

## WHAT WAS HE THINKING?

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, in determining his pick for the new head of the SEC, President Obama called for a "shift in ethics on Wall Street" and then subsequently announced his selection of Mary Schapiro for the SEC chairmanship. The irony of this selection is hard to miss, especially given Schapiro's reputation for favoring brokers and the securities industry over investors.

As head of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Ms. Schapiro completely missed both the mortgage crisis and the Madoff \$50 billion Ponzi scheme defrauding hundreds of unknowing investors. Furthermore, Ms. Schapiro's record as a regulator demonstrates she has seldomly pursued tough action against big Wall Street firms who, we all know, have atrociously abused our regulatory processes.

And while President Obama has openly stated that "the regulators who were assigned to oversee Wall Street dropped the ball," he has picked Schapiro, someone who was "asleep at the switch," to steer the reform of the SEC.

Which leaves me with the question: What was he thinking?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

J. HERBERT W. SMALL FEDERAL  
BUILDING AND UNITED STATES  
COURTHOUSE

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R.813) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 813

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

## SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building and United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 813.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 813, a bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

Judge Small has been a lifelong resident of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and has dedicated 52 years to civil service. He served in the United States Navy for 3 years during World War II and, after leaving the service, received a law degree from the University of North Carolina Law School at Chapel Hill. He began his public career as a special counsel to the Congressional Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and later served for 8 years as county attorney for Pasquotank County. In 1979 he was elected Superior Court judge of the First Judicial District of North Carolina and served in that position for 17 years.

Judge Small has been an active volunteer serving on the board of directors of the Albemarle Hospital and the American Red Cross. He has received numerous awards and honors from the Jaycees, the Boy Scouts, Volunteer Firemen, Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary and Elks clubs.

In the 110th Congress, the House passed a similar bill, but unfortunately the Senate was unable to act on the legislation. I would like to thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) for reintroducing this bill.

Judge Small is an outstanding jurist, mentor, and civic leader. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 813.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As you have just heard, this bill names a United States courthouse lo-

cated in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse." I too support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD).

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Let me start by thanking the gentlewoman for yielding 4 minutes to me to speak on a very important issue in my congressional district, and that is the naming of this Federal courthouse in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. I also want to thank the gentleman from Florida for his kind remarks about my good friend Judge Small.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor to a constituent, a friend, and a community leader by naming the Federal building in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building." I would also like to thank the chairman of the full committee, Mr. OBERSTAR, and the ranking member, Mr. MICA, for their leadership in ushering this bill through the committee process. I would also like to thank each member of the North Carolina delegation, both Democrat and Republican, for their support of this legislation.

Almost 2 years ago, Mr. Speaker, this identical bill passed the House with unanimous support, but, regrettably, it was not taken up in the other body. I am confident that the Senate will see the bill through the process this session so we can now bestow this great honor upon Judge Small.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Small is a lifelong resident of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He has dedicated 52 years of his professional life to improving the lives of the residents of Eastern North Carolina and in particular the Albemarle region. He began to practice law in Elizabeth City 2 years after I was born, 1949, after graduating from the University of North Carolina Law School at Chapel Hill. So the UNC fans have two reasons to celebrate today: the naming of this Federal building as well as the great victory that we saw this weekend.

Judge Small served as special counsel to the Congressional Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and later served 8 years as county attorney for Pasquotank County. He was elected district attorney for the First Judicial District of North Carolina for three consecutive terms.

As a young lawyer, I opposed Herb Small in the courtroom on several occasions. I was a defense lawyer; he was the prosecutor. He was a strong and effective district attorney. During his tenure, he served as chairman of the District Attorneys Advisory Committee, was president of the District Attorneys Association, and was appointed by the Governor to the State "Jail Study" Commission.

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