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Alexander Announces Key 5th District Projects Secured in Spending Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, a member of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, today said he is pleased with the House’s final approval of a \$555 billion appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2008, as it contained the funding for 5th District projects Alexander previously secured in the subcommittee spending bills.

“I consider this year’s appropriations process a great success for the 5th District,” Alexander said.

“Earmarks are often criticized but I consider them a vehicle for securing funding for very specific needs in our district that would otherwise be ignored or overlooked by bureaucrats in Washington. I was proud to advocate each project we received funding for, as I know the projects will strengthen the 5th District in areas such as the economy, infrastructure, education, and community development. Unfortunately, not every project I originally put in a request for received an earmark, but the bill did retain the funding included in the House subcommittee bills, and that is great news for our region. As we start the process over next year, I will continue use my role on the Appropriations Committee to be a voice for the needs of our district.”

The bill awaits the President’s signature before becoming law. Some of the major projects included in the bill are as follows:

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>House Appropriations Subcommittee</u>
Lincoln Parish Grambling, East Martin Luther King Tarbutton Road Sewer Extension	\$500,000	Interior
East Carroll Parish Lake Providence Port	\$475,000	Energy and Water
Union and Lincoln Parishes Union -Lincoln Regional Water Supply initiative	\$144,000	Agriculture

Pointe Coupee Parish Pointe Coupee Better Access Community Health Center	\$341,000	Labor, HHS, Education
Lincoln Parish LA Tech, IDEA Place and SciTech Classroom	\$341,000	Labor, HHS, Education
Ouachita Parish ULM Pharmacy	\$390,000	Labor, HHS, Education
Ouachita Parish Monroe Airport	\$400,000	Transportation, HUD
Ouachita Parish Ouachita Port	\$500,000	Transportation, HUD
Multiple Parishes Claiborne, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Vernon, Winn Methamphetamine Task Force	\$658,000	Commerce, Justice, Science
Morehouse Parish Bastrop COPS Law Enforcement	\$1,645,000	Commerce, Justice, Science
Jackson Parish Greater North Louisiana Community Development Corp.	\$650,000	Financial Services
Ouachita Parish Northeast Louisiana Business and Community Development Center, ULM	\$450,000	Financial Services

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