

“Others chanted, ‘Separation of church and state’ and so on and so forth. Someone filmed the prayer and words do not do justice to the amount of hate directed at the chaplain.

“I’ve never been shouted down throughout a time of prayer like that,’ Chaplain Sprague told me. ‘I’ve never been in a situation like that. It’s sad there wasn’t honor and respect for God.’

“But they became absolutely unhinged when he concluded his prayer in the name of Jesus.

“Wow, they booted the name of Jesus,’ Cassidy said in remarks reported by the Times-Picayune.

“I thought several of the agitators were going to spontaneously combust.

“The chaplain said the overwhelming majority of people in the room were causing a disruption—but he harbors no ill will toward the mob.

“I’m not mad at people. My heart is bigger than that,’ he said. ‘My heart’s prayer is that everybody be treated with dignity and respect.’

“The chaplain was especially disappointed by how the mob insulted the Vietnam War veteran.

“There was a lot of shouting. Some turned their backs. Many didn’t stand or put their hand on their heart,’ he said.

“Infuriating, but not surprising.

“As I wrote in ‘The Deplorables’ Guide to Making America Great Again’ liberals have a strong aversion to President Trump, Jesus and Old Glory. “But I still have hope in America.”

And I share that.

There is a lot to be grateful for, but one is not this article from CBN News in Jerusalem, Israel:

“A Palestinian Arab terrorist convicted of murdering two Israeli university students is one of the leaders of the feminist protest movement against U.S. President Donald Trump.

“Rasmeeah Yousef Odeh, a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, is helping to organize a ‘Day without a Woman’ on March 8, Arutz Sheva quotes reports in The New York Post and The Guardian.”

In 1969, Odeh was sentenced to life in prison for planting explosives that kill people and is now out leading organized resistance to the President of the United States and to law and order. It is tragic.

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

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. 442. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o’clock and 49 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 10 a.m. 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:

628. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Annual Report of the Reserve Forces Policy Board for Fiscal Year 2016, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 113(c)(2); Public Law 87-651, Sec. 202 (as amended by Public Law 112-239, Sec. 1076(f)(1)); (126 Stat. 1951); to the Committee on Armed Services.

629. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Herbert J. Carlisle, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

630. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting notification that a public health emergency of national significance exists in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico relating to pregnant women and children born to pregnant women with Zika, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a); Public Law 107-188, Sec. 144(a); (116 Stat. 630); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

631. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 16-116, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

632. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 16-115, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

633. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 15-140, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

634. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 16-108, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

635. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-678, “Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

636. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-655, “Elderly Tenant and Tenant with a Disability Protection Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

637. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-677, “Fair Criminal Record Screening for Housing Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

638. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-656, “Council Financial Disclosure Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

639. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-657, “Condominium Owner Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

640. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-665, “Regulation of Landscape Architecture and Professional Design Firms Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

641. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-685, “Land Disposition Transparency and Clarification Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

642. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-676, “Death Certificate Gender Identity Recognition Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

643. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-659, “Downtown Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

644. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-687, “Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

645. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-673, “Fair Credit in Employment Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

646. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-674, “Urban Farming and Food Security Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

647. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-686, “First-time Homebuyer Tax Benefit Amendment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

648. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-666, “Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Establishment Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

649. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-668, “Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act of 2016”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

650. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-684, “Wage Theft Prevention Clarification and Overtime Fairness Amendment Act

of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

651. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-683, "Snow Removal Agreement Authorization Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

652. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-670, "Nationals Park and Ballpark District Designated Entertainment Area Signage Regulations Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

653. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-682, "Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

654. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-679, "Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Establishment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

655. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-680, "Bryant Street Tax Increment Financing Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

656. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-671, "Rail Safety and Security Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

657. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-675, "Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

658. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-667, "Stun Gun Regulation Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

659. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-672, "Collaborative Reproduction Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

660. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-658, "Vehicle-for-Hire Accessibility Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

661. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-664, "Specialty Drug Copayment Limitation Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

662. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-662, "Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools Salary and Benefits Authorization Temporary Amendment Act of 2017", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

663. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-660, "Youth Services Coordination Task Force Temporary Amendment Act of 2017", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

664. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-661, "Medical Respite Services Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2017", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

665. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-663, "Pharmaceutical Detailing Licensure Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2017", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

666. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-681, "District of Columbia State Athletics Consolidation Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

667. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-669, "State Board of Education Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

668. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Annual Report for 2015 on Disability-Related Air Travel complaints, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sec. 41705(c)(3); Public Law 103-272, Sec. 41705(c)(3) (as added by Public Law 106-181, Sec. 707(a)(3)); (114 Stat. 158); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

669. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to provide assistance to military and other security forces of or associated with the Government of Iraq for the purposes of countering the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and securing the territory of Iraq, pursuant to Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016 (division C of P.L. 114-223), and with P.L. 113-219, Sec. 1236; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Armed Services.

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. CHAFFETZ: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 1009. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review regulations, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-19, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 150. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 998) to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 83) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Clarification of Employer's Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness" (Rept. 115-20). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1009 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. MCHENRY (for himself and Ms. VELAZQUEZ):

H.R. 1219. A bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. NEAL, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 1220. A bill to establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107-62, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FORTENBERRY (for himself and Mr. CROWLEY):

H.R. 1221. A bill to seek the establishment of and contributions to an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF):

H.R. 1222. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 1223. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize an extension of exclusivity periods for certain drugs that are approved for a new indication for a rare disease or condition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. LUCAS, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Mr. KNIGHT):

H.R. 1224. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to implement a framework, assessment, and audits for improving United States cybersecurity; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 1225. 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. CROWLEY (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 1226. A bill to require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GARRETT (for himself, Ms. GABBARD, and Mr. TAYLOR):

H.R. 1227. A bill to limit the application of Federal laws to the distribution and consumption of marijuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on