

Interstate Maintenance Discretionary, Recipient: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

FY10 funds are for right-of-way, utilities, and construction for I-49 N, from I-220 in Shreveport to the Arkansas line. The I-49 North project forms the southern segment of Congressionally designated High Priority Corridor I running from Shreveport, LA to Kansas City, MO. As defined by ISTEA and TEA-21 "this corridor is intended to complement the existing Interstate system, integrate regions of the country, improve safety and efficiency of travel and commerce, and promote economic development." I-49 North represents Louisiana's part in completing this critical corridor connecting Canada and Mid-America to the deep water ports in New Orleans.

I-69 (Texas state line to Arkansas via Shreveport, LA), Account: Federal Highway Administration/Interstate Maintenance Discretionary, Recipient: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

FY10 funds are for design and environmental work for sections SIU14B, SIU15, and SIU16A from the Arkansas state line to the Texas state line via Shreveport, LA. The I-69 corridor accounts for over 63 percent of the nation's truck borne trade with Canada and Mexico and has the nation's busiest border crossings on both the Canadian and Mexican borders. Seventeen of the nation's top 25 seaports, 13 inland waterway ports and 15 of the nation's top 25 air cargo airports are directly served by I-69. The corridor traverses over 150 counties and hundreds of municipalities, directly serving over 25 million people. Completion will increase transportation efficiency by reducing fuel consumption, travel time and costs, while facilitating trade, providing intermodal connectivity, relieving congestion and promoting economic development.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress, (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark, and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I also hereby certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the House passed version of H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Anderson County, SC

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 South Main Street, Anderson, SC 29622

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide \$400,000 for the Parker Bowie Road Bridge in Anderson County, SC. Built in 1962, the Parker Bowie Road Bridge's current sufficiency rating is only 28.9 out of a possible 100, and a recent SC DOT Inspection Report rated the bridge as basically intolerable, requiring a high priority of replacement. Requested funding would be used to replace and widen the bridge to 34 feet curb-to-curb allowing for two lanes with safety shoulders. It would also raise the height of the bridge and its approaches in order to minimize current waterway obstructions from flooding. These changes would allow emergency service vehicles and school bus traffic, which cannot currently use the bridge, to access it.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greenwood County, SC

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Monument St., Laurens, SC 29646

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide \$400,000 for the Widening of SC Highway 225 in Greenwood, SC. At present, SC Highway 225 is a four-lane highway except for a 4.36 mile stretch at the southern end. In this stretch, approximately 1.4 miles from where the four lanes narrow to two, SC Highway 225 intersects with Alexander Road. Due to the addition of a new development, including a public school, healthcare entities, and industry, this intersection has become a major safety concern. During peak traffic times, SC Highway 225 and Alexander Road become very congested, and may be backed up for 1.5 miles.

#### STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our Nation's fiscal future and for the passage of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009, H.R. 2920.

During my time in Congress, I have always strived to be a good steward of taxpayer money. In fact during a previous session of Congress, the Concord Coalition, a non-partisan fiscal watchdog group, presented me with its Fiscal Responsibility Award for my votes to maintain fiscal discipline, reject irresponsible tax cuts, and eliminate corporate welfare.

In 2007, I was pleased that the House of Representatives restored the "pay-as-you-go" principle in the House rules when Democrats regained control of the House in the 110th Congress. This simple rule ensures that every new dollar of spending is offset and will not worsen the deficit. The House's pay-go rule requires that legislation affecting direct spend-

ing or revenues must not increase the deficit (or reduce the surplus) over a six-year or eleven-year period. I strongly supported these efforts. While a PAYGO rule is a good first step, H.R. 2920 goes further by applying automatically to legislation and provides an automatic enforcement mechanism to ensure Congress follows fiscal discipline.

Fiscal discipline served us well in the past. In the 1990's with pay-as-you-go as the law, we turned the massive deficits of the 1980's into a record surplus under President Clinton. When President Bush came into office in 2001, he inherited a projected ten-year, \$5.6 trillion budget surplus. Over the first six years of the Bush administration, however, the President and Republican-controlled Congress turned that surplus into a projected ten-year, \$2 trillion deficit and allowed the statutory PAYGO requirement to lapse in 2002. This was followed by 6 years of unrestrained spending under President Bush and the federal debt held by the public doubled.

The most instructive gauge of the federal deficit is the federal debt as a percentage of our total economy or Gross Domestic Product (GDP). According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the budget surpluses and fiscal discipline of the 1990's reduced the debt from 49.4 percent of GDP to 33 percent of GDP by 2001. During President Bush's two terms, that figure rose back to 41 percent of GDP.

PAYGO is only one tool, but it is a strong one to return our Nation back to fiscal stability. The PAYGO rule forces Congress to identify inefficient or ineffective programs whose funding can be cut to fund higher priorities, such as health care, education, and clean energy. This rule also sends a message to the American people that the government is committed to putting the country back on stable economic footing. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Bill:

BAYCARE HEALTH SYSTEM HARDENING OF FACILITIES

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: BayCare Health System, 16331 Bay Vista Drive, Clearwater, FL 33760

Description of request: \$1,000,000 is included in the bill for BayCare Health System to harden the acute care/in-patient care facilities by focusing on roofs, windows and e-power generation for climate control. Such infrastructure investments are critical in order to protect patients, staff and the hospital itself during and immediately after hurricanes. No previous federal funding was requested for this project.