

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, 101 S. Capitol St., Tazewell County, Pekin, IL 61554.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to assist in purchase of communications equipment and radio frequencies to provide for complete coverage within the county's jurisdiction. This will provide better communications coverage in the county's jurisdiction as well as better communications with other Police Agencies with better dependability.

The Illinois Height Modernization for the Illinois State Geological Survey, Champaign, Illinois.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Provisions/Account: Department of Commerce, NOAA, Operations, Research and Facilities.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Office of Sponsored Programs & Research Programs at the University of Illinois, located at 615 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, IL 61820.

Description of Request: For the Illinois State Geological Survey to continue their Height Modernization project. This project will establish a datum-consistent vertical and horizontal statewide network of survey benchmarks and a statewide high-resolution digital elevation model (DEM) of the earth's surface based upon the updated network of survey benchmarks (approximately half can no longer be located), the project would also provide a digital elevation (LiDAR) model for the state. This will establish accurate, reliable heights using GPS technology in conjunction with traditional leveling, gravity, and modern remote sensing. The necessity of this is to get accurate mapping of the state for urban and rural development.

PAKISTAN ENDURING ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 11, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1886. Though the bill takes steps in the right direction by providing badly needed assistance to Pakistan, it also includes a dangerous trade provision that undermines the otherwise benevolent parts of the bill. The bill grants duty free treatment for textiles and clothing produced in certain regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan called Reconstruction Opportunity Zones (ROZs).

With the existing instability in war-torn Afghanistan and the increasingly unstable conditions in ROZ designated areas of Pakistan, there is little reason to think that labor and environmental protections that are critical in any trade environment can be adequately enforced.

The United States has granted this sort of trade preference before. In 2006, The New York Times reported that U.S. trade pref-

erences in the country of Jordan for textiles and apparel beginning in 1994, followed by a Free Trade Agreement in 2001, had brought about sweatshop conditions for a guest workforce imported from Bangladesh and China. Trade preferences will not benefit local populations in Afghanistan and Pakistan if an imported workforce is employed in factories producing duty-free goods.

This bill imposes a U.S. trade policy with a track record of undermining stability and economic security on nations for which the U.S. purports to provide stability and security. Our foreign policy should promote economic stability worldwide, thereby eliminating the true roots of terrorism: desperation. The bill calls on the Obama Administration to put forth a comprehensive security strategy that will eliminate U.S. concerns about terrorist threats and safe havens in Pakistan and the region. But it includes a trade provision that undermines stated U.S. foreign policy goals in Pakistan. As such, I must oppose H.R. 1886.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to the Campbell Amendment. This amendment would bar funds in the bill from being used to fund a \$600,000 project for the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries which I requested along with Reps. Bishop, King and Pallone. In addition, it reduces by \$600,000 funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA.

The Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries is a multi-state partnership comprised of commercial and recreational fishing organizations and academic institutions in New Jersey and New York. It is dedicated to the design and implementation of scientific projects addressing critical needs to improve the assessment and attainment of sustainability for the most important fisheries of the Mid-Atlantic region.

The project the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee has chosen to fund and which this amendment bars funding for is titled "Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Initiative." The goal of this initiative is to gain data to address the most urgent scientific issues limiting successful management of the summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries in the Mid-Atlantic region. This data will then be provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service, regional councils, and state regulatory bodies to be used in the assessment process carried out by these groups. This assessment process is used to estimate maximum sustainable yield, and from this, yearly fishing quotas.

Summer flounder and black sea bass are among the most valuable commercial and recreational fish species in the Mid-Atlantic re-

gion. A reduction in total allowable catch for summer flounder since 2004 decreased the commercial and recreational fisheries by over 37.7 percent with an economic impact in excess of \$47.3 million per year. In 2008, the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries provided necessary data leading to a relaxation of quota reductions in 2009. This was an important first step in improved management of this species which can continue with funding for this project.

In 2009, the black sea bass quota was cut 44 percent, costing the economies of the Mid-Atlantic an estimated \$92 million. Without additional research on critical data inadequacies the continued viability of this vital fishery is endangered.

Cape May, New Jersey in my Congressional District is the second busiest commercial fishing port on the East Coast. The data this initiative could produce and the yearly fishing quotas it could impact have direct effects on the economy of my district. This would impact not only the commercial fishermen and their families, but recreational anglers and the shore-based infrastructure both groups rely on—docks, packing houses, bait and tackle shops, marinas, etc., as well as the restaurant owners and seafood markets.

The \$600,000 set aside by the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee for the "Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Initiative" for the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries will provide essential data which has the ability to directly impact the economy of my Congressional District. For this reason, I join Reps. BISHOP, KING and PALLONE in strongly opposing the Campbell Amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science FY 2010 Appropriations bill and urge my colleagues to do the same.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF MAUD ROBINSON

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maud Robinson on her retirement and to recognize the significant contributions she has made to the community as a member of the Vienna Town Council and throughout her years of civic involvement.

Maud Robinson has lived a life of commitment to her community and her country. During World War II, she proudly served with the United States WAVES. A few years after the war, she moved to Vienna, Va., where she has lived for nearly 60 years. Throughout this time, Maud has been an active community supporter, donating her time and energies to The Ayr Hill Garden Club, the Vienna Rotary Club, Historic Vienna, Inc. and many other civic organizations.

In 2000, Maud was appointed to the Vienna Town Council. Her late husband, Charles A. Robinson Jr., died earlier that year after serving 38 years on the Council, the last 24 as Mayor. Maud Robinson won re-election in 2001 and again in 2005. During her term she has been known for her historic preservation efforts, fiscal conservatism and the maintenance of the "small town" atmosphere that makes Vienna a very special place. Always