

We want a day when no longer are these refugees suffering, whether it is in Syria. On the day that President Macron addressed a joint session here in this very Chamber, the President of the People's Republic of France, that stood with the United States, along with the United Kingdom, in the bombings against Syria that were targeted against those who had been barrel-bombed and victimized and murdered by the Assad regime in Syria.

We share a common bond with the Bosnian community. We both have very large Bosnian communities, many of whom started out as refugees some 20 years ago. Now, as I said, the cultural diversity, the business, the religious presence has been just wonderful to see flourish in a district like Missouri's Second Congressional District, so I recognize the common bond that we have there.

I thank Ms. TENNEY for participating in this Special Order that goes to the heart of genocide and mass atrocities across our globe. I know that the people of Ms. TENNEY's district in New York are also appreciative of all she does there to represent them and those who are the most vulnerable in our society, so I thank the gentlewoman from New York.

I now yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT).

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Missouri for yielding.

It is Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month, and the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) has been a leader in speaking out on this critical issue for many years now, and we appreciate her leadership on that.

As a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I have had the opportunity to advocate for global human rights issues for many years. Tonight, I want to condemn a genocide that has been happening before our eyes: the genocide against the Rohingya in Rakhine State, Burma.

Last September, the Burmese military began a so-called clearing operation, allegedly in response to some insurgent attacks. In reality, this was just an excuse for a massive and barbaric campaign to forcibly remove the Rohingya from Burma altogether and erase their memory from the Rakhine State once and for all, resulting in over 700,000 Rohingya, many of whom are children, fleeing Burma for Bangladesh. This has needlessly left Bangladesh and the world with one of the worst humanitarian crises that the world faces today.

While these numbers are truly shocking, as we learn more about the crimes committed by the Burmese military, there can be no doubt that this is, in fact, genocide.

When the Rohingya arrived in Bangladesh, they told story after story of the crimes that they had witnessed and that they had personally suffered: widespread killings, mass graves, rapes, and other unspeakable horrors

and injuries. These atrocities have been confirmed by many people who had no ax to grind here or anything. So this is something that the world must see and must believe.

In addition, hundreds of villages have been burned and others have been simply bulldozed in a clear attempt to prevent the Rohingya from ever returning. Together, these heinous acts are a deliberate attempt to irreparably harm the Rohingya. This is absolutely genocide.

Together with Mr. ENGEL and Mr. CROWLEY, our colleagues here in the House, I have helped to lead the House's efforts to address this crisis. With our passage of H. Con. Res 90, the House unequivocally condemned the Burmese military's atrocious actions, but more serious action is still needed.

Burma's constitution allows the Burmese military to control much of the government, and civilian leadership has taken virtually no real steps to address this violence. That is why I joined again with Mr. ENGEL and Mr. CROWLEY to introduce the BURMA Act, which applies tough, targeted sanctions on the individuals involved in leading this genocide. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation and then, ultimately, of course, to vote for it when the time comes.

As we remember the victims of all genocides this month, we must work to adequately address one which is unfolding right before our eyes, right before the world's eyes right now. So, again, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Missouri for calling this particular action to the attention of our colleagues and the attention of the world, but also other genocides and other atrocities that have occurred across the globe. She is truly a leader, and we are lucky to have her doing that in Congress on an everyday basis, but also, in particular, this evening.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) for his kind words. He is a leader and a senior member of our House Foreign Affairs Committee, and I also have the privilege of serving on it.

It is an honor to have Congressman CHABOT here at this Special Order during Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month to give voice to those millions of victims and to say we live for a time when this is nonexistent in society.

I look forward, Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, to offering my amendment to the State Department Authorization Act of 2018, asking the administration to study countries at risk of genocide and mass atrocity crimes and crafting the kind of training regimens for U.S. foreign service officers that are so very important.

I look forward to the time when my piece of legislation, the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act, will, Mr. Speaker, be signed into law. It will improve the U.S. efforts to prevent mass atrocity crimes, and I think we all, in this Chamber, on a bi-

partisan level, Mr. Speaker, continue to hope and, more importantly, to work towards a time when America says, "Never again," and our actions reinforce our words.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for coming out. I thank those advocates on the Friends Committee on National Legislation's stand. Together we remember the Carl Wilkens Fellowship and so many others that stand with the victims of genocide and mass atrocities. It is an honor to be with my colleagues here tonight and with the advocacy groups that stand for the millions that say, "Never again."

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

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4300. To authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes.

#### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on April 25, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 4300. To authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 26, 2018, 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:

4680. A letter from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting a letter reporting violations of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of Justice's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926) and 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); Public Law 110-161, Sec. 1517(b); (121 Stat. 2285); to the Committee on Appropriations.

4681. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Legal, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Removal of Transferred OTS Regulations Regarding Consumer Protection in Sales of Insurance (RIN: 3064-

AE49) received April 24, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4682. A letter from the Program Specialist, LRAD, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Real Estate Appraisals [Docket No.: OCC-2017-0011] (RIN: 1557-AE18) received April 24, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4683. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Good Guidance Practices; Technical Amendment [Docket No.: FDA-2018-N-1097] received April 24, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4684. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Organization; Technical Amendment [Docket No.: FDA-2018-N-0011] received April 24, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4685. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question, covering the period June 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(d); Public Law 87-195, Sec. 620(d); (92 Stat. 739); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4686. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4687. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's FY 2017 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4688. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison/Regulatory Specialist, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Inflation Adjustments to Civil Monetary Penalty Rates for Calendar Year 2018 [Docket No.: ONRR-2017-0003; DS63644000 DR2PS0000.CH7000 189D0102R2] (RIN: 1012-AA23) received April 24, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 5447. A bill to modernize copyright law, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-651). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 4270. A bill to amend the

Federal Reserve Act to ensure transparency in the conduct of monetary policy, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-652). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CHABOT: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 3170. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-653). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CHABOT: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 4668. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for the establishment of an enhanced cybersecurity assistance and protections for small businesses, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-654). 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. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MENG, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. YARMUTH, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana):

H.R. 5609. A bill to establish a trust fund to provide for adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Agriculture, 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. KNIGHT (for himself, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER):

H.R. 5610. A bill to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish new goals for the Department of Energy relating to energy storage and to carry out certain demonstration projects relating to energy storage; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. DEFAZIO:

H.R. 5611. A bill to prohibit the importation into the United States of paper products that are not manufactured in accordance with requirements that are at least as stringent as the requirements under the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself and Mr. ROSKAM):

H.R. 5612. A bill to require the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, to report on Iranian

expenditures supporting foreign military and terrorist activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. YODER (for himself and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 5613. A bill to designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BUDD:

H.R. 5614. A bill to increase transparency of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the Municipal Securities Rule-making Board; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself and Mr. LOWENTHAL):

H.R. 5615. A bill to provide for the study and evaluation of net metering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 5616. A bill to require the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities to submit to Congress a report on the impact of the opioid epidemic on minority communities; 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. DONOVAN (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BUCK, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. BARLETTA):

H.R. 5617. A bill to prohibit sanctuary jurisdictions from receiving Federal funds under the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FASO (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas):

H.R. 5618. A bill to exempt properties located in flood hazard areas that are participating in an approved buy-out program from the mandatory purchase requirement under the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. O'ROURKE (for himself and Ms. STEFANIK):

H.R. 5619. A bill to provide emergency funding for port of entry personnel and infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Appropriations, 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. PANETTA (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 5620. A bill to direct the Attorney General to make grants to States to develop systems to retrieve firearms from armed prohibited persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. LOWENTHAL):

H.R. 5621. A bill to advance United States national interests by prioritizing the protection of internationally-recognized human rights and development of the rule of law in relations between the United States and Vietnam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. TURNER (for himself and Ms. TSONGAS):

H.R. 5622. A bill to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to address sexual offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.