

believe the American people get it. I believe the vast majority of families understand what the Founders understood, that faith is central to who we are as a people and to the great place we have as the greatest country in history.

It has been said many times already by previous speakers, but I think when you think about some of the things the Founders said, I love what Franklin said when they were in the midst of debate, and he was advocating for prayer before, so they could get through this impasse that they found themselves, he made the statement that if a sparrow can't fall without His knowledge, is it likely an empire can rise without His assistance? The Founders understood the importance of prayer. They understood the importance of faith.

And as many speakers have also referenced that document that I would argue next to Scripture, second only to Scripture, the greatest words ever put on paper, the Declaration of Independence, where the Founders wrote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, all men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," fabulous language, this almost romantic vision that the Founders had about what this country would offer to its people. They understood that we did, in fact, get our rights from the Almighty, and it is government's job not to grant us privileges, not to grant us rights, but to protect the rights we have by the very fact we were created in God's image.

And that fundamental principle is different from any other country in history. And again, it sets us apart. And so it is important that we recognize this history and recognize this debate that is going on and not be afraid to stand up and defend those principles that make us special.

I think it is appropriate that I end with one of my favorite Scriptures in II Timothy where Paul writes to Timothy. He says, "I fought the good fight, I finished the course, I have kept the faith." And that is our charge as Americans, to fight the fight, to finish the course and to keep the faith that the Founders understood was central to making us the greatest nation ever.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CONYERS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. ENGEL (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of a coded flight delay.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of a doctor's appointment.

Mr. KIND (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of flooding in the district.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of family obligations.

Mr. STARK (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 6 p.m. and for the balance of the week.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, June 20, 23 and 24.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, June 20, 23 and 24.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, today and June 18.

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, June 19.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, June 20.

Mr. FORTENBERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELLER of Illinois, for 5 minutes, June 18.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today, June 18, 19, and 20.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, for 5 minutes, June 18.

Mr. CONAWAY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, June 18 and 19.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NEUGEBAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BOOZMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ADERHOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 84. Concurrent resolution honoring the memory of Robert Mondavi; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7144. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Consolidation of the Fruit Fly Regulations [Docket No. APHIS-2007-0084] (RIN: 0579-AC57) received June 9, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7145. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0535; FRL-8366-4] received June 9, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7146. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 1,3-Dichloropropene and metabolites; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0637; FRL-8345-1] received April 30, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7147. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — (Z)-7,8-epoxy-2-methyloctadecane (Disparlure); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0596; FRL-8367-7] received June 9, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7148. A letter from the Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's "Major" final rule — Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Funding and Fiscal Affairs; Risk-Based Capital Requirements (RIN: 3052-AC36) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7149. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for FY 2009 budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, the Interior, Labor, and the Treasury; (H. Doc. No. 110-123); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7150. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for FY 2009 budget amendments for the Department of Agriculture, Energy, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Labor, Transportation, and the Treasury; as well as the Corps of Engineers, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Office of Personnel Management; (H. Doc. No. 110-124); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7151. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7152. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting notice of the completion of a