

Reality Radio

Transcript

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This is Reality Radio.

And the beat goes on...

Last week was an incredible week for groups joining in the battle over the Performance Tax Bill which is being promoted by John Conyers, Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Mel Watt and Bobby Scott. All five of these black elected officials continue to ignore the eminent danger to Black media ownership that HR 848 poses. Sheila Jackson Lee told a radio executive that she didn't believe that this bill would shut down any black radio stations but the reality is – she has never worked at, managed nor owned a radio station in her life. So, how could she possibly know “anything” about what it takes or doesn't take to operate a broadcasting facility? And – would it have made sense to investigate and find out about the status of black radio before joining the wrong campaign?

Talk about joining the campaign – the Landmark Legal Foundation last week filed a House ethics complaint against Representative Conyers for his role in writing a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency that supported a waste project tied to his wife – who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bribery – while she served on the Detroit City Council. The complaint alleges that Mr. Conyers was originally opposed to the contract and then after Mrs. Conyers received a \$10,000.00 consulting fee, he quote flip-flopped and wrote a letter of support. A former aide says that Mrs. Conyers demanded money and he paid her a finder's fee for the deal. The Landmark Foundation has a copy of the letter and has announced that they will be filing a similar complaint with the public integrity section of the United States Justice Department because quote they do not believe that John Conyers could have written the letter without knowing something and that it is crucial he be questioned under oath under penalty of perjury. I couldn't agree more.

This is reality radio with Cathy Hughes. What's your reality?