

Meeting House opened its doors to a variety of different denominations. Beyond these religious and educational roles, the church offered a meeting place for African Americans to discuss civil rights and other vital issues and hosted literary clubs, youth groups, and numerous other social organizations.

Unfortunately, the original church structure, which was renamed the Meeting Street Baptist Church in 1840, was torn down in the 1860s without the congregation's approval amid tensions with its White neighbors. However, the congregation persevered, and a new structure was built on a nearby plot of land in 1875.

The new church was renamed the Congdon Street Baptist Church and to this day continues to be a pillar of support and advocacy for Rhode Island's African-American community. Its congregants supported Black Brown University students during their 1968 walkout protesting the university's lack of recruitment of and support for students of color. In a testament to Congdon Street Baptist Church's importance to Black Rhode Islanders, the students chose to march from the university to the church and remained there until their demands for change were met. During the mid-20th century, congregants also pressured the State to investigate and end discrimination in employment and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. More recently, the church has, among its numerous activities, increased its outreach to college students, embarked on mission trips to help disadvantaged communities around the world, and tutored local children in reading, math, and writing.

Today, after 200 years of worship and public service, Congdon Street Baptist Church continues to uplift our State while adhering to its vision of being a "radically authentic community." I join community members in Providence and Rhode Islanders across the State in congratulating Pastor Justin R. Lester and the entire Congdon Street Baptist Church congregation on this significant milestone.

**Mr. WHITEHOUSE.** Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate a milestone for Rhode Island's oldest Black church. In August, the Congdon Street Baptist Church on the East Side of Providence celebrated its bicentennial. From its inception at the nearby African Union meetinghouse and schoolhouse in 1819, Congdon Street Baptist Church has been a centerpiece of spiritual and community life for generations of African Americans in Providence.

The Congdon Street Baptist Church has weathered racial injustices to flourish as a place for worship and education. Its founding members left the First Baptist Church in America, where they were made to worship in a segregated space. They formed their own congregation in Providence so that people of color could worship in dignity and secure a fitting education for their children.

Fulfilling that mission did not come without adversity. The original church was demolished in the 1860s at the behest of White neighbors. Unbowed, the congregation rebuilt. The new church, completed in 1875, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In the 1960s, the church served as a sanctuary for Rhode Islanders involved in the civil rights movement. Today, education and empowerment remain hallmarks of the church community.

Rhode Island was founded on the principles of religious freedom and tolerance. I am proud to have Congdon Street Baptist Church as a cornerstone of that tradition, and I wish the congregation centuries of peaceful worship to come.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### REMEMBERING WALTER TURNBOW

• **Mr. BOOZMAN.** Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Walter Turnbow, who passed away on September 9 at the age of 95. Walter was a longtime leader in northwest Arkansas and truly represented what it meant to put the needs of others above one's own.

Walter Turnbow served on the Springdale Industrial Commission, Springdale Public Facilities board, Beaver Water District board, and the Springdale Water and Sewer Commission. In addition to these positions, he also served on the Springdale School Board, Northwest Arkansas Community Care Foundation, and the Arkansas State Board of Education.

He dedicated his life to public service and the education system in Springdale. While serving on the water and sewer commission, he oversaw the construction of what was, at that time, the State's largest water tank. This proved to be a forward-thinking decision since the city's continued growth would require greater infrastructure investment. Because of Walter's leadership, Springdale was prepared for the changes and completed the project without having to borrow money.

Walter saw education as the gateway to a better future for his community. In 2006, the Springdale School District honored his contributions to the community and the school board by naming an elementary school after him. He often visited the school to meet with students and read to them. In addition to the elementary school, other sites and meeting spaces in the Springdale community have also been named in his honor, a testament to his very real impact and incredible legacy.

As one of Springdale's most well-known public servants, he touched the lives of everyone in the community. From overseeing economic development to ensuring a quality education for everyone, Walter Turnbow left a mark on the community of Springdale that no one will soon forget. I extend my condolences to his loved ones and

the entire Springdale community and pray that future leaders will follow his remarkable example.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate

**H.R. 806.** An act to require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 1618.** An act to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 2134.** An act to reauthorize the Helen Keller National Center for Youths and Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind.

**H.R. 2211.** An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety rule for free-standing clothing storage units to protect children from tip-over related death or injury, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 2486.** An act to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

**S. 163.** An act to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices, and for other purposes.

**S. 1689.** An act to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Dr. Jim Jirjis of Nashville, Tennessee.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 1790) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. LANGEVIN, LARSEN of Washington, COOPER, COURNEY, GARAMENDI, Ms. SPEIER, Messrs. NORCROSS, GALLEGOS, MOULTON, CARBAJAL, BROWN of Maryland,

KHANNA, KEATING, VELA, KIM, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Messrs. CISNEROS, THORNBERRY, WILSON of South Carolina, TURNER, ROGERS of Alabama, CONAWAY, LAMBORN, WITTMAN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Ms. STEFANIK, Messrs. KELLY of Mississippi, BACON, BANKS, and Ms. CHENEY.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Mr. NUNES.

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of sections 4 and 10608 of the Senate bill, and sections 1006 and 1112 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. YARMUTH, PETERS, and JOHNSON of Ohio.

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of sections 571, 572, and 5501 of the Senate bill, and sections 211, 576, 580, 1099N, 1117, 3120, and 3503 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Ms. FOXX of North Carolina.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 214, 315, 318, 703, 3112, 3113, 3201–03, 5318, 6001, 6006, 6021, 6701, 6711, 6721–24, 6741, 6742, 6751–54, 8101, 8202, 10421, 10422, and 10742 of the Senate bill, and sections 315, 330F, 330H, 3300, 606, 737, 3111, 3112, 3127, 3128, 3201, and 3202 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. PAL-LONE, TONKA, and UPTON.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 6017, 6018, 6804, 6811, 6813–16, 6834, 6835, and title LXIX of the Senate bill, and sections 550K, 560G, subtitle I of title X, sections 12408, 1292, 1704, 1711, 1713–16, 1733, and 2843 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. WATERS, Messrs. SHERMAN, and BARR.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 834, 1011, 1043, 1202, 1203, 1205, 1206, 1211, 1212, 1215, 1221–24, 1231–36, 1238, 1252, 1281–84, title XIII, sections 1671, 1681, 2822, 6203–06, 6210, 6213, 6215, 6231, 6236, title LXVI II, sections 6921, 6922, 6931, 6941, 6943, 6954, part I of subtitle B of title LXXXV, sections 8562, and 10701 of the Senate bill, and sections 634, 1036, 1046, 1050, 1099X, 1201, 1202, 1204, 1207, 1210, 1213, 1215, 1218, 1221–25, 1229, 1231–34, 1240A, 1241, 1250D, 1251, 1255, 1258, 1260A, 12608, 1265, 1266, 1269, 1270, 1270G, 1270H, 1270I, 1270N, 1270R, 1270S, 1270T, 1270W, subtitle I of title XII, subtitle J of title XII, title XIII, sections 1521, 1669, and title XVII of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ENGEL, MEEKS, and McCaul.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sections 6006, 6012, and 8543 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. ROSE of New York, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. WALKER.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of section 1025, 1031, 1044, 1682, 6004, 6206, 6804, 6811, 6813–16, 6835, 6921, and 6944 of the Senate bill, and sections 530F, 530G, 550D, 550F, 550J, 570H, 729, 827, 1011, 1048, 1049, 1050C, 1093, 1099C, 1099K, 1099V, 1099Z–3, 1212, 1296A, 1704, 1711, 1713–16, and 1733 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NADLER, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 314, 2812, 2814, 6001, 6020, subtitle C of title LXVII, section 8524, part 1 of subtitle B of title LXXXV, sections 8554, and 8571 of the Senate bill, and sections 330G, 1094, 1099D, 1099F, 1099U, 2851, subtitle F of title XXVIII, sections 2876, and 2880 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah.

From the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for consideration of sections 218, 530, 559, 579, 1081, 1082, title XI, sections 5802, 6012, subtitle B of title LXV, sections 9304, 9307, 9311, 9313, 9314, 10303, 10432, 10434, 10601, 10603–05, 10612, 10741, and 10742 of the Senate bill, and sections 212, 239, 550O, 629, 633, 804, 829, 842, 861, 872, 877, 883, 884, 891, 895, 899E, 899H, 899I, 1064, 1085, 1099B, title XI, sections 1704, 1711, 1713–16, and 3127 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. LYNCH, CONNOLLY, and GREEN of Tennessee.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sections 216, 219, 1612, 6001, 6006, 6008, 6009, 6742, 6754, 8524, and 10742 of the Senate bill, and sections 214, 217, 882, and 1089 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mses. JOHNSON of Texas, SHERRILL, and Mr. BAIRD.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of section 841 of the Senate bill, and sections 872–76, 878, 879, 881, 882, and 886–89 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Messrs. GOLDEN, and CHABOT.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 353, 1612, 1682, 2805, title XXXV, sections 6001, 6006, 6012, 6015, 6019, 6021, 6754, 8500, 8511, 8517, 8519, 8520, 8522, 8523, 8525, 8532, 8543, 8545, 8546, and 8571 of the Senate bill, and sections 311, 313, 330A, 330O, 351, 354, 555, 569, 580C, 606, 896, 2808, 3501, and 3504 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DELGADO, PAPPAS, and KATKO.

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of sections 568, 721, 726, 727, 1083, 1431, 2812, 2813, 5702, and 6007 of the Senate bill, and sections 530, 530A, 545, 546, 550E, 550G, 550H, 550I, 550J, 569, 570E, 570F, 574, 624, 705, 706, 713, 715, 1093, 1126, and 1411 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TAKANO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Mr. WATKINS.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY) announced that on today, September 18, 2019, he has signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1200. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2019, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 806. An act to require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1618. An act to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2134. An act to reauthorize the Helen Keller National Center for Youths and Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2211. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety rule for free-standing clothing storage units to protect children from tip-over related death or injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2020" (Rept. No. 116–106).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Andrew Bremberg.

Post: Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and done:

1. Self: \$100, July 2015, Scott Walker for America; \$150, April 2016, Mike Gallagher for Wisconsin.

2. Spouse: Maria Bremberg: None.

3. Children and Spouses: Paul Bremberg: None; Lucy Bremberg: None; Jane Bremberg: None; Anne Bremberg: None.