

ACCOMPLISHMENTS LIST
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JANUARY-JULY 1983

SMALL BUSINESS

Veterans amendment funding

Tsongas amendment to fund the vietnam era and disabled veterans direct loan program at \$25 million for FY 84 accepted by voice vote in Committee.

Tsongas offered amendment as a substitute to his amendment to retain funding for all direct loan programs, including alternative energy companies, economically disadvantaged individuals. Tsongas supported the Committee recommendation to keep funding for the handicapped and for Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Companies (MESBICs).

The administration had recommended zeroing out the entire direct loan program, which allows SBA to lend money at low interest rates directly to companies who cannot qualify for SBA guaranteed financing through conventional lenders.

503 development company-IDB financing

Tsongas co-sponsored and spoke in favor of D'Amato bill in Small Business Committee to require SBA to permit the joint use of SBA 503 financing and Industrial Development Bonds. Authority to use the IDB program in conjunction with 503 local development corporation financing was denied by administrative action of SBA, and is available only in FY 83. The bill was passed out of Committee favorably but was replaced on the Senate calendar after threatened filibuster by Senator Metzenbaum.

FISHERIES

Gloucester Fisheries Lab Tsongas lobbied for Senate restoration of approximately \$1.3 million in funding for the Gloucester research lab, which provides important research and development for the New England fishing industry. The administration had proposed to zero the program again this year. (As of 7/26 the Senate planned to recommend level funding, same as the House).

Lobsters

Tsongas wrote in support of a grant from the Saltonstall-Kennedy fund to develop an electronic marketing system for lobsters, similar to the kind of system used to market other commodities.

Application still pending as of 7/26

Historic Preservation

African Meeting House
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AMH

Tsongas and Moakley were successful in getting \$1 million in funds for the African Meeting House, a property which the two had successfully had declared a national historic landmark three years ago. The funds will be used to make structural repairs, and plan for the overall restoration. The meeting house is the birthplace of the abolitionist movement and is the focal point for the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the first blacks in Massachusetts in 198(7?).

Improvements are necessary because of a fire ten years ago and in order to restore the site so it can be opened for the public.

Tsongas lobbied actively with Senate Interior Appropriations Chairman McClure to get support for the \$1 million. (Senate had zero, House had \$1.5).

Lowell Park and Commission

As of 7/26, bill had not gone to Senate floor.

Tsongas worked to get Senate to approve \$5.8 million in construction and development funds for the Park and Commission for FY 84 and an increase in operations for the Commission of \$100,000. The Senate provided zero, the House provided above amounts.

Housing

Tsongas did a colloquy on the FY 83 supplemental appropriations bill with Dole and D'Amato to insure that HUD funded the State agency rent supplement program for FY 83 at 100% funding level. Important to the Mass. State Housing Finance Agency, which administers the units. Beginning in 1984, the federal government will provide only 90% of funding.

Transportation

Tsongas worked actively to maintain full funding for Massachusetts in the FY 1984 appropriations bill.

1. MBTA interstate transit-transfer. House approved \$40 million. Tsongas requested level funding in Senate. Senate provided only \$20 million. Tsongas requested Senate to recede.

Conference final was \$30 million. (For red and orange lines)

2. South Station Phase II. House language required go-ahead for phase two construction of the inter-modal facility. Tsongas got language included in Senate.

3. Deerfield Rail Yard. Tsongas was unsuccessful in getting \$500,000 for Deerfield included in the Senate bill, but it was retained in conference.

5. Massport \$3 million for Neptune Road relocation project:

As of 7/26, Massport will stay in the bill as one of 20 airports slated for funding, but House narrative of the project may or may not be included.

This money would reimburse Massport for relocating 23 homeowners from Neptune Road to a new location. Massport is contributing

\$1.2 million of its own funds for the project.

REVENUE SHARING

Tsongas technical amendment is in both versions of the reauthorization bill (No floor action as of 7/26). The amendment would permit 48 communities in Massachusetts to count late tax collections in 1982 toward their tax effort that affects revenue sharing entitlement dollars this coming year. Without the amendment the communities would have lost \$3 million this year.

MASSPORT

Tsongas sponsored a delegation letter to the Secretary of State requesting that he appoint an airport operator as a technical advisor to international aviation agreements, to avoid problems in route changes similar to Massport losing London carrier as part of Bermuda II.
(Issue still open)

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Saving 2nd quarter FY 83 direct loan program

SBA direct Loan Program (See also Peter)

Tsongas spoke in committee in favor of denying Reagan request for elimination of FY 83 second quarter funding, citing Mass. Companies affected. Deferral disapproved as part of jobs bill.

Consumer/Home buyers

co-sponsored S.305 to provide a below market interest rate FHA program for first-time homebuyers.

Housing-low income public Housing

co-signed letter to Secretary Pierce opposing crippling changes in the modernization program.

Fish

Co-sponsored Mitchell bill to reduce duties on imported fish nets. (Most fishermen use imported net- no net made in Massachusetts.)

Rubber Footwear

Wrote letter to DLA supporting recommendations for improving capacity of industry to meet mobilization needs.

Tourism

Cosponsored National Tourism week resolution

Co-sponsored bill (pressler S.212) to provide funds for the US Travel and Tourism agency (Reagan proposed zero).

Historic Preservation

Co-sponsored S.905, legislation to make National Archives an independent agency (Currently under GSA)

Co-sponsored legislation to authorize funds for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (Both Hatfield bills)

Jobs Bill

Successful in getting funds for Buttermile Bay, Cohasset Narrows in Bourne Mass.

Worked to get project put on list of projects approved by Army Corps for jobs bill funding.

Lowell Housing Authority

See also Kay P.-helped get contracts for Section 8 tenants at Priceton Village. Helped keep tenants from being evicted because the owner would not sign contracts without rent increase and HUD would not grant rent increase without contract!

Lowell Housing application for modernization funds for North Common Village (still pending at HUD area office)

Salem: worked to get protection for Salem residents in plant relocation to Peabody (UDAG project)
Got language inserted in grant agreement to protect jobs and get transportation for Salem employees.

Dorchester-Beatrice Marie Nursing Home

Worked unsuccessfully with Donnelly and Moakley to get HUD to award a nursing home on a sole source award basis to Dorchester House- long established neighborhood service organization wanted to acquire home to provide final link in geriatric care (already have meals on wheels, 202 housing, health services for elderly).

Revere Beach

worked unsuccessfully to get funds for the flood control project as part of FY 83 supplemental and FY 84 appropriation. (Could not get funding because project is not yet authorized, and is stalled at Army Corps of Engineers.)