

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to put some very laudatory comments about the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) in the record, because this is his last time as a chairman maybe.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my good friend from California, the Chairman of the Defense Appropriations Committee, Congressman JERRY LEWIS. Since joining the Defense Subcommittee, Congressman LEWIS has been one of the strongest supporters of our men and women in uniform that this Congress has ever known. As Chairman, he has guided the Subcommittee without partisanship or political agenda to ensure that our military remains the best military in the world. The Defense Department and the people of our great Nation owe JERRY LEWIS a debt of gratitude for his unyielding support and hard work. And for that, I salute him.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member rises today in support of the conference agreement on H.R. 4613, the Department of Defense (DoD) Appropriations Act for FY2005. This Member would like to thank the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), Chairman of the Subcommittee and the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) for their fine work on this important measure.

This Member is very pleased that several projects important to Nebraska and our nation are included in the conference report. First, the final agreement includes \$3.5 million for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) for the Fibrinogen Bandages for Battlefield Wounds Project. This is a very innovative research and development initiative which shows great promise.

These funds will be used for biomedical tissue engineering research to develop inexpensive, safe and effective fibrinogen for use in bandages, foam and other medical devices. This source of fibrinogen, developed from recombinant proteins instead of human plasma, will remove the major obstacle to the development of an affordable fibrinogen bandage. This research will build on the Department of Defense's (DoD) \$20 million investment to produce fibrinogen from transgenic animals rather than human plasma and will create a safer, less expensive and abundant supply for bandages and medical devices. A cost-effective abundant fibrinogen supply will enable development of state-of-the-art bandages and medical devices, saving the lives of wounded soldiers and other trauma victims.

Second, this Member is pleased that \$2.5 million is included for another UNL research initiative on Advanced Materials for Mine Detection and Blast Mitigation. These funds will be used to support research on advanced materials for mine detection and blast mitigation that will help protect U.S. soldiers in all environments. This research, which focuses on remote mine detection and the development of materials for advanced composite armor and lightweight body armor and hardened structures, contributes to programs currently underway or envisioned at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

Using nanotechnology research will improve remote mine detection, biological threat detection, and body armor. This effort will increase protection and save lives of our soldiers fight-

ing the war on terrorism. UNL researchers have recently produced some of the most advanced nanofibers in the world, opening the possibility for the development of materials with entirely new characteristics. The University will work closely with the scientific staff at the Army Research Laboratory as they proceed with this research.

Third, this Member is encouraged that \$3 million was added for the Satellite Communications for Learning Act (SCOLA)/Defense Language Institute (DLI) Foreign Language Center. Furthermore, this Member very pleased by the successful establishment of a congressionally mandated research and development line within the Army's R&D aggregation. This change is critical for language skills development, maintenance and language learning throughout the DoD.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, this Member urges his colleagues to support H.R. 4613.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the conference report on H.R. 4613, and that I may include tabular material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

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MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). Pursuant to House Resolution 732 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4837.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4837) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, with Mr. BEREUTER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, July 20, 2004, all time for general debate had expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chair may accord priority in recognition to a Member offering an amendment that he has printed in the designated place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Those amendments will be considered read.

The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4837

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure functions administered by the Department of Defense, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, namely:

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for construction and operation of facilities in support of the functions of the Commander in Chief, \$1,862,854,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That of this amount, not to exceed \$140,554,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services, and host nation support, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate of the determination and the reasons therefor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, naval installations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this appropriation, \$1,081,042,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That of this amount, not to exceed \$93,284,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate of the determination and the reasons therefor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force as currently authorized by law, \$797,865,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That of this amount, not to exceed \$165,367,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the