

awareness about the dangers of coal and its contributions to global warming. As the nation takes strides towards more environmentally sound ways of producing energy, it is important that we recognize the danger of trading one harmful fuel for another. If we hope to have a stable climate, we must refrain from the use of strong and toxic pollutants like coal.

Americans are known for their determination and innovation when faced with a challenge. Let us rely on these qualities in our transition to cleaner energy, rather than choosing an easy way out represented by coal. The health of our children and our planet is too big of a price to pay for our continued dependence on coal.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the efforts that the Northeast Ohio Sierra Club has taken in raising awareness of the dangers of coal. As the nation works towards cleaner energy policies, organizations such as the Northeast Ohio Sierra Club are working tirelessly to keep the American public accurately informed on energy issues.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. 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. 2996, Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Environmental Protection Agency's STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Baytown, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 2401 Market Street, Baytown, TX 77522

Description of Request: I, and Rep. Ron Paul, have jointly secured \$500,000 in funding under the Environmental Protection Agency's STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account for the city of Baytown, TX to help them fund a six-year, \$140 million Capital Improvement Project that will rehabilitate and upgrade the city's wastewater and water infrastructure to comply with increased federal and state regulations, maintain its condition and reliability and save costs. This project rehabilitates portions of the Central District Wastewater Treatment plant. The work includes redesign of critical components to elevate structures out of the floodway and to reduce the storm surge impacts suffered as was suffered during Hurricane Ike. These include the influent lift station, blower building, administration/laboratory building, and grit removal process. The internal piping needs to be replaced to improve energy and operating efficiency, along with the chlorine contact basin and plant pumping/transfer systems. Installation of post-storm emergency power systems are also a part of this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. FORBES. 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. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Conservation Fund, Chesapeake, VA

Address of Requesting Entity: US 17, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23323, USA

Description of Request: Provides \$150,000 to fund the acquisition of 50 acres that has been identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the preferred site for the construction of a new visitor's center for the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Legal name of Requesting Entity: Chesterfield County, Chesterfield, VA

Address of Requesting Entity: 9901 Lori Rd, Chesterfield, VA, 23832, USA

Description of Request: Provides \$150,000 to repair and preserve five historical structures in Chesterfield County.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Recipient: Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency, 1722 Pleasant Valley Road, Owensboro, KY 42303

Description of Request: Provide \$220,000 to install a sewer system in the Locust Hill Subdivision, which is currently without sewer services.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2892) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

This legislation provides \$44 billion for the Department of Homeland Security to continue its work to keep Americans safe, keep our borders secure, and ensure our communities are prepared for any disaster—whether natural or man-made.

At a time when our state and local governments are strained in the current economic downturn, this legislation continues our federal commitment to support local efforts that keep our communities safe. It provides \$3.55 billion for first responder grant initiatives, including \$810 million for Fire Grants, \$950 million for State Emergency Preparedness Grants, \$330 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants, and a total of \$90 million for interoperable communications and emergency response centers.

H.R. 2892 will help secure our border and improve the enforcement of our nation's immigration laws. The measure would fully fund 20,019 border patrol agents with \$3.5 billion and provide \$732 million for border fencing, infrastructure and technology. It would provide \$5.7 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to enhance our ability to identify and remove immigrants who have illegally entered the country, and \$248 million for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to improve the processing of visas for those eligible to enter the country. This funding includes \$112 million to operate and improve E-Verify, the DHS initiative that empowers businesses to screen potential employees' immigration status.

As North Carolina is a prime hurricane state, I am pleased that this bill makes important investments in all-hazards disaster preparedness. It provides \$2 billion for Disaster Relief, \$220 million to continue flood map modernization and to maintain modernized maps, and \$200 million to address the increasing needs for emergency food and shelter, recognizing that the current economic downturn is a disaster in its own right.

Madam Chair, this is a strong bill that enhances our ability to keep our nation secure and our citizens safe. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards