

taken a Let's Make a Deal approach to Medicare reform. They've given us door No. 1, door No. 2, and door No. 3, but they want to pass the buck on who makes the painful choices.

Regardless, it's clear that seniors will be stuck with the booby prizes. Secret documents from the House Budget Committee show that the Republican plan would force seniors to pay more in deductibles, premiums, and copayments.

According to House budget committee documents, options the GOP has proposed would:

Increase the deductible that beneficiaries must pay for doctors' services before Medicare coverage begins. The annual deductible, now \$100, would be raised to \$150.

Nearly double the monthly \$46 premium to \$84 by the year 2002. That would be an increase of \$456 a year for seniors—just in increased monthly premiums.

Charge co-payments of 20 percent for home health care and laboratory tests.

Republicans call these extra costs for seniors part of the fair shared sacrifice needed to balance the budget. But there's nothing fair and nothing shared about this sacrifice. All the sacrifice will come from seniors, many on fixed incomes who simply can't afford these extra costs. And the benefits go primarily to the wealthy in the form of tax cuts.

It's no wonder that Republican Representative GEORGE RADANOVICH of California said the following: "If we had come out with this budget as our Contract, they wouldn't have voted us in."

Amazingly, while some Republicans are honest enough to admit that balancing the budget will be painful, Speaker GINGRICH claims that \$283 billion in Medicare cuts will be painless. The Speaker wants to have it both ways: He claims that the Republican plan saves money and balances the budget, and in the same breath he also claims that this plan increases Medicare spending. These claims beg a simple question: If the Republicans aren't cutting Medicare, then where are the savings?

True, overall Medicare spending in the year 2002 will be more than it is today. But the spending level in the Republican plan falls woefully short of keeping pace with health care inflation or with increased enrollment in the program. The consequence of the Republican plan will be reduced benefits, higher costs, or both. Republicans know this is the case and it's time to come clean with the American people.

These drastic cuts in Medicare have come as a surprise to many Americans. Even to many Americans who voted in the new Republican majority in 1994. Remember the GOP "Contract With America"? Medicare cuts weren't included in the Republican blueprint.

But now that the Republicans have given away all the goodies of the Contract in the first 100 days, they need to

find someone to pay for them. And seniors on Medicare are a convenient target. That's what this is all about.

Promises made, promises kept—that's been the Republican rallying call of late. But it seems that Republicans have forgotten our solemn promises to America's seniors.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GONZALEZ] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GONZALEZ addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Guam [Mr. UNDERWOOD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. UNDERWOOD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. OWENS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), on May 15 and 16, on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. DELAURO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GONZALEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. DELAURO) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. PELOSI.

Ms. SLAUGHTER.

Mr. KANJORSKI in two instances.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

Mr. VOLKMER.

Mr. RUSH in two instances.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

Mr. GEPHARDT.

Mr. GEJDENSON.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. EHLERS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BLILEY.

Mr. RAMSTAD.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. HOUGHTON.

Mrs. KELLY.

Mr. DAVIS.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. FLANAGAN.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 16, 1995, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 or rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

876. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the Department of Energy to sell Eklutna and Snettisham projects administered by the Alaska Power Administration, and for other purposes; jointly, to the Committees on Resources, Commerce, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, Government Reform and Oversight, and the Budget.

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. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1590. A bill to require the Trustees of the Medicare trust funds to report recommendations on resolving projected financial imbalance in Medicare trust funds (Rept. 104-119, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. KASICH: Committee on the Budget. House Concurrent Resolution 67. Resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal years, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (Rept. 104-120). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. GEPHARDT (by request):

H.R. 1635. A bill to combat domestic terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and

in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, and Commerce, 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. BLILEY (for himself, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. CONDIT, and Mr. STENHOLM):

H.R. 1636. A bill to provide a more complete accounting of national expenditures and the corresponding benefits of Federal regulatory programs through issuance of an accounting statement and associated report every 2 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 1637. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the requirement that a taxpayer must receive a ruling from the Secretary of the Treasury in order to determine the deduction for contributions to a reserve for nuclear decommissioning costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DORNAN:

H.R. 1638. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that petitioners for immigration classification on the basis of immediate relative status to a citizen shall be required to pay only one fee when such petitioners are filed at the same time; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 1639. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 with respect to honoraria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, and National Security, 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. WELDON of Florida (for himself and Mr. RIGGS):

H.R. 1640. A bill to provide a low-income school choice demonstration program; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 43: Mr. FRAZER, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. WARD.

H.R. 66: Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 70: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.

H.R. 359: Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. FOX, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mrs. LINCOLN.

H.R. 399: Mr. GREENWOOD and Mr. CLYBURN.

H.R. 407: Mr. ROEMER.

H.R. 427: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BONO, and Mr. HANCOCK.

H.R. 433: Mr. GALLEGLEY.

H.R. 526: Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland.

H.R. 534: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HOKE, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. HYDE, Mr. CRANE, Mr. TRAFICANT, Ms. FURSE, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

H.R. 580: Ms. PRYCE, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, and Mr. WARD.

H.R. 592: Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 713: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 731: Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Mr. LAUGHLIN, and Mr. BRYANT of Texas.

H.R. 783: Mr. JACOBS, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. QUILLEN.

H.R. 803: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. MARKEY.

H.R. 899: Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. HAYES, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. CAMP, Mr. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

H.R. 927: Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SHAW, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 957: Mr. GILMAN.

H.R. 1118: Mr. MCCRERY.

H.R. 1161: Mr. JACOBS.

H.R. 1242: Mr. LATHAM, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. TATE.

H.R. 1362: Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CANADY, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, and Mr. QUILLEN.

H.R. 1425: Mr. TORRES.

H.R. 1448: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi and Mr. MONTGOMERY.

H.R. 1486: Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 1490: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. SCHROEDER, and Mr. DORNAN.

H.R. 1533: Mr. WAMP, Mr. BONO, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 1560: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H.R. 1566: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1594: Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. EMERSON.

H. Con. Res. 35: Mr. CALVERT.

H. Con. Res. 42: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. BLUTE.

H. Con. Res. 50: Mr. HOLDEN and Mr. ANDREWS.

H. Res. 30: Mr. SANFORD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CONDIT, and Ms. MCKINNEY.

H. Res. 138: Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. FOX, Mr. EWING, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. METCALF, and Mr. JONES.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1114: Mr. ROYCE.

H.R. 1120: Mr. RAMSTAD.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 961

OFFERED BY: MR. RIGGS

AMENDMENT NO. 66: On page 276, strike lines 3 through 7 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"ponds, wastewater retention or management facilities (including dikes and berms, and related structures) that are used by concentrated animal feeding operations or advanced treatment municipal wastewater reuse operations, or irrigation canals and ditches or the maintenance of drainage ditches;"