

been officially designated as Black History Month by every President since, and while the month is not itself sufficient to honor the legacies of African-Americans, it makes a good start.

This year is especially important, as is this day, as we honor the 200th birthday of Frederick Douglass, a towering presence in African-American history. Born into slavery, secretly teaching himself to read and write, Frederick Douglass would become a powerful voice for abolition, and for the equality of all people.

But during this month, we must honor not only Frederick Douglass and the other leading figures of our movement, but also the thousands of ordinary African-Americans who formed the tide that swept slavery from our nation, the many people who continue in the effort to eradicate racism today, and all those who will do so in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend AL GREEN for convening this special order session, so that we can appropriately honor Black History Month, and recognize the sacrifice and courage of African-Americans throughout our nation's history.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LOBIONDO (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today after 1:30 p.m. and for February 15 on account of attending a family funeral.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on February 9, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1892. To amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty.

H.R. 1301. Making appropriations for the Department of Defense the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

H.R. 582. To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require multi-line telephone systems to have a configuration that permits users to directly initiate a call to 9-1-1 without dialing any additional digit, code, prefix, or post-fix, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3982. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standardizing Phytosanitary Treatment Regulations: Approval of Cold Treatment and Irradiation Facilities; Cold Treatment Schedules; Establishment of Fumigation and Cold Treatment Compliance Agreements [Docket No.: APHIS-2013-0081] (RIN: 0579-AD90) received February 12, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3983. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Calendar Year 2017 reports to describe activities under the Secretary of Defense Personnel Management Demonstration Project authorities for the Department of Defense Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratories, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2358 note; Public Law 110-181, Sec. 1107(d); (122 Stat. 358); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3984. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Policy, Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects: Delay of the Revisions to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects [Docket No.: FR-6077-1-01] received February 1, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3985. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2018-2020 Enterprise Housing Goals (RIN: 2590-AA81) received February 7, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3986. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final regulations — Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and Teacher Education Assistance of College and Higher Education Grant Program [Docket ID: ED-2017-OPE-0112] (RIN: 1840-AD28) received February 12, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3987. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Commission's Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission report for Fiscal Year 2017, pursuant to the Buy American Act, 41 U.S.C. 10a(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3988. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's direct final rule — Revision to Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act Regulation [Docket No.: CPSC-2015-0006] received February 1, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3989. 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; Arkansas; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R06-OAR-2017-0435; FRL-9973-23-Region 6] received February 9, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110

Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3990. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — OHIO: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [EPA-R05-RCRA-2017-0381; FRL-9974-25-Region 5] received February 9, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3991. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Emergency Preparedness and Operations Reliability Standards [Docket No.: RM17-12-000; Order No.: 840] received February 12, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3992. A letter from the Chairman, United States Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, transmitting the Board's report titled, "A Report to Congress and the Secretary of Energy on Management and Disposal of U.S. Department of Energy Spent Nuclear Fuel", pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, Public Law 100-203; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3993. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Supplemental Report to Congress on Market Data for overseas Cost-of-Living Adjustments, pursuant to Public Law 114-323, Sec. 411; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3994. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination by the Secretary to exercise the authority to waive the restriction on assistance under Sec. 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to Antigua and Barbuda; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3995. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-255, "Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Board of Directors Appointment Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3996. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-254, "East End Grocery and Retail Incentive Tax Exemption Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3997. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-253 "Jackson School Lease Renewal Authorization Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3998. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-252, "East End Commercial Real Property Tax Rate Reduction Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3999. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-251, "General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Years 2018-2023 Authorization Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4000. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-250, "Africare Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4001. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-249, "Electric Vehicle Public Infrastructure Expansion Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4002. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-248, "Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Clarification Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4003. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-247, "National Community Reinvestment Coalition Real Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4004. A letter from the Acting Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2018-2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4005. A letter from the Assistant Director, OSD SEMO, Department of Defense, transmitting forty (40) notifications of a federal vacancy, designation of acting officer, nomination, action on nomination, change in previously submitted reported information, or discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4006. A letter from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Years 2017-2019, Annual Performance Plan, and Annual Performance Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4007. A letter from the Acting Director and General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's Strategic Plan for FY 2018-22, Congressional Budget Justification for 2019, Annual Performance Plan for FY 2018 and 2019, and Annual Performance Report for FY 2017, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867) and 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4008. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2018-22, combined Annual Performance Plan for FY 2018-19, and Annual Performance Report for FY 2017, and Budget Justification for FY 2019, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867) and 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania,

Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. RICHMOND, and Mrs. DEMINGS):

H.R. 5011. A bill to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, and Foreign Affairs, 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. ROKITA (for himself, Mr. MARINO, and Mr. BABIN):

H.R. 5012. A bill to provide further tax relief for Americans receiving bonuses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BEYER, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. DUNN, and Mr. HARRIS):

H.R. 5013. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to clarify liability protections regarding emergency use of automated external defibrillators; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. MAST, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ROSS, and Mr. YOHIO):

H.R. 5014. A bill to provide for a moratorium on oil and gas leasing and exploration on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida until 2029, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. POLIS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. LEE, Mr. ELLISON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELAUNO, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, and Ms. KAPTUR):

H.R. 5015. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take certain actions related to pesticides that may affect pollinators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

H.R. 5016. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Revitalize Rural America Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. FUDGE (for herself, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. LEE):

H.R. 5017. A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Healthy Food Financing Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KIND:

H.R. 5018. A bill to carry out pilot programs to improve skills and job training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. TED LIEU of California (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CUMMINGS,

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. COOPER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. WELCH, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. BEYER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. GALLEGO):

H.R. 5019. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require a quarterly report on security clearances for individuals working in the White House or the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. LOEBSACK:

H.R. 5020. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Department of Education program to award grants to secondary schools that establish a project to encourage students in their junior and senior school years to experience career and technical education courses at a community college, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 5021. A bill to require the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration to make publicly available on the website of the Drug Enforcement Administration a report on the sale of controlled substances and controlled substance analogues by means of the Internet; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. BUSTOS, and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 5022. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize funding for the voluntary public access and habitat incentive program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5023. A bill to designate the Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park comprised of certain National Park System lands, and by affiliation and cooperative agreements other historically significant resources, located in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland, that were part of the Civil War defenses of Washington and related to the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, to study ways in which the Civil War history of both the North and South can be assembled, arrayed, and conveyed for the benefit of the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. RADEWAGEN:

H.R. 5024. A bill to exclude the species known as bullet tuna and frigate tuna from the standard of identity established for canned tuna, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. RADEWAGEN:

H.R. 5025. A bill to amend the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act to limit the imposition of penalties against a person fishing on a United States flag fishing vessel in certain areas of the Pacific Ocean based on a report by an observer on such a vessel; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. RADEWAGEN (for herself and Ms. BORDALLO):