

TO DESIGNATE THE FEDERAL BUILDING LOCATED AT
 2110 FIRST STREET IN FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, AS THE
 “GEORGE W. WHITEHURST FEDERAL BUILDING”

NOVEMBER 13, 2018.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SHUSTER, from the Committee on Transportation and
 Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 6622]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom
 was referred the bill (H.R. 6622) to designate the Federal building
 located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the “George
 W. Whitehurst Federal Building”, having considered the same, re-
 port favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the
 bill as amended do pass.

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The amendments are as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The Federal building and United States courthouse located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, shall be known and designated as the “George W. Whitehurst 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 “George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

Amend the title so as to read: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the “George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

H.R. 6622, as amended, designates the Federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the “George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 6622 designates the Federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the “George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

Judge George William Whitehurst was born in Wauchula, Florida, in 1891. He received his Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Florida College of Law before becoming a County Judge in De Soto County, Florida, from 1917 to 1919. After serving on the county bench, Whitehurst then served on the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida until 1947.

On January 30, 1950, Judge Whitehurst was nominated by President Harry S. Truman to joint appointments on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida and the Southern District of Florida. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on February 21, 1950, and would sit on the bench until he assumed senior status on June 30, 1961, serving in that capacity until his death on January 13, 1974.

HEARINGS

No hearings were held on H.R. 6622, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND CONSIDERATION

On July 26, 2018, Congressman Francis Rooney (R-FL) introduced H.R. 6622, a bill to designate the Federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the “George W. Whitehurst Federal Building”. The bill was referred solely to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

On September 27, 2018, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session. An amendment was offered by Congressman Lou Barletta (R-PA) and adopted by the Committee by voice vote. The amendment makes a technical change that reflects the fact that the building is both a Federal building and a U.S. courthouse. The Committee ordered the bill, as amended, reported favorably to the House by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with consideration of H.R. 6622, as amended.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 6622, as amended, from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 2, 2018.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER,
*Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 6622, a bill to designate the federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the "George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse," as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 27, 2018.

CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL,
Director.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goal and objective of this legislation is to designate the Federal building located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the “George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

ADVISORY OF EARMARKS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is required to include a list of congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. No provision in the bill includes an earmark, limited tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit under clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that no provision of H.R. 6622 as amended establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal government known to be duplicative of another Federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTED RULE MAKINGS

Pursuant to section 3(i) of H. Res. 5, 115th Cong. (2017), the Committee finds that enacting H.R. 6622, as amended, does not direct the completion of a specific rule making within the meaning of section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

FEDERAL MANDATE STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (Public Law 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H.R. 6622, as amended, does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (Public Law 104–1).

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF LEGISLATION

Section 1. Designation

Section 1 designates the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 2110 First Street in Fort Myers, Florida, as the “George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

Section. 2. References

Section 2 deems 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 as a reference to the “George W. Whitehurst Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H.R. 6622, as amended, makes no changes in existing law.

