

endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Yet, as churches have been behind the movement to establish the Constitution, the movement to eliminate slavery, the movement to recognize civil rights so people are not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character—as was the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior, an ordained Christian minister—now we have turned full circle, and now we are starting to persecute and reward those who abroad persecute the very churches that made America the freest country—the only country from which people have fought and died for the liberty of others—the most generous and giving Nation in the history of the world, where more freedoms, liberties, and assets have been attained by individuals than in any country in the history of the world.

It is exceptional, but we are losing our exceptionalism because we are refusing to stand up for the beliefs of Christians here and around the world.

If we want to extend this little experiment in democracy, as one of the Founders said—if we want to acknowledge Ben Franklin's comment “it is a Republic if you can keep it,” and we want to keep it—it is time to rise up, not through violence. Just stop rewarding those who persecute Christianity. Those who burn churches, those who kill Christians, quit rewarding them—quit providing them arms—because, if we don't, we will slip down the slide of history into the dustbin of history, and people will only be able to look back and say, “What an amazing country that once was.”

I am here in Congress because I believe we have the chance to salvage this great country and get back our international leadership we once had and stand for freedom of religion in the world and in America, but God help us if we don't.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DOYLE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a family illness.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 9, 2013, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3994. A letter from the Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, transmitting a letter regarding the Farm Bill of 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture.

3995. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-71; Introduction [Docket No.: FAR 2013-0076, Sequence No. 7] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3996. A letter from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the System's final rule — Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) [Docket No.: CFPB-2013-0035] received December 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3997. A letter from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Consumer Leasing (Regulation M) [Docket No.: CFPB-2013-0034] received December 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3998. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (Mason County, WV, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2013-0002] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3999. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (Webster County, KY, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2013-0002] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4000. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Spirulina Extract; Confirmation of Effective Date [Docket No.: FDA-2011-C-0878] received December 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4001. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; State Boards Requirements [EPA-R03-OAR-2013-0650; FRL-9903-78-Region-3] received December 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4002. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Oregon; Revised Format of 40 CFR Part 52 for Materials Incorporated by Reference [EPA-R10-OAR-2013-0419; FRL-9900-70-Region 10] received December 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4003. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Direct Final Approval of Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator Negative Declaration for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Michigan and Wisconsin [EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0678; FRL-9903-33-Region-5] received December 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4004. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Disapproval, Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Wyoming [EPA-R08-OAR-2011-0728; FRL-9903-58-Region 8] received December 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4005. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prevention of Significant Deterioration for Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometers — Significant Impact Levels and Significant Monitoring Concentration: Removal of Vacated Elements [EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0605; FRL-9903-84-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AR99) received December 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4006. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's ninth annual report on Ethanol Market Concentration, pursuant to Section 1501(a)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4007. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4008. A letter from the Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Administration, transmitting the personnel report for personnel employed in the White House Office, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of Policy Development, and the Office of Administration for FY 2013, pursuant to 3 U.S.C. 113; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4009. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-219, “Cottage Food Amendment Act of 2013”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4010. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-220, “Trauma Technologies Licensure Amendment Act of 2013”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4011. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 20-221, “Extension of Time to Dispose of the Strand Theater Temporary Amendment Act of 2013”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4012. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; New Designated Country — Croatia [FAC 2005-71; FAR Case 2013-019; Item II; Docket No.: 2013-0019, Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 9000-AM66) received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4013. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments [FAC 2005-71; Item III; Docket No.: 2013-0080; Sequence No. 5] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4014. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Blue Runner [Docket No.: 100812345-2142-03] (RIN: 0648-XC871) received December 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4015. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Premerger Notification; Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements (RIN: 3084-AA91) received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4016. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Ocean Dumping; Sabine-Neches Waterway (SNWW) Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site Designation [EPA-R06-OW-2011-0712; FRL-9903-26-Region-6] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4017. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting an authorization of a noncompetitive extension of up to five years; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

4018. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2014 Section 1274A CPI Adjustments (Rev. Rul. 2013-23) received December 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4019. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Proposed Revision of Procedures for Advance Pricing Agreements [Notice 2013-79] received December 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. STIVERS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. DELANEY):

H.R. 3656. A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to expand the purposes of advances and collateral available to community development financial institutions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. HARTZLER (for herself, Mr. BARBER, Mr. KINGSTON, and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan):

H.R. 3657. A bill to limit the retirement of A-10 aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. GRANGER (for herself and Mr. CAPUANO):

H.R. 3658. A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. BURGESS:

H.R. 3659. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify policy with re-

spect to collecting reimbursement from third-party payers for medical assistance paid under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. KAP-TUR, and Mr. ANDREWS):

H.R. 3660. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require local educational agencies to implement a policy on allergy bullying in schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mrs. KIRK-PATRICK, Mr. JONES, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona):

H.R. 3661. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. GIBSON (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 3662. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; 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 Mrs. NOEM (for herself, Mr. CON-AWAY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H.R. 3663. A bill to prohibit regulations establishing certain limits for the school lunch program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3664. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from preventing a private business from operating during a Government shutdown on Federal property leased by the business from the Federal Government; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. DELANEY (for himself, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. POLIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. MOORE):

H.R. 3665. A bill to provide for the coverage of medically necessary food under Federal health programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, and Oversight and 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 Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Mr. DOGGETT):

H.R. 3666. A bill to alleviate the sequestration and to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Budget, 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. HARRIS (for himself, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. FLEMING, and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 3667. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase by 10 percentage points the required State match for certain newly eligible individuals under the Medicaid program and to apply savings against sequestration reductions otherwise required, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. KILDEE:

H.R. 3668. A bill to amend the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 to make permanent the exemption of grandfathered long-term care hospitals from the Medicare 25 percent threshold payment adjustment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MAFFEI:

H.R. 3669. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased supervision of persons required to wear an electronic monitoring device as a condition of release from prison, to criminalize disabling such an electronic monitoring device, to establish the Office of the Inspector General for Probation and Pretrial Services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. BARTON, and Mr. LANCE):

H.R. 3670. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of inaccurate caller identification information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MILLER of Florida:

H.R. 3671. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for a medallion furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to signify the veteran status of a deceased individual; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself and Mr. NUGENT):

H.R. 3672. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that caregivers for veterans with serious illnesses are eligible for assistance and support services provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHOCK (for himself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 3673. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat amounts paid for umbilical cord blood banking services as medical care expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCALISE (for himself, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. PITTS, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. POSEY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. PITTINGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. PALAZZO,