

something, created the universe, and if that thing or force, person, is still around, it never interferes with nature or man. Everybody is on their own.

But it was Ben Franklin that said: "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without His aid?"

We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the House they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

We will be confined by our local partial interests; and we, ourselves, shall become a byword down through the ages.

That is because he knew this was the best chance in the history of all of the world to have people self-governing. The Romans had a form and the Greeks had a form, but not like this.

We have been blessed. We have continued to work together over the centuries to get the Constitution to where all people will be treated as they are created: equal; not equal in talent or intellect, but equal in the sight of God, our Creator.

Yet, the Equality Act sends a message that if you are going to base your life on the teachings of Moses or Jesus or both, then we will not only persecute you, we will prosecute you. And the Attorney General of the United States is authorized under the Equality Act, basically, to destroy your life if you happen to believe and practice what Moses and Jesus said.

We have done so much destruction of families in this country over the last 50 to 60 years, and it is tough. I have seen it. People I love have been a single mom or single dad raising kids. It is tough.

We have taken action, passed laws that really have been destructive of the home as a nuclear home. We have seen the falling away from Judeo-Christian beliefs.

As John Adams said, this Constitution is only meant for a religious and a moral people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any others.

So this is one more nail in America's coffin. As Jefferson said, I fear for America because I know God is just. But this says Moses and Jesus were just wrong. Anybody who tries to follow those teachings publicly, we are going to destroy you until we make everybody equal except Orthodox Jews and Christians following the Bible, and also Muslims who are following the Koran. They will not be able to follow the teachings of the Koran if this becomes law.

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

#### REMOVAL OF DELEGATE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO HOUSE DEMOCRACY PARTNERSHIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 104(a) of House Resolution 6, 116th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Chair removes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) from the House Democracy Partnership, and appoints the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS) to fill the vacancy.

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 20, 2019, 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:

1056. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Export-Import Bank, transmitting two (2) notifications of a nomination and an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1057. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting five (5) notifications of a vacancy, a designation of acting officer, a nomination, and an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1058. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Standards Branch, BSEE, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions [Docket ID: BSEE-2018-0002; 190E1700D2 ET1SF0000.EAQ000 EEEE500000] (RIN: 1014-AA39) received May 16, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1059. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Great Lakes Pilotage Rates — 2019 Annual Review and Revisions to Methodology [USCG-2018-0665] (RIN: 1625-AC49) received May 16, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### 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. TAKANO: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2333. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention coordinators, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-70). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. TAKANO: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2359. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Veterans Affairs advancing of whole health transformation; with an amendment (Rept. 116-71). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. TAKANO: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2372. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of all memoranda of understanding and memoranda of agreement between Under Secretary of Health and non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities relating to suicide prevention and mental health services; with an amendment (Rept. 116-72). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### 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. KIM (for himself and Mr. RATCLIFFE):

H.R. 2819. A bill to extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work in honor of Gold Star Families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD:

H.R. 2820. A bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and entered the United States as children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. VELAZQUEZ (for herself and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H.R. 2821. A bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain nationals of certain countries designated for temporary protected status or deferred enforced departure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SHERRILL (for herself and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 2822. A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of funding for family-to-family health information centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. CASE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CORREA, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. GOMEZ):

H.R. 2823. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida):

H.R. 2824. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require the inclusion of

credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, and Mr. TURNER):

H.R. 2825. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit for certain small projects, to eliminate the requirement that the taxpayer's basis in a building be reduced by the amount of the rehabilitation credit determined with respect to such building, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself and Mrs. NAPOLITANO):

H.R. 2826. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for behavioral and mental health outreach and education strategies to reduce stigma associated with mental health among the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander population; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 2827. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to deem any perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance used as a food contact substance to be unsafe and therefore treated as adulterated under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. SWALWELL of California):

H.R. 2828. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that for purposes of computing the annuity of certain law enforcement officers, any hours worked in excess of the limitation applicable to law enforcement premium pay shall be included in such computation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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. LEVIN of Michigan (for himself and Mr. MASSIE):

H.R. 2829. A bill to clarify that Congress has not provided authorization for the use of military force against Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MEADOWS (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. ROUZER):

H.R. 2830. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to create a task force to process applications submitted for determinations, assessments, and waivers for unmanned aircraft systems; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MITCHELL (for himself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. LANGEVIN):

H.R. 2831. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to award grants for promoting industry or sector partnerships to encourage industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement as part of an infrastructure investment; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. OMAR (for herself, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 2832. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a business credit

for gain from the sale of real property for use as a manufactured home community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. PORTER (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. LEVIN of Michigan):

H.R. 2833. A bill to require the student loan ombudsman of the Department of Education to provide student loan data to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. ROUZER:

H.R. 2834. A bill to revise the boundaries of a unit of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System in Topsail, North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. KATKO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 2835. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to reform certain forfeiture procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and 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 Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself and Mr. WAGNER):

H.R. 2836. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2020 through 2022 to provide assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras through bilateral compacts to increase protection of women and children in their homes and communities and reduce female homicides, domestic violence, and sexual assault; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. TITUS, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. FRANKEL, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. SOTO, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. NADLER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. KILMER, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. CORREA, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. CRIST, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. MENG, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. HIMES, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mrs. CRAIG, Ms. PORTER, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. CISNEROS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. PAYNE, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ):

H. Res. 388. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the International Day

Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and Labor, 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.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. KIM:

H.R. 2819.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution

By Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD:

H.R. 2820.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 2821.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . .

By Ms. SHERRILL:

H.R. 2822.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 1 of section 8 of the Constitution

By Ms. SPEIER:

H.R. 2823.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 2824.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 2825.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause I

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California:

H.R. 2826.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 2827.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 2828.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress shall have Power . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. LEVIN of Michigan:

H.R. 2829.