behavior.

Today, I offer some Fiscal New Year Resolutions for Congress:

Number One: Balance the budget.

CBO estimates that the 2009 deficit will be 1.6 trillion dollars, and the cumulative deficit over the next ten years will equal 9.1 trillion dollars.

Number Two: Lower our debt.

Even if we stop deficit spending, we already carry 11 trillion in debt. We should be addressing this burden, not increasing it.

Number Three: Act responsibly.

We need to make sure Congress can and does read the bills they pass. We need time to study and evaluate them before a vote.

Number Four: Study economics.

Congress obviously needs some lessons in how markets work. We need to recognize that Government control in what should be the private sector destroys efficiencies. We need to reward success, not bail-out failure. And we need to understand that government competition destroys markets.

Madam Speaker, I hope Congress can so resolve.

MOTION TO GO TO CONFERENCE
ON H.R. 2918, LEGISLATIVE
BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I strongly support many provisions in H.R. 2918, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 2009, including funding for the Census Bureau, the U.S. Capitol Police, the Government Account-

ability Office, GAO, and the Ryan White AIDS Program. I cannot, however, support the inclusion of approximately \$10.8 billion in war funding and as such, I oppose the bill.

As an ardent supporter of the U.S. Postal Service, USPS, I commend the inclusion of provisions in this bill that would reduce the amount USPS must contribute to the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund to \$1.5 million from \$5.4 million, ensuring its survival through the end of this month. Congress has a responsibility to the communities it represents to ensure that the USPS and the irreplaceable services it provides as a universal mail delivery service are maintained.

This legislation appropriately increases the funding for the U.S. Census Bureau to \$7.1 billion to ensure that the agency can meet the demands of the upcoming census in 2010. The census is vital in fulfilling our Constitutional duties under Article 1, Section 2, which are intended to ensure that the people have equal representation in government at the state and federal level. I also fully support the provisions in this bill providing \$328 million for the dedicated men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police and \$572 million for the GAO.

I strongly oppose the inclusion of funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in this bill. The war in Iraq was based on false intelligence and an inaccurate, government sponsored, propaganda campaign. This body was given a mandate by the American people in 2006 to get out of Iraq. Congress has the ability, through the power of the purse, to end the occupation of Iraq and bring all troops and contractors home immediately. Failure to do so continues to put our brave and honorable troops in harm's way.

I also oppose dedicating more resources to Afghanistan. The people of Afghanistan are suffering horribly from 8 years of war. During that time, the Afghan central government has become increasingly corrupt and has failed to meet the needs of the Afghan people.

Violence in Afghanistan continues to grow. The United Nations General Assembly Security Council reports "an average of 898 incidents in the first seven months of 2009, compared to 677 during the same time frame in 2008. Incidents involving improvised explosive devices have risen dramatically, to an average of more than eight per day, 60 per cent higher than the average during the first seven months of 2008. Complex attacks now average one per month compared to one per quarter in 2008." This past August was reported to be the "deadliest month since the beginning of 2009."

I am also dismayed by the inclusion of language that unilaterally bars all funding for Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, ACORN. I have serious concerns that such language constitutes a bill of attainder. The Constitution expressly prohibits Congress from legislatively punishing an individual or specific class of people, and I believe that this action is an effort to circumvent the protection that the Constitution affords to all people and organizations. This country has a robust judicial system that has been created precisely for this purpose; we ought to let it do its job. If a crime has been committed, we should prosecute the people who have committed that crime.

Congress and the American public simply will not tolerate an open-ended commitment of money and troops while millions of Americans

are losing their health care, their homes, their jobs, their pensions, their investments. I support the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill by itself. I cannot support it when it is used as a vehicle for perpetuating the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

HONORING COMMANDER SETH
FOSTER HUDGINS III, UNITED
STATES NAVY, FOR 22 YEARS OF
HONORABLE SERVICE

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize CDR Seth Foster Hudgins III, United States Navy. Commander Hudgins is retiring from the Navy after 22 years of honorable service as a commissioned officer. Commander Hudgins is the eldest son of Seth and Joy Hudgins of Cornwall, NY and is a 1987 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Shortly after graduation, Commander Hudgins entered U.S. Navy undergraduate flight training, and in 1989, he earned Naval Aviator wings as a jet pilot.

Since that time, Commander Hudgins has served his country in many different capacities, most notably serving as his squadron's Operations Officer and Acting Executive Officer in Operation Enduring Freedom. Throughout his sterling service to our Nation, Commander Hudgins has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, two Air Medals, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, among others. He has accumulated over 3000 flight hours and more than 500 carrier landings. Commander Hudgins has served our great country with honor and distinction. I wish him and his wife Jennifer all the best as he retires from the Navy and continues to serve our nation at the Joint Interagency Task Force South in Key West.

ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP WITH PAKISTAN ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 1707, the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009, a bipartisan bill designed to forge a true strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people, strengthen its democratic government, and support Pakistan so it may become a force for stability in a volatile region.

This legislation triples the authorization for U.S. economic, social, and democratic development assistance to Pakistan to \$1.5 billion a year for fiscal years 2010 through 2014. The bill provides that this aid be provided with a particular focus on strengthening democratic institutions, promoting economic development, and improving Pakistan's public education system.

The bill also authorizes military assistance to Pakistan to help it disrupt and defeat al