

In Kenya, Christians are also persecuted. At 5:30 in the morning on April 2 of this year, the terrorist group al Shabaab attacked a school. Collins Wetangula, a student at the school, said when the gunmen arrived at his dormitory, he could hear them opening doors and asking the people who were hiding inside whether they were Christians or whether they were Muslims.

Here is what he said: "If you were a Christian, you were shot on the spot." A spokesman for the terror group told the BBC that it attacked the school because "it's on Muslim land colonized by non-Muslims." Of the 147 people who were slaughtered that day because they were Christians, many of them were students—teenagers, kids.

When the same terrorist group attacked a shopping mall in Kenya in 2013, they took a number of shoppers captive. One of them was Joshua Hakim. When Joshua got close to his attackers, he showed them his ID, but he covered up his Christian name with his thumb. "They told me to go," he recalled later. "Then an Indian man came forward, and they said, 'What is the name of Mohammed's mother?' When he couldn't answer, they just shot him" on the spot.

There are many more unnamed Christian martyrs who are persecuted for their faith, Madam Speaker. The persecution of Christians has been going on since Stephen was stoned for his faith in Acts 7. But what these current accounts show is that persecutions of Christians around the world are growing in number and are being tolerated more by governments and, in my opinion, encouraged by some non-Christian societies.

We cannot deny this reality. We must tell it like it is. People should not make excuses for or cover up the widespread persecution of Christians throughout the world. Governments, terrorist groups, and others should not get a pass and "tacit hunting permits" to kill Christians.

The problem is rogue States like Pakistan and Iran and rogue terrorist groups like ISIS who get their legitimacy and power from imprisoning and killing Christians. As a country, the United States needs to reexamine its relationship with States that persecute Christians. Maybe we should give these countries less American money until they start protecting—instead of arresting—Christians. We need to be singularly minded when it comes to describing groups like ISIS and what they really are: They are evil; they kill in the name of their radical religion.

Madam Speaker, one of the pillars of our Nation and a foundation of our Republic is the principle of religious freedom, religious freedom for all faiths. It is constitutionally protected in the First Amendment of the Constitution. Of the five rights mentioned in the First Amendment, religious freedom and liberty is mentioned first. This is not by accident. Our forefathers were serious about the protection of reli-

gious liberty. It is a basic civil right, human right, and an inalienable right.

Since Pilgrims came to America to escape religious persecution in Europe, our Nation has stood as a bright beacon to the world for religious freedom for all faiths—Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Christians, and others. But the question before us today is: Will we remain a beacon of hope for persecuting Christians around the world?

It is properly written in Scripture, a parable by the good Lord. I will paraphrase. He said: A man was traveling down a road, and he fell among robbers. The man was beaten, and his property was stolen, and he was left for dead. Other people traveled down the same road, saw the victim, but they passed over on the other side of the road. They went their own way and avoided this victim.

Madam Speaker, we cannot pass on the other side while Christians worldwide are being beaten, beheaded, and brutalized because of their religious faith, being a Christian. We must be that beacon that shines brightly in proud protection of religious freedom for all, including Christians.

And that is just the way it is.

I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX) at 8 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2028, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2029, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016; AND PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 4, 2015, THROUGH MAY 11, 2015

Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 114-94) on the resolution (H. Res. 223) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,

and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from May 4, 2015, through May 11, 2015, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ROYCE (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and April 29 on account of attending the funeral of his father-in-law, Ronald Herbert Porter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 9 a.m.

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. WOODALL: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 223. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes and providing for proceedings during the period from May 4, 2015, through May 11, 2015 (Rept. 114-94). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. PALAZZO (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, and Mr. POSEY):

H.R. 2039. A bill to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. MACARTHUR:

H.R. 2040. A bill to designate the Atlantic striped bass as the National Fish of the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. LAMALFA (for himself and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 2041. A bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Mr. PETERSON):

H.R. 2042. A bill to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units before requiring compliance with such rule, and to allow States to protect households and businesses from significant adverse effects on electricity ratepayers or reliability; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. OLSON (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ROSKAM, and Mr. NUNES):

H.R. 2043. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services, 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 Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. HANNA, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. STEWART, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. MULVANEY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. BARR):

H.R. 2044. A bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LANCE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois):

H.R. 2045. A bill to provide that certain bad faith communications in connection with the assertion of a United States patent are unfair or deceptive acts or practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 2046. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the participation of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the prescription drug monitoring programs of the States; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 2047. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. ISSA, Mr. FORBES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. PIERLUISI, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. TROTT, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. FARENTHOLD):

H.R. 2048. A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the

production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and 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. DEUTCH:

H.R. 2049. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign nationals from making contributions or donations in connection with State and local ballot initiatives and referenda; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr.

BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TITUS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. HONDA, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SIRES, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. TONKO, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. LANCE, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KILMER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. ESTY, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. WALZ, and Mr. SERRANO):

H.R. 2050. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONAWAY (for himself, Mr. PETERSON, and Mr. ROUZER):

H.R. 2051. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Ms.

BASS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. LEE, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 2052. A bill to amend section 242 of title 18, United States Code, to forbid the use of chokeholds by persons subject to that provision's prohibitions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAFFETZ:

H.R. 2053. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the different treatment under the Survivor Benefit Plan accorded members of the reserve components

who die from an injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty during inactive-duty training compared to members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty while on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. BROWN of Florida:

H.R. 2054. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 2055. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on certain equipment purchased from foreign entities that could be manufactured in United States arsenals or depots, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. HONDA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. FATTAH):

H.R. 2056. A bill to establish a grant program to promote the development of career education programs in computer science in secondary and postsecondary education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. POLIS):

H.R. 2057. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to State educational agencies to develop comprehensive plans to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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. COLE:

H.R. 2058. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for a certain effective date with respect to deemed tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr.

MEADOWS, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. HURT of Virginia, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. KIND, Ms. HAHN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. COOPER, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. GOWDY, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. BERA, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. YOHO, Mr. PERRY, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. HIMES, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. UPTON, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. ESTY, Mr. AGUILAR, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. PETERS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. ASHFORD, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. SCHRAEDER, Mr. SIRES, Ms. GRAHAM, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. TURNER, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HANNA, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. SMITH of

Nebraska, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. HOYER, Mr. RENACCI, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. FORBES, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. COSTA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. BEYER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mrs. COMSTOCK):

H.R. 2059. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Edwin Cole "Ed" Bearss, in recognition of his contributions to preservation of American Civil War history and continued efforts to bring our nation's history alive for new generations through his interpretive storytelling; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 2060. A bill to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico, particularly in the areas of academic exchange, entrepreneurship, and infrastructure integration; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. ESTY, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. HIMES, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. LEE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. POLIS, Mr. RUSH, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. BARTON, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. BLACK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. COOK, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOODLATTE, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. OLSON, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. RIBBLE, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. STEWART, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. TURNER, Mrs. WAGNER, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. YODER, and Mr. YOUNG of Indiana):

H.R. 2061. A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 2062. A bill to promote State requirements for local educational agencies and public elementary and secondary schools relating to the prevention and treatment of concussions suffered by students; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DEUTCH (for himself, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia):

H.R. 2063. A bill to establish the National Center for the Right to Counsel; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. FINCHER (for himself and Mr. DELANEY):

H.R. 2064. A bill to amend certain provisions of the securities laws relating to the

treatment of emerging growth companies; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. FUDGE (for herself and Mr. GIBSON):

H.R. 2065. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award Early College Federal Pell Grants; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HARPER (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. BLACK, and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 2066. A bill to promote and expand the application of telehealth under Medicare and other Federal health care programs, 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 Mr. ISRAEL (for himself, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. CROWLEY):

H.R. 2067. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CICILLINE, and Ms. BASS):

H.R. 2068. A bill to ensure the safety and well-being of adopted children; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and 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 Ms. LEE:

H.R. 2069. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to create a National Neuromyelitis Optica Consortium to provide grants and coordinate research with respect to the causes of, and risk factors associated with, neuromyelitis optica, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 2070. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. ESTY, Ms. TITUS, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. REED, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. GIBSON):

H.R. 2071. A bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 2072. A bill to withdraw all Federal land located within the Rainy River Drainage Basin in Minnesota from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation of the mineral leasing laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 2073. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate 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 Mr. NORCROSS:

H.R. 2074. A bill to enhance rail safety and provide for the safe transport of hazardous materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 2075. A bill to establish the United States Commission on an Open Society with Security; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. PERLMUTTER (for himself, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. POLIS, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. TITUS, Mr. PETERS, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. COFFMAN, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. SHERMAN, and Ms. SINEMA):

H.R. 2076. A bill to create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. PERRY:

H.R. 2077. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from increasing minimum financial responsibility requirements established by Congress for motor carriers of passengers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. TONKO:

H.R. 2078. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the limitation on the imposition of employment taxes on wages in excess of the contribution and benefit base; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California (for herself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. LEE, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 2079. A bill to provide that chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code, relating to the enforcement of arbitration agreements, shall not apply to enrollment agreements made between students and certain institutions of higher education; and to prohibit limitations on the ability of students to pursue claims against certain institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. ZINKE (for himself, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. LABRADOR):

H.R. 2080. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ZINKE:

H.R. 2081. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. NOLAN (for himself, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. ELLISON, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.J. Res. 48. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the rights extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARLETTA (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania):

H. Con. Res. 43. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congressional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. MCKINLEY (for himself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio):

H. Res. 222. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict should come from direct bilateral negotiations without preconditions and without interference from the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HOLDING:

H. Res. 224. A resolution expressing support for designation of April 2015 as "National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LOWENTHAL (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. PETERS, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. TAKANO):

H. Res. 225. A resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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. SESSIONS:

H. Res. 226. A resolution calling on the President to work toward equitable, constructive, stable, and durable Armenian-Turkish relations for the next 100 years based upon the two countries' common interests and the United States' significant security interests in the region; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-

tives, 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. PALAZZO:

H.R. 2039.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3:

The Congress shall have power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with Indian tribes.

and

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

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 of Officer thereof

By Mr. MACARTHUR:

H.R. 2040.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 2041.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, as this legislation regulates commerce with foreign nations, between the states, and with Indian Tribes.

By Mr. WHITFIELD:

H.R. 2042.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution, To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. OLSON:

H.R. 2043.

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

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article 1.

By Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee:

H.R. 2044.

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

Article 1, Section 8—this bill regulates Commerce among the several states.

Amendment V—the bill assures that citizens' liberty and property (their businesses and livelihood) are not deprived, that the government does not take property (market share, potential for profit and livelihood) without just compensation.

Amendment X—Nothing in the Constitution authorizes the Federal government to do anything other than those things enumerated (coin money, enter into treaties, conduct a Census—which are inherently governmental). Thus, under Amendment X, the right to carry out commercial activities is reserved to the people.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 2045.

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

The authority granted to Congress to regulate patent and intellectual property law is derived from Article I, Section 8, clause 8 of the Constitution, providing the legislature with the power to "promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries." Further, the Necessary and Proper Clause found in Article I, Section 8, clause 18, provides Congress with the 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. DUFFY:

H.R. 2046.

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

Article 1, Section 8: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 2047.

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

Article 1, Section 8: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H.R. 2048.

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

Article 1, Section 8, clause 3 and Article 1, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 2049.

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

Article I Sec. 8, Clause 3: The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes."

By Mr. COURTNEY:

H.R. 2050.

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

Article I, Section VIII, Clause I—The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

Article I, Section VII, Clause III—To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among several States, and with Indian Tribes.

By Mr. CONAWAY:

H.R. 2051.

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

The ability to regulate interstate commerce and with foreign Nations pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 includes the power to collect and report livestock market prices.

By Mr. JEFFRIES:

H.R. 2052.

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 I, Section 8 clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CHAFFETZ:

H.R. 2053.

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

Clause 14 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution: To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces.

By Ms. BROWN of Florida:

H.R. 2054.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 14

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces.

By Mrs. BUSTOS:

H.R. 2055.

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 I, Section