



Fact Sheet: H.R. 2251– To designate the United States courthouse located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse"

Background Information

- H.R. 2251 designates the United States courthouse located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse".
- Judge Devitt was born in 1911 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received a B.S. and a law degree from the University of North Dakota. Early in this career he was in the private practice of law in East Grant Forks, MN and served as Judge on the Minnesota Municipal Court. Judge Devitt also served as an Assistant Attorney General for Minnesota (1939-1942) and during World War II was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve (1942-1946). Judge Devitt later became a U.S. Representative from Minnesota and a probate judge in Ramsey County, MN. In 1954, Judge Devitt was appointed by President Eisenhower to the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. He served as the chief judge from 1959 to 1981 and assumed senior status in 1981 until his death in 1992.

Summary

- H.R. 2251 was introduced by Representative Collin Peterson (D-MN) on June 4, 2013.
- H.R. 2251 would name the United States courthouse located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse".

Subcommittee Action

None.

Amendments

An amendment by Chairman Barletta is expected. The amendment would add "federal building" to the name of the building to have the full designation be the "Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building."

Statement of Administration Policy

None.

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