

article called "An Argument for Tax Reform Based on a Judeo-Christian Ethics," which makes an evangelical case for making the tax system fairer. She plans to train speakers this summer to take the theological argument to the grass roots. Kimble Forrister, the state coordinator of Alabama Arise, a coalition that advocates for poor people, expects the 100 church groups that are part of his organization to hold church-basement workshops this summer to get the word out to their congregations.

The Christian Coalition of Alabama has not yet taken a position on the September vote, but it has been speaking out against the plan's tax increases. In an interview yesterday, John Giles, the group's president, had trouble pointing to a biblical passage that directly supported his opposition to new taxes, but he referred to Jesus' statement about rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar's. The key question, he argued, is, "How much is Caesar's?"

As the Bush administration and the religious right fight to put theology more squarely into public policy discussions, they are going to have to be ready for arguments like the ones coming out of Alabama. Many theologians argue that it is far easier to find support in the Bible for policies that help the poor than for, say, a cut in the dividend tax. If Governor Riley's crusade succeeds this summer, Alabama may offer the nation a model for a new kind of tax system: one where the Devil is not in the details.

Why have I started my closing remarks with that article? Because I think if ever there was a formula for success in relieving suffering and hardships in the States and cities, it is an adoption of a simple Christian ethic that those who have the least deserve the least amount of taxes and the most amount of help from their government.

I have two pieces of legislation that I have introduced: One is called the Domestic Budget Protection Act, H.R. 1804. I have discussed that previously on the floor. That calls for a situation which would relieve the pressure on the domestic budget by forcing the consideration of all future military actions, like the war in Iraq, to be paid for by corporations. We once had a surcharge. During the war in Vietnam, during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, we had a surcharge on corporate profits to help pay for the war. We should go back to that so that the payment for the war is taken out of the budget as a competing factor for domestic programs like education, health care, a prescription drug benefit, et cetera.

I have a second bill, H.R. 2335, which is called the Emergency Revenue Sharing Act. The money we save should be spent in relieving the burdens that the cities and the States are now forced to deal with during this recession period. If we took the \$79 billion, or an equivalent amount of the amount that we appropriated for the war in Iraq and related matters, and sent it to the States and the cities, we would end the layoffs of school teachers and personnel in the schools, we would end the pressure on our civil servants, and we would end the kind of oppression of our taxpayers that has taken place through property tax increases and ticket blitzes.

All politics are inextricably interwoven. What happens at the local level

is inseparable from what happens down here. What we do here is inseparable from the hardships that are created at the local level.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 4:30 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. NADLER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for June 18 after 1:00 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of official business.

Mr. TIAHRT (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today after 3:30 p.m. on account of attending his son's graduation.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BELL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BORDALLO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SMITH of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, June 26.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, June 24.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MANZULLO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 389. An act to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

H.R. 519. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, and for other purposes.

H.R. 788. An act to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 703. An act to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 23, 2003, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2748. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [RI-38-6985b; FRL-7493-4] received June 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2749. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Vermont Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [VT-19-122b; FRL-7493-5] received June 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2750. A letter from the Ambassador, Republic of Poland, transmitting a letter requesting a change in U.S.-Poland immigration policies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2751. A letter from the Under Secretary for Health and Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense, transmitting a letter concerning a joint review of the adequacy of processes and existing authorities for the coordination and sharing of health care resources, pursuant to Public Law 107—314, section 723; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs.

2752. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report regarding the progress made in launching the Physician Group Practice demonstration, pursuant to Public Law 106—554, section 412 (114 Stat. 2763A—515); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

2753. A letter from the Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality, transmitting an account of the actions taken by the Administration to implement the President's climate change strategy; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Science, International Relations, and Agriculture.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1276. A bill to provide downpayment assistance under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-164). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1614. A bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing and to provide financial assistance under such program for main street revitalization or redevelopment projects in smaller communities to support the development of affordable housing for low-income families in connection with such projects, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-165). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 272. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; with an amendment (Rept. 108-166). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 2086. A bill to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy, with an amendment (Rept. 108-167 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILLS PURSUANT TO RULE XII

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2086. Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Intelligence (Permanent Select) extended for a period ending not later than July 14, 2003.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2516. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify that Christmas tree farming is agriculture under that Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 2517. A bill to enhance criminal enforcement of the copyright laws, educate the public about the application of copyright law to the Internet, and clarify the authority to seize unauthorized copyrighted works; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2518. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for consolidation and improvement of programs to assist homeless veterans, to provide for management by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of the Military Personnel Records facility of the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. HOUGHTON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SMITH of

New Jersey, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BASS, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. CROWLEY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DICKS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. FARR, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GOSS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. INSLER, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KUCINICH, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MOORE, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. NOR-TON, Mr. OLVER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ROTHMAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SAXTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. STARK, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WOLF, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WU, and Mr. WYNN):

H.R. 2519. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ADERHOLT:

H.R. 2520. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire by donation certain property in Alabama to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BAIRD (for himself and Mr. INSLER):

H.R. 2521. A bill to require the Comptroller General to conduct a study of the business practices, procedures, accountability, and administration of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers and of the Internet domain name system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. FALCOMAVAEGA, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 2522. A bill to amend the Organic Act of Guam to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to reduce, release, or waive amounts owed by the Government of Guam to the United States to offset unreimbursed Compact impact expenses; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BURNS:

H.R. 2523. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "Tomochichi United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. WATT, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. WATSON, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 2524. A bill to redesignate the Federal building located at 935 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest in the District of Columbia as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation Building"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FILNER (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HONDA, Ms. LEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. REYES, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. WATSON, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ):

H.R. 2525. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit certain Mexican children, and accompanying adults, to obtain a waiver of the documentation requirements otherwise required to enter the United States as a temporary visitor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

H.R. 2526. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-296) to provide for the protection of voluntarily furnished confidential information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security (Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. OLVER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. LEE, Mr. INSLER, Mr. CASE, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. BACA, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. NADLER, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. STARK, Mr. FALCOMAVAEGA, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. FARR, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WU, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 2527. A bill to provide for the provision by hospitals of emergency contraceptives to women who are survivors of sexual assault; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HINCHEY (for himself, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 2528. A bill to establish the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA:

H.R. 2529. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require not less than 75 percent of the amount of individual contributions accepted by Congressional candidates to come from in-State residents, to increase disclosure requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.