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FROM BRIDGES TO NANOSTRUCTURES

Senate Committee supports a litany of Idaho projects

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Senate Appropriations Committee approved four of the twelve annual appropriations bill earlier today. Included in the bills are a number of projects important to Idaho.

Idaho Senator Larry Craig, a member of the Committee, stressed the importance of the projects within a balanced budget, "As Congress struggles rein in federal spending, we must be vigilant in ensuring Congress approves projects appropriate for federal taxpayer support. Each of these projects meets that test and adds value for taxpayers."

Clearing the Committee today were the Fiscal Year 2007 Labor-HHS-Education, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, Transportation-Treasury-HUD-Judiciary, and Defense Appropriations bills. Below are projects important to Idaho, included by Craig. For more information on any project please contact Craig's office.

Transportation-Treasury-Judiciary-HUD

Boise Airport Control Tower (\$7 million)

Mountain Home Community Center Complex (\$500,000)

College of Southern Idaho Student Safety Initiative (\$800,000)

Environmental Science and Public Policy Building (\$750,000)

City of Rocks Backcountry Byway (\$4 million)

Idaho Transit Coalition Capital Investment (\$3.75 million)

Burley Community Center (\$500,000)

I-84 Exit 29 (Franklin Road) Local System Improvements (\$1 million)

Idaho Heritage Tourism and Historic Preservation Community Development (\$250,000)

I-84, US-93 Interchange, Stage 2 (\$500,000)

US-2, Dover Bridge, Bonner County (\$1 million)

Idaho Byways Corridor Planning Implementation (\$1 million)

Treasure Valley, Idaho Transit Facilities (\$480,000)

Military Construction-Veterans Affairs

Railhead Phase II at Gowen Field (\$6,964,000) Family Housing at Mountain Home AFB (\$107,800,000)

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Defense

Medical Modeling through Synthetic Digital Genes (\$2 million)

Systematic Approach to Radiation Hardened Electronics (SHARE) (\$5 million)

Advanced Microwave Ferrite Research Phase IV at UI (\$1 million)

3-D Technology for Advanced Sensor Systems at BSU (\$4 million)

Quiet High Speed Propulsion (\$8 million)

Advanced Materials Deposition for Semiconductor Nanostructures Using Supercritical Fluids at UI (\$1.7 million)

Credibility Assessment Research Initiative at BSU (\$2 million)

Manufacturing Improvements for Cryogenic Radiation Hardened Read Out Integrated Circuits (\$4 million)

MicroVac Vacuum Sampling Pathogen Collection and Concentration (\$4 million)

Integrated Passive Microelectronic Components at UI (\$1.5 million)

Small Accelerators and Detection Systems for Defense Applications at ISU (\$2 million)

Research on Molecular Approach to Hazardous Materials Decontamination (\$1 million)

Advanced Receive-While-Transmit Sonar for Unmanned Undersea Vehicles (\$2 million)

Electronic Warfare Modeling and Simulation Center (\$4 million)

Evaluating ELF Signals in Maritime Environments at UI (\$1 million)

Enabling Ubiquitous Computing Through Ultra Low Power Electronics at UI (\$1 million)

United States Air Force Joint Threat Emitter (\$10 million)

Labor-HHS-Education

North Idaho Rural Health Consortium (\$750,000)

ISU Telehealth Idaho Network (\$500,000)

UI Gateway to Math Program (\$500,000)

Bridge Homes for Children Project – Children's Home Society of Idaho (\$250,000)

LCSC American Indian Students in the Leadership of Education Program (\$450,000)

EITC Centers for New Direction's Idaho Women Work! Program (\$150,000)

St. Luke's RMC for expansion of Children's Health Services (\$800,000)

Albertson College of Idaho library technology infrastructure upgrades (\$600,000)

The bills will now be considered by the full Senate. For more information on budget reform and appropriations, please visit http://craig.senate.gov/budget.