

The bill offers authority and strong encouragement to the Agency to use third parties—unbiased, independent panels under FDA supervision—to approve and oversee early stage trials of new drugs and devices.

The bill relaxes some restrictions now barring the exchange of scientifically valid material—professional journal articles, medical textbook excerpts, research compendia—between manufacturers, clinicians, and health insurers. This change will make it easier for knowledgeable observers to receive information on promising, though unapproved, new uses of drugs and devices which have already been approved by the FDA for at least a single use. At the same time, the legislation gives the Agency authority to require that persons disseminating these articles provide appropriate supportive scientific data and respond on its balance.

The bill fundamentally revamps and modernizes FDA review processes for biologics, therapeutics which are manufactured or propagated through bioengineering.

The bill offers reasonable relaxation on current restrictions on the export of drugs or devices which are not approved by the FDA, but which meet the importing nation's approval regime. This flexibility would be limited to exports to member nations of the World Trade Organization.

The bill modifies current reporting and approval requirements for minor manufacturing changes in devices of low to moderate risk. In essence, a manufacturer would be required to report, but not obtain prior approval for manufacturing changes which would improve the product's quality. This would allow manufacturers to make swift, useful, and perhaps even lifesaving changes in products without having to wait out an FDA approval decision.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that the FDA is a premier public health care agency with many extraordinarily dedicated employees. This Agency has a crucial health and safety mission that this Congress must not allow to be undermined.

But I firmly believe that these vital safety missions can be preserved, and better products can be brought to consumers more rapidly and at lower cost, through the modest reform proposals contained in this legislation.

It's time to make a good agency better. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1742, the FDA Modernization Act of 1995.

TRIBUTE TO MARY CAPERTON BINGHAM

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor for me to pay tribute today to a truly remarkable individual who recently passed away, Mary Caperton Bingham of Louisville, KY.

Mary Bingham and her husband Barry Bingham, Sr. met in their college days at Radcliffe and Harvard, respectively, and together built a media powerhouse which included The Courier-Journal newspaper of Louisville until it was sold in 1986. However, the Bingham publishing empire, which began in 1918 with the purchase of The Courier-Journal and The Louis-

ville Times by Robert Worth Bingham, is not the most remarkable aspect of Mary Bingham's life—the attribute which most accurately describes the way she lived her life is her generosity.

In only a 9-year timespan, from the time of the sale of the Bingham media properties, Mary and Barry Bingham, in contributing almost \$60 million to education and arts funds throughout Kentucky, came close to achieving their goal of “giving it all away” before their deaths. In rural Kentucky, Mary Bingham founded bookmobiles to encourage children to read and value their education—education and the arts were central to Mary Bingham's philosophy of what made a civilization great, and to this end she dedicated many years of her life. She donated money to many social causes, environmental funds, historic preservations, health care facilities, and community developments. Along with this money came her insightful wisdom and expert counsel. Throughout her life, Mary Bingham was a woman far ahead of her times who did not hesitate to let her views be heard and you may rest assured that when she spoke, people listened and they appreciated her advice.

My hometown city of Louisville now offers one of the most extensive arts programs in the Nation, including the Kentucky Center for the Arts and the Actors Theatre of Louisville, which could not have been possible without the efforts of Mary Bingham.

The city of Louisville, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and indeed the entire Nation lost one of our most dedicated and generous citizens and we will truly miss her civic contributions, her insightful knowledge and counsel, her dedication and endurance, and her grace and beauty.

TRIBUTE TO THE MARISSA HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a historical structure in Marissa, IL, which stands as a monument to education and pride for southwestern Illinois.

I recently had the privilege to attend a dedication ceremony sponsored by the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society in Marissa on May 21. Several months ago, the society's president, Don Jones, began working on a project to have this building declared a national historical place.

By gathering historic documents, Mr. Jones and other members of the society prepared their application to the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior for historical designation.

I am pleased to tell my colleagues that the Marissa Academy Building, located in the village park, received a certificate announcing its listing on the National Registry of Historic Places effective October 28, 1994.

According to a recent edition of the Marissa Journal-Messenger, the academy was started in 1886 and served students originally as a preparatory school. It was used until 1900, when classes shifted to Marissa Township

High School. Later, it was used again as a school while the new elementary school was being built.

Over time the building's structure degraded, and since it was the last academy building in Illinois, the community rallied to have it restored. In 1969, the village leased the building to the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society. It is now a library and museum open to the public.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society for its hard work in making the Marissa Academy Building one of our Nation's newest addition to the National Register of Historic Places. It was a privilege for me to participate in the commemoration of this public recognition, for a building that will stand as a learning and historical tool for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CARMEL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE'S BALANCED BUDGET RESOLUTION

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend to my Republican colleagues the following resolution of support issued by the town of Carmel's Republican Committee. This resolution demonstrates the strong public support for Republican-elected officials, who are working to achieve the important goals of the Contract With America. Our fight to reduce the Federal budget deficit, to have a balanced budget and reduce and consolidate Government services has not gone without recognition from the American people.

Therefore, I join with the spirit of this resolution in applauding the energy put forth by my colleagues in addressing the many reform-minded issues facing this Congress. Mr. Speaker at this time, I insert the full text of the Carmel resolution into the RECORD.

Whereas, through liberal reporting by TV and newspaper media an obvious attempt has been made to undermine the positions held by our Republican State and Federal Officials on issues of budget deficit reduction, balanced budgets, consolidation of government services and welfare reform; and

Whereas, due to media's liberal reporting of these issues the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, State of New York, Republican Committee desires to counteract effects of said liberal reports supporting special interest groups; now,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Town of Carmel Republican Committee membership of ninety-two hereby pledges its support to NYS Governor George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Minority Leader Clarence Rappleyea, Senator Vincent Leibell, III; 37th District, Assemblyman Willis Stephens, Jr.; 91st District, and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Armey and Speaker Newt Gingrich, NYS U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato and NYS U.S. 19th District Congresswoman Sue Kelly toward achieving their goals to alleviate the overwhelming tax burden through enactment of balanced budgets, consolidation and reduction of government services and welfare reform and “Contract with America”; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the Chairman of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New

York, Republican Committee is hereby directed to forward this resolution to the above named State and Federal Officials.

JOHN SCHEMMEL, GERMAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, John Schemmel. John was honored by the members of the German-American Cultural Center this past Sunday during the 45th anniversary banquet. He was named German American of the Year at the Carpathia Hall in Sterling Heights, MI.

John is a first generation German-American. His parents immigrated from Siebenbuerger before he was born in 1920. From an early age John developed an appreciation of his heritage. He attended St. Thomas German Lutheran School as an elementary student. His German roots were rapidly becoming intertwined with America by the time he became a teenager. He was first baseman in the Transylvania Saxons Junior Association fast pitch softball league and, as team manager, he and his teammates won the championship in 1939.

In 1942, John found himself in the U.S. Army as an infantryman. He served in the Aleutian Islands and eventually in France and Germany. After returning to the States, John worked for Chrysler Corp., the Detroit Police Department, and he attended the Michigan Technical School for electrical study. He eventually joined the engineering staff at General Motors where he worked for 33 years. John also became one of the first trustees of UAW Local 160 at the General Motors Technical Center.

Long before John began engineering world class quality cars, he was active in organizations that celebrate and commemorate his German heritage. He has been a member of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons since 1937 and has served in every office of the Siebenbuerger Sachsen Verein. He sang tenor with the GBU-Saxonia Gemischterchor. The members of the German American Cultural Center are well aware of John's efforts to preserve the rich German heritage that exists in the metropolitan Detroit area. He served as the center's president for 4 years and is currently the group's first vice president.

In addition to his involvement with cultural organizations, John is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the United Automobile Workers Local 160, and the Roseville Democratic Committee.

John's pride in his German heritage is only equaled by his pride in being American. He has devoted time and energy to his colleagues, his community, our Nation, and his family and friends in numerous capacities. I applaud the German American Cultural Center for recognizing John. He has provided outstanding leadership to the group and I know he is proud to be honored by the members.

On behalf of the German-American community, I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting John Schemmel, German-American of the year.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS FOR VICE ADM. DONALD F. HAGEN, MC, USN

HON. OWEN B. PICKETT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a truly outstanding naval officer and physician, Vice Adm. Donald F. Hagen, for his devoted and distinguished service as the Surgeon General of the Navy. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Department of the Navy and to our great Nation as a whole.

During his 30 year Navy career, Vice Admiral Hagen has served our Nation in a variety of roles, ranging from combat surgeon to the chief executive of a unique, worldwide health care system dedicated to providing health care and related medical services to Navy and Marine Corps members, retirees, and their families.

Upon commissioning as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps in 1964, Vice Admiral Hagen assumed his first assignment as a battalion surgeon with the Marines in Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. He returned to Vietnam twice more, serving aboard the hospital ship *U.S.S. Repose* and then as staff surgeon with the Riverine Assault Forces in the Mekong Delta.

Vice Admiral Hagen's experiences as a primary care physician under combat conditions led him to seek a career in surgery. His surgical training took him to Naval Hospital, St. Albans, NY, and Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA. He then served as staff surgeon at Naval Aerospace and Regional Medical Center, Pensacola, FL; Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan; and Naval Regional Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL. During these years, Vice Admiral Hagen gained not only clinical expertise, but became proficient in all aspects of hospital medical staff leadership.

Due to his extensive combat experience aboard hospital ships and service with the Marine Corps, Vice Admiral Hagen was selected to head the Contingency Planning Division at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery where he served from 1981-1984. Returning his energies to peacetime clinical medicine in 1984, he assumed command of Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, CA. During this tour, Vice Admiral Hagen's broadly based record of excellence was recognized by his selection to flag rank. As a rear admiral, Dr. Hagen returned to Washington, DC, as Director, Health Care Operations, Navy Medical Command and Chief of the Medical Corps. In December 1988, he assumed command of the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. On June 28, 1991, Dr. Hagen took command of all aspects of Navy Medicine with the rank of vice admiral as the 31st Surgeon General of the Navy.

Vice Adm. Donald F. Hagen will complete his tour as the Surgeon General of the Navy in July 1995, concluding more than 30 years of Federal service. Vice Admiral Hagen has provided the broad vision, innovation, and dedicated leadership which have resulted in the Navy's current high state of medical excellence. A man of Vice Admiral Hagen's talent and integrity is rare indeed and while his hon-

orable service will be genuinely missed, it gives me great pleasure to call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to wish him and his family every success as well as fair winds and following seas.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET MARY ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, June 4 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Roman Catholic parish of St. Margaret Mary in Manhattan Beach. Though small in membership, the church of St. Margaret Mary remains one of the largest parishes in the Dioceses of New York. This church has provided strong leadership to the community of Manhattan Beach, while serving as a role model to other small Catholic churches within the dioceses. Since 1928, the families of Manhattan Beach have maintained an active membership to St. Margaret Mary's Church. In honor of this anniversary celebration, I rise to salute the generations of parishioners who have made St. Margaret Mary's Church a valuable addition to New York's spiritual community.

The history of St. Margaret Mary's Church is characterized by courage, strength, and a will to survive during difficult times. For over 75 years, parishioners have overcome severe financial obstacles, often threatening the very existence of the church. Yet, the church and its members fought hard to keep it functioning. By maintaining a strong sense of unity throughout the years, the parishioners of St. Margaret Mary's Church have successfully preserved the character and vitality of the Manhattan Beach community.

On this most joyous anniversary celebration, the Church of St. Margaret Mary remains a beacon of strength and hope for every Catholic church in New York. May the families and future parishioners of St. Margaret Mary's be blessed with the good fortune of celebrating many more anniversary celebrations well into the future.

TRIBUTE TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the collaborative efforts of two institutions in my district, whose achievements are helping to rebuild and restore hope in south St. Louis. DeSales Community Housing Association and Equality Savings and Loan Association have been recognized by the Social Compact in the 1995 Outstanding Community Investment Awards for their partnership achievement: the creation of an innovative housing program that allows residents to participate fully in the decisions that are shaping their community.

The Social Compact is a national coalition of leaders from the financial services industry