

justified: Funding will be used for purposes authorized in Section 5451 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Reading Is Fundamental enhances child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement from the more than 18,000 locations throughout all fifty states, Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Appropriated Amount: \$24,803,000  
Detailed Finance Plan: Programming \$24,803,000

Project Name: Alaska Native Educational Equity for activities authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: U.S. Department of Education, AK Native Education Equity Act, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The funding would be used to meet the unique education needs of AK Natives and to support supplemental education programs to benefit AK Natives.

Appropriated Amount: \$33,315,000  
Detailed Finance Plan: Programming \$33,315,000

Project Name: Close Up Fellowships Program for activities authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Close Up Foundation, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Fellowships to economically disadvantaged students and their teachers to participate in Close Up Washington civic education programs as authorized under No Child Left Behind Act. Program in Department of Education, Innovation and Improvement account 36460. All grant dollars pay for tuition for economically disadvantaged students and their teachers to participate in Close Up Washington civic education programs. Tuition is all inclusive including transportation, accommodations, food, instruction, administrative, etc.

Appropriated Amount: \$1,942,000  
Detailed Finance Plan: Programming \$1,942,000

Project Name: Reach Out and Read authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Reach Out and Read National Center, 56 Roland Street, Boston, MA 02129

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national program that promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children, targeting disadvantaged and poor children and families. ROR has proven to among the most effective strategies to promote early language and literacy development and school readiness: pediatricians and other healthcare providers guide and encourage parents to read aloud to their children from their earliest years of their life, and send them home from each doctor visit with books and a prescription to read together. Currently, nearly 50,000 doctors and nurses have been trained in ROR's

proven strategies, and more than 3,500 clinics and hospitals nationwide are implementing the program, reaching more than 25% of America's at-risk-children. Funding provided by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education has been matched by tens of millions of dollars from the private sector and state governments.

Appropriated Amount: \$4,965,000  
Detailed Finance Plan: Programming \$4,965,000

Project Name: Center for Civic Education for two programs—We the People and Cooperative Education Exchange—that are authorized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education program

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: The Center for Civic Education, 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The Education for Democracy Act programs are among the most cost effective programs supported by the federal government. They effectively promote among students a profound understanding of and commitment to the fundamental values and principles of American constitutional democracy as expressed in such seminal documents as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and the Gettysburg Address. They also promote students' capacities to participate competently and responsibility in the political life of their communities and the nation.

Appropriated Amount: \$35,000,000  
Detailed Finance Plan: Programming \$35,000,000

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican standards on disclosure for Member project requests, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I support for inclusion in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3288, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative account for the Revitalization of the South Villa Corridor in Villa Park, Illinois. The entity to receive the \$250,000 in funding for this project is the Village of Villa Park, 20 S. Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to provide aesthetic enhancements and redevelopment opportunities to promote and attract increased economic development activity. This funding will help the village move toward economic growth and recovery even in this climate, fulfilling a great need for the village and the region.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 3288, Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Alternatives Analysis Program account for the Pace J-Route Bus Rapid Transit Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pace Suburban Bus, 550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

It is my understanding that the funding would be used to complete the federally-required alternatives analysis for the Bus Rapid Transit project. The alternatives analysis study will determine the preferred mode (bus/rail), specific alignment, design and capital and operating costs. Once constructed, this project will create a high-speed transit option for commuters between Schaumburg, O'Hare Airport, Oakbrook and Naperville. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), if selected as the preferred mode, is based on signal priority for buses at traffic signals along arterial routes, roadway improvements like exclusive bus lanes and "queue jump" lanes, real-time travel information signs at significant stops along the route using the Intelligent Bus System already installed on all Pace buses, and dissemination of real-time travel information to passengers, dispatchers, planners, and customer relations staff using a variety of electronic media. The project will provide a much-needed new transit option for residents, commuters and workers in DuPage and northern Cook Counties. The service would allow faster, more reliable service on congested suburban streets.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

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

Project Name/Amount: Hampton Roads Transit Bus Acquisition, \$1,450,000

Intended Recipient of Funds: Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads, 3400 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, VA 23661

Project description and explanation of the request: This funding would be used for the purchase of four hybrid electric buses which will reduce harmful emissions and increase energy savings, while providing vital public transportation for the Hampton Roads area. These buses are needed to replace vehicles that have exceeded their useful lifespan as defined by the FTA.

Project Name/Amount: Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission Western Maintenance Facility, \$1,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds: Prince William County, 1 County Complex, Prince William, VA 22192

Project description and explanation of the request: This funding would be used for a PRTC Western Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility on the western side of Prince William County. Buses maintained and stored in this facility will provide commuter bus service in the I-66 corridor to the West Falls Church Metro Station or Downtown DC and local neighborhood service in Western Prince William County.