

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 Agen-

cy'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.