

resident to lose sleep after a discussion about Heaven and hell. Last week, CalVet admitted the allegation was unsubstantiated. . . .”

“This past March, a CalVet attorney threatened to have Breau removed from the home if she did not immediately halt her longtime Bible study.

“What we’ve seen at the Veterans Home of California should concern every freedom-loving American’ . . . ‘Of all people, our veterans and their widows from the Greatest Generation should enjoy the greatest blessings of liberty—not the least. We’re not about to let up until these veterans have complete freedom.’”

That is from the PJI attorneys. It is just outrageous how wrongheaded people have gotten, and that is because they are imposing a court-ordered imposition of secularism.

We have come to a point in political correctness where the only group that is politically correct to abuse, belittle, and discriminate against is Christians. You don’t have to like Christians, but for heaven’s sake, that is the kind of freedom in allowing Christians to worship freely that made us the greatest country in history.

Now we have got the Equality Act. Supposedly, it is going to come up next week.

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 was passed by a huge majority of Democrats in 1993 because they were concerned, in 1993, some of them, including our current chairman of the Judiciary Committee, JERRY NADLER, about the persecution of Christians and Jews, and they saw the need to have the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

Back then, these same people believed that Moses knew what he was talking about, and when Jesus quoted Moses verbatim about marriage, that he knew what he was talking about.

In fact, we knew that that still was true in 2008, from David Axelrod’s book. They knew that Barack Obama could not win the Presidency if he said of marriage with the same sex, that that was fine. It was not sufficient to say—you could have same-sex relationships. That was fine. But marriage is what the Bible said is between a man and a woman.

Apparently, they had polled it every which way, and in 2008, if you thought marriage was something besides what Moses believed and that Jesus said as he quoted Moses verbatim, then you couldn’t get elected President.

Now, if you say: I still think what Moses and Jesus said is what marriage ought to be. Same-sex relations are one thing, but marriage, historically, except perhaps during the days of Moses—my understanding is even in Sodom and Gomorrah, obviously, same-sex relationships were fine, but even there, marriage was for procreation; therefore, it was a man and a woman. Now if you say that, you are to be persecuted. You are to be destroyed for believing Moses and Jesus knew what they were talking about.

But some of those same people who rammed through the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 have now added this provision that that Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 shall not provide a claim or a defense to a claim under this bill, and there is even a provision here that you can have a claim filed against a bank, a lending institution, if they don’t lend money to someone who is gender confused.

That is what gender dysphoria is. That is what the DSM-5 calls it, gender dysphoria, like the opposite of euphoria. It is confusion about one’s gender, biological gender, which may disagree with what they feel like that day.

We are seeing great gains made by women in women’s sports. If this becomes law, that will be destroyed. You will have men’s sports, and you will have coed sports.

As the lady who was the first to ever benefit by having a women’s scholarship from Villanova said—she is a Ph.D.—when she testified: Look, you have got thousands of men who can beat the best time in the world for the women’s 400 meter in the 2016 Olympics. Women won’t be the ones getting the scholarships anymore if this Equality Act becomes law.

Martina Navratilova, she makes no bones about being a lesbian, and she has been basically destroyed in social media for saying that a woman should not have to compete with a biological man. It is unfair.

We had a lady who tells us, she was a lesbian testifying: Look, women’s sports are going to be destroyed if you pass this bill. All the great gains made for women being treated fairly and equally are going to go by the wayside.

I know from my days as a judge, hearing the tragic stories of sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault, that women suffer from a greater percentage of post-traumatic stress disorder than soldiers do if they have been sexually assaulted.

One of the things that can trigger the trauma again is being in a confined space and a man comes in. But the response from the majority is, well, they just basically need to get over it because we don’t want to hurt the man’s feelings if he thinks he is a woman.

I hope this doesn’t pass. I hope it doesn’t become law. There are some great things in here for equality, but that is not one of them.

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

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and the balance of the week on account of his daughter’s college graduation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o’clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 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:

974. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a report describing the potential impacts on national defense and the manufacturing base resulting from contractors or subcontractors relocating steam turbine production for Nimitz-class and Ford-class aircraft carriers and Virginia-class and Columbia-class submarines, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, Sec. 338; (132 Stat. 1728); to the Committee on Armed Services.

975. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Industrial Policy, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting an interim response to a small business strategy requirement, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2283 note; Public Law 115-232, Sec. 851(b)(2)(A); (132 Stat.1884); to the Committee on Armed Services.

976. A letter from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation’s final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits received May 6, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

977. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Cyflumetofen; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0532; FRL-9990-60] received May 6, 2019, 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.

978. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Pesticides; Technical Amendment to Data Requirements for Antimicrobial Pesticides [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0668; FRL-9984-52] (RIN: 2070-AK41) received May 6, 2019, 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.

979. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the Beckman Instruments Superfund Site [EPA-HQ-SFUND-1986-0005; FRL-9993-34-Region 9] received May 6, 2019, 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.

980. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Environmental Protection Agency Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR) Clause Update for Submission of Invoices [EPA-HQ-OARM-2018-0742; FRL 9992-99-OMS] received May 6, 2019, 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.

981. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of