

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – HCR6012 A

MR. PRESIDENT & MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on HCR6012 A respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **HCR 6012** and returns the same with the recommendation that said resolution be amended as follows:

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On page 1, line 1, of the Senate bill, after "pray" insert " in public schools"

On page 1, line 8, of the Senate bill, after "and" delete "WHEREAS, repressive governments around the world persecute Christians and other religious worshipers, and terrorist organizations carry out barbaric violence against innocent people because of their religion; and"

On page 1, line 11, of the Senate bill, after "and" delete "WHEREAS, the United States desires the end of religious persecution around the world and desires to ensure respect for the freedom of religion; and"

On page 1, line 13, of the Senate bill, after "and" delete "WHEREAS, in May 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to advance religious liberty for individuals and institutions:"

On page 1, line 15, of the Senate bill, after "institutions:" insert "WHEREAS, a major part of many world religions is the practice of prayer both private and public; and"

On page 1, line 15, of the Senate bill, after "institutions:" insert "WHEREAS, in the case of Engel v. Vitale, 1962, the Supreme Court"

On page 1, line 15, of the Senate bill, after "institutions:" insert " of the United States"

On page 1, line 15, of the Senate bill, after "institutions:" insert " ruled that state sponsored prayers in public schools violated the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and"

On page 1, line 15, of the Senate bill, after "institutions:" insert "WHEREAS, prayer by individual students can be accomplished in public schools in a voluntary nondisruptive manner, consistent with court rulings on the subject of prayer in public schools; and"

On page 1, line 15, of the Senate bill, after "institutions:" insert "WHEREAS, in recent months, the administration of President Donald J. Trump has issued new guidelines through the United States Department of Education regarding this issue:"

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On amendment (HCR6012E),

On page 2, line 2, after "voluntary" insert the comma

And that as so amended, said resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ TONY RANDOLPH

Tony Randolph, Chair

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ JIM BOLIN

Jim Bolin, Chair