

a gimmick, and it is a gimmick invented specifically by Senate Democrats so they can once again avoid standing up to President Obama and the Senate majority leader.

Let's be clear about what President Obama is asking the Senate to do. The President is asking the Senate to demote Cheryl LaFleur from being chairman—she is a highly qualified woman, a Democrat with over 25 years of experience in energy and 4 years of experience as a commissioner of FERC—in order to promote an unqualified man.

Why should the Senate do this?

The Senate majority leader put it this way in the Wall Street Journal. He said: I don't want her. "I don't want her as chair." He said: "She has done some stuff to do away with some of [Chairman] Wellinghoff's stuff." This is the majority leader of the Senate: "I don't want her as chair."

In short the President and the Senate majority leader want a rubber stamp. By all indications, they will get that with Mr. Bay.

On May 20, during his confirmation hearing, Mr. Bay admitted that he wasn't even following EPA regulations and their impact on electric reliability in this country. Two weeks later on June 4, in response to written questions, he stated the EPA's regulations are "manageable." Well, either he is an exceptionally quick study or he doesn't take electric reliability seriously.

FERC is an independent agency. It needs a highly qualified leader, a leader whose record is beyond reproach, a leader who will resist political interference from the White House and the majority leader, and Mr. Bay is not that individual.

For these reasons, I am voting against Mr. Bay and urge all Members to do the same.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING CHIEF STEPHEN SAVAGE

Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful man, Stephen Savage, the chief of the Plaistow Police Department, who passed away on Friday after a 3-year battle with cancer. We are deeply saddened by the loss of Chief Savage, a beloved member of the Plaistow community, who dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens.

For Steve, family came first. He was a devoted father, husband, and brother. We hold his wife Kristin and their sons Billy and Michael in our hearts, and we will keep them in our prayers. We share in their grief and we will be there

to support and comfort them during the difficult weeks ahead.

From a young age Steve was called to serve, and he answered that call. After graduating from Stevens High School in Claremont, NH, in 1965, he enlisted in the Air Force and served our country in Vietnam. He obtained the rank of sergeant and earned several commendations for his military service. Steve was a very patriotic person.

After returning from Vietnam, Steve went on to earn a degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University. He joined the Newport, NH, police department in 1969. That was the beginning of an exceptional career in law enforcement which would span more than 40 years—including positions with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Baltimore, MD, Police Department.

After coming home to his beloved State of New Hampshire in 1977, Steve was named chief of police in Haverhill, NH. He served as police chief in Haverhill until 1986, when he was appointed police chief in Plaistow, NH. Steve served as police chief in Plaistow for 28 years. He was the longest serving police chief in Plaistow's history.

In Plaistow Steve was a friend to all and was a constant presence at the local ballfield where he coached baseball and volunteered his time with Friends of Plaistow Recreation.

In addition to all of his responsibilities as police chief, Steve was a highly respected leader in our State's law enforcement community. He served as past president of the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association, where I had the privilege of working with him when I was attorney general. He served as president of the Rockingham County Chiefs of Police Association and as a member of many law enforcement organizations.

Steve was a great leader, and he was so well respected by all members of law enforcement throughout New Hampshire. His talent, dedication, and expertise helped set a gold standard of excellence for New Hampshire law enforcement. In a fitting tribute just a few weeks ago, the Plaistow Police Department named its tactical training center in Steve's honor, ensuring that his legacy will not be forgotten by the people of Plaistow or the people of New Hampshire.

He touched so many lives during his distinguished career, and one of them was mine. I had the privilege of getting to know Steve, Kristin, and his family when I served as attorney general for the State of New Hampshire.

Steve was such a kind, compassionate person and devoted to serving others. He was a man with a big heart. He had a vibrant personality that would light up a room and a great sense of humor that never faded despite his diagnosis. I was so proud to call Steve Savage my friend. I feel fortunate to have known him, and I will treasure our friendship always.

There is so much I admired about Steve Savage. He worked tirelessly to

keep his community safe. When he was diagnosed with cancer 3 years ago, he didn't let up. He just kept going, spending every moment he could with his family while also continuing to lead the police department and taking part in the community activities he enjoyed. In fact, in May he served as grand marshal for the Plaistow's Memorial Day parade.

Steve and his family—and particularly his wife Kristin—faced his illness with such inspiring courage. As we know, cancer hits so many people. They found a way to turn what was a tragedy in their family into a good cause to help others. The Savage family and the Pollard School worked together to organize the Run of the Savages, a 5K run to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Center and the Jimmy Fund.

Even in sickness Steve wanted to help others fighting the disease, a profound reflection of his generous and caring spirit. I know the Run of the Savages will continue, and I will certainly run in it again. It is a reflection of how much the Savage family has given back to the community and what an inspiration Steve's life can be for others facing the horrible disease of cancer.

Steve was determined to live life to the fullest, and he did so right up to the very end. Our State lost a truly great public servant with the passing of Steve Savage, New Hampshire's law enforcement community lost a brother, and so many of us lost a great friend.

The Savage family has lost a loving dad and our hearts ache for Kristin, Billy, and Michael. We will continue to keep them in our prayers and stand with them during this difficult time. They are an amazing family.

Steve went beyond the call of duty in everything he did as a father, as a police chief, and as a friend. And because of Steve, New Hampshire is a better place. I feel honored to have known him. His legacy will live on through all of those lives he touched. We will forever honor his memory, and we will continue to be there to support Kristin, Billy, and Michael. We are just thankful that someone such as Steve Savage came to serve our State and has been a friend to so many of us.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I ask unanimous consent that the time in the quorum call be charged equally to both sides of the aisle.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. AYOTTE. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. NELSON. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST

Mr. NELSON. I ask unanimous consent that I be able to display in the course of my speech some small bottles of liquid that will demonstrate what I am talking about today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

E-CIGARETTES

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I wish to show us these innocent-looking small bottles with an eye dropper of three types of liquid. This is liquid nicotine. The eye droppers are used to put that into the cartridges for electronic cigarettes, otherwise known as e-cigarettes. There are some versions that look the size of a cigarette that already have the liquid nicotine contained in them, but there are many flavors that are otherwise contained in these kinds of dispensers.

When our commerce committee had a hearing on e-cigarettes, I asked the question: Are these childproof? The answer was: No.

I asked the question: If these are not childproof, is the concentration of nicotine in these sufficient that it could harm a child? The answer was: Yes.

As a matter of fact, there are varying degrees of concentration of liquid nicotine in these bottles, but some of them are as concentrated as 540 milligrams of liquid nicotine. If a small child got into these bottles, which are not childproof, and ingested this, that child would either be deathly ill or dead. If that child gets into it and it spills on that child, it will be absorbed through the skin and likewise, according to the concentration of the nicotine, the child will be very ill.

Obviously, when we had the commerce committee hearing on e-cigarettes, I asked the question—once they said these are not childproof—of the e-cigarette industry, which was represented at the witness panel: Do you have any objection? They said: No.

So last Thursday a group of Senators filed a bill that will require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to start and adopt a rule that will cause these to be sold in childproof containers. This is a no-brainer. This is common sense.

Why hasn't it been addressed before? It defies common sense because of the danger to children. Already, in this year 2014, between January and the end of May, there were almost 2,000 calls for liquid nicotine poisoning to the poison centers around the country—just in that 5-month period. We already have a recorded incident 1 year ago or so of one child having been killed. This ought to be not only a no-brainer, it ought to fly through this Congress and get the CPSC to get on with regulating it administratively.

What is another reason? Well, look what this one is called, with a picture, Banana; this one is Naked Peach; this one is Juice E Juice. Appealing to kids? How about Banana Split or Cot-

ton Candy or Kool-Laid Grape or Skittles or Sweet Tart or Gummi Bear or Fruity Loops or Rocket Pop or Hawaiian Punch? That is what is going on.

There happens to be a part of government that is supposed to try to protect the public from danger. This is obviously something that ought to be done.

There is a larger question, and that is the question of e-cigarettes. That is not the subject of this legislation. With all due haste, the CPSC—and, oh, by the way, why the CPSC instead of the Food and Drug Administration? Because the Consumer Product Safety Commission is vested with the authority to create container packaging and safety packaging. So if Tylenol is childproof in its packaging, if Drano is, if any other obvious item that you want to childproof is, then we best have this done and done fast. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is the way to do it.

I hope by the attention this received in the hearing 2 or 3 weeks ago, plus the fact of a group of Senators now coming together and filing this legislation, the CPSC isn't going to wait around until we pass it, but it will get on with the problem.

There is a larger question. This is on an additional but related issue, and that is the advisability of e-cigarettes and the way they are being marketed.

As a matter of fact, on e-cigarettes there is some packaging where it looks like a white cigarette. Guess what is happening. It is now like we have seen this movie before. This is a rerun of what went on 20 years ago when, finally, because of tobacco products, the advertising on television and radio was banned by law because it was geared at getting young people hooked on tobacco. There were very attractive young models who were shown smoking cigarettes, wonderfully beautiful backgrounds on the television and the beautiful music on radio, and, indeed, there were advertisements with cartoons aimed at what? It came out in all of the tobacco wars that these were aimed at young people, getting them hooked on tobacco so they would be lifelong tobacco smokers and it would be tough to kick the habit. So a couple of decades ago we went through that fight and we banned the television and radio advertising of tobacco.

Well, guess what is happening now—beautiful and handsome models with the e-cigarette, cartoons aimed at young people with e-cigarettes. So another question this Senate should consider is banning the advertising that is obviously directed at young people to try to get them hooked on this nicotine product so that it is so hard for them to get off of the nicotine addiction over the course of time.

I can tell you that the commerce committee is going to stay on this, and the first thing we can do is give a little sweet talk to the CPSC to get moving on the regulatory process of a rule to require the childproof packaging of

this liquid nicotine. The next thing down the road is to stop the advertising that is being aimed directly at young people on the whole issue of electronic cigarettes.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FLORIDA'S EVERGLADES

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I am just busting out with ideas I wish to discuss with the Senate. Since we don't have any other Senators standing in line, I will share where I have been today and what is of urgency for the environmental community and particularly the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Government.

We have been spending hundreds of billions of dollars to restore the Florida Everglades. This is a natural resource that is unique in all of the world, and its environmental effects are felt far beyond Florida and the United States—indeed, on the entire planet. It is a source of water that starts southwest of Orlando in a little creek called Shingle Creek and flows south through the Kissimmee chain of lakes, into the Kissimmee River, into Lake Okeechobee, the big lake in southern Florida. From there the water then flows further to the south in what is termed the River of Grass—the Florida Everglades. From there it moves very slowly through all of that grass, and it eventually ends up on the southern tip of the peninsula in Florida Bay by the Florida Keys or to the southwest of Florida, coming out through what is an area known as the Shark River Slough into the Gulf of Mexico. It is a unique natural resource.

I once had Senator BARBARA BOXER, the chairman of the environment committee, down there.

We travel in the Everglades in an airboat since there is little depth to the water. Of course, it is all watered grass. You skim across the top of the water in an airboat propelled by a big airplane propeller.

As we took Senator BOXER across this River of Grass, in the midst of what looked like a meadow in front of the airboat, suddenly she saw a doe and her fawn going through the meadow. Only this time they were obviously not in a meadow; they were in water, and they were splashing in the water as they leapt away from the airboat.

It is a unique environmental, ecological treasure with so many endangered species there, and it is a discussion for another day, how invasive species are upsetting the ecological balance, such as the imported Burmese python,