

with Medicaid, OPM for the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program, Tricare, and Medicare, which all require DSM criteria for the submission of claims. All NIH grant submissions, FDA drug indications for treatment, and legal indications for mental competency require the use of DSM codes and guidelines.

Despite this status as a recognized authority, the DSM itself became the focal point for many heated debates during the parity negotiations, launched by opponents of parity. However, in the end, language to require the DSM as the basis for coverage was not included in this bill. The final bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to monitor and report to Congress on the extent to which health plans comply with the requirements of this Act to provide meaningful parity to the millions of families who experience mental health or substance abuse conditions.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: 3600F RDT & E, Air Force, Line 13, PE 0602601F.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aeroflex.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4350 Centennial Blvd. Colorado Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

Description of Request: \$1.6 million is included in this bill for Radiation Hardened Non-Volatile Memory. This request is intended to aide in the development of radiation hardened non-volatile memory technology to be used in a variety of applications, principally satellites.

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RDTE, AF.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Goodrich Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1275 North Newport Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80916.

Description of Request: \$5.6 million is included in this bill to fund ACES 5 ejection-seat development and testing for the Air Force-variant F-35 to enable insertion into F-35 LRIP to leverage the most capable and safest ejection seat ever developed and ensure that the U.S. preserves the domestic capability to produce vital life saving ejection seat systems for the Air Force.

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Analytical Graphics, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7150 Campus Drive, Suite 260, Colorado Springs, CO.

Description of Request: \$800,000 is included in this bill to incorporate space object

data, improve navigation accuracy prediction (including jamming and weapons modeling), and integrate electronic warfare (EW) analysis into a common operational environment for Army support teams. The user friendly interface will couple real time data integration with currently deployed and supported data feeds, including imagery, terrain, GPS status, electronic warfare environment, and terrestrial weather.

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Finmeccanica of North America.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1625 I Street, NW., Floor 12, Washington, DC 20006.

Description of Request: \$800,000 is included in this budget to demonstrate and qualify in a cold climate an innovative, energy efficient, alternative power technology, on an energy intensive Air Force installation. Utilizing tactical or readily available fuels, this first phase of qualifying will place a next generation power generator in a military environment while showcasing all the benefits (monetary, environmental, and technical) this technology can provide within various scenarios, such as "Silent Camp" or "Islanding".

Requesting Member: Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Evaluation, & Test, DW.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northrop Grumman Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Wilson Blvd, Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209.

Description of Request: \$10 million is included in this budget for Missile Defense Integration & Operations Center (MDIOC) modeling and simulation. This ensures early Warfighter involvement and realistic BMDS operational concepts for the fielded system that will protect U.S. Homeland, our Allies, and U.S. troops from the threat of ballistic missile attack.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE CHIP PICKERING ON THE OCCA- SION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of the Honorable CHARLES "CHIP" WILLIS PICKERING, JR. for his service to the people of Mississippi and United States House of Representatives. Congressman PICKERING has represented the 3rd Congressional District of the state of Mississippi for the past 12 years.

A native of Laurel, Mississippi, CHIP received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree in business administration from Baylor University.

Before joining Congress, CHIP served as a Southern Baptist missionary in the communist region of Budapest, Hungary. Upon returning to the country, former President George H. W. Bush appointed him to the United States De-

partment of Agriculture as a liaison to bring reform to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Upon his return to the United States, CHIP went to work for the people of Mississippi as a staffer of former Mississippi Senator Trent Lott, where he served for nearly four years. At the age of 33, he ran as the Republican candidate for Mississippi's 3rd District in 1996.

Chip has taken the lead in passing FEMA and contracting reform legislation in the wake of 2005's Hurricane Katrina. As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Chip has been an influential leader on issues such as telecommunications and technology concerning Mississippi's future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated leader and friend to many in this body. I know his family, his five sons, Will, Ross, Jackson, Asher, and Harper; his many friends and colleagues join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the state of Mississippi and the United States of America.

CHIP will surely enjoy the well deserved time he now has to spend with his family and loved ones. I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF AIDS AWARENESS HISTORY MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, as we move into the month of October, I want to take a moment to recognize October as AIDS Awareness History Month. AIDS Awareness month provides an opportunity to focus on the fact that HIV/AIDS is a formidable problem across the country. The 2008 AIDS Awareness Month occurs at a time when we have learned that we are struggling in the fight against AIDS. In early August, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, released new statistics showing a 40 percent increase over previous estimates of new cases of HIV. The report found that that 53 percent of new HIV infections in 2006 were among gay and bisexual men, with almost one-third, 31 percent of new infections being among heterosexuals, which previous studies have shown have the greatest effect on African American women.

HIV/AIDS is a public health problem in our country and an emergency situation within the African American community. African Americans make up 13 percent of the United States population, but they account for 49 percent of the estimated AIDS cases diagnosed since the epidemic began. Since the beginning of the epidemic, African Americans have accounted for 42 percent of the estimated 950,000 AIDS cases diagnosed in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Not only are African Americans more likely to get AIDS, they are more likely to die from it, with more than half of all AIDS-related deaths being among African Americans. The statistics in Illinois resemble those nationally. African Americans aged 13-24 have the highest average annual HIV rates. African American males aged 13-24 had an average annual HIV rate was 2.5 times higher than the rate in White males, and almost 4