actually do, that they do not overstate their case, and that in fact doctors can prescribe a drug knowing that it is safe.

The Speaker has led the criticism, along with some very conservative groups, of the Food and Drug Administration and suggested at one point that we should even privatize the Food and Drug Administration. I think this is a valid policy debate which should take place. I for one oppose the idea of privatization of the Food and Drug Administration. I think as an independent Government agency they are doing a good job. They can certainly improve on it. All of us can improve on our performance. But I would hate to see an agency as important as the Food and Drug Administration go by the wayside.

The relevance of the FDA issue to the GOPAC issue is brought in clear focus by this Los Angeles Times piece. Why would the executives or lobbyists for seven companies regulated by FDA be major donors to the Speaker's political action committee and then the Speaker take the position that the Food and Drug Administration should be disbanded?

□ 1430

This is a legitimate inquiry. It could be the Speaker has good reason, and he can make that case known to the American people in detail. But at least now there is a suggestion that there may be a link between this political action committee and the political position taken by the Speaker.

I started in politics working for a fellow by the name of Paul Douglas, who was a Senator from Illinois who served between 1948 and 1966. He was my mentor and inspiration when it came to the question of ethics. I may serve in this body the remainder of this term and maybe longer. I will certainly never reach his level of ethical standards. He set one that very few people will ever be able to reach. But he was very, very mindful of the need to make full disclosure.

He used to say, "Sunshine is the best antiseptic. Put it all on the table." My friend, Senator Paul Simon from Illinois and I took him to heart. We make public disclosure each year far beyond the requirements of the Federal law. It does not guarantee that a public servant will be honest, but at least it shows we are prepared to open our books.

I think that is the best thing now for the Speaker to consider when it comes to GOPAC. Open the books. Let us see what is in there. Let us get it behind us. Let us make full disclosure, so any future debate over the Food and Drug Administration or any other agency is not tainted by the question of whether contributions to the \$7 million political action committee had anything to do with the Republican agenda.

This is part of what I consider openness in Government. We have heard a lot said over the last 3 weeks about a new standard of openness coming from

the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives. Let me say at the outset, and probably to the surprise of the Speaker and others, that I salute the Republicans for many of the changes they have made in this Institution. On the opening day of the session I voted for most of them, and I feel they were steps in the right direction, ending proxy voting, making committee hearings open to the public, something I had done in my own subcommittee for the last 2 years. I think that instills new confidence in what we are about here.

This House of Representatives, this Institution, needs to have more approval from the voters across America. Certainly openness in disclosure is a good step in that process. I think the same is true for political action committees. I think the same is certainly true for the Speaker's GOP action committee, GOPAC. Full disclosure will help to restore confidence not only in the Speaker's activities, but in this institution. What the Los Angeles Times said in its article today, what the Denver Post raised in its article yesterday, certainly leave a lot of people questioning what the agenda is from the Republican side and how it has been influenced.

We have a long way to go. I think disclosure as the Speaker called for in his 1984 book is a step in the right direction.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOEHNER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

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

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 5 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.) the House stood in recess until 5 p.m.

□ 1704

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EHLERS) at 5 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

UNFUNDED MANDATE REFORM ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 38 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5.

□ 1705

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments, to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations, and to provide information on the cost of Federal mandates on the private sector, and for other purposes, with Mr. EMERSON in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Friday, January 27, 1995, the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MASCARA] had been disposed of, and section 4 was open for amendment at any point.

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, we are about to start our fifth day of dealing with H.R. 5, the unfunded mandates legislation. By my calculations we have spent, thus far, about 15 hours, almost 16 hours, on amendments, 16 amendments to H.R. 5, and we are still on section 4. So we are averaging almost 60 minutes per amendment. Many of these are duplicative or very similar in nature.

Mr. Chairman, I am totally supportive of the open rule process which we have been operating under, but I think at this hour, at this point in time, if we continue with the 130 or so amendments that are still pending, we are talking about maybe 150 hours of deliberation to complete debate on all these amendments.

I think that most Members on both sides of the aisle are eager to get to consider some of the other issues that are in debate, or in controversy, on this legislation other than the exemption issue. So at this point, Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that debate on each amendment, and all amendments thereto, to section 4 and to titles I, II, and III be limited to 2 hours per title.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, first of all we are told we are going to have an open rule, and we are trying to get through the amendments that we have here. I think we have done so rather expeditiously, if my colleagues will agree.

Mr. Chairman, I certainly appreciate the fact that the other side of the aisle has been more than cordial and has not tried to throw up any roadblocks to that, and I hope they will not try to do that sort of thing right now.

I object, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Objection is heard.

Mr. CLINGER. At this point, Mr. Chairman, I would then ask unanimous consent that debate on amendments to section 4, and this is the exemption section, be limited to 20 minutes, with the time to be equally divided on each amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that we are being offered

a gag rule.

All we are asking for is a chance to explain our amendments and talk about them in depth. We did not have the opportunity when we were in committee, and I think now is the only time. As a matter of fact, when we tried to offer our amendments in committee, we were told to bring them to the floor. Now, that is what we are doing.

What do they want us to do; not bring them to the floor?

I object, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Chairman, if the gentlewoman will yield, I am not saying that the amendments could not be brought to the floor and debated. I am just trying to get some, perhaps, limitation on debate time.

Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that neither of my unanimous-consent requests was agreed to, I now move that debate on each amendment to section 4, and any amendment thereto, be limited to 10 minutes.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] moves that on all amendments to section 4, all debate thereto be limited to 10 minutes on either side.

□ 1710

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chairman, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chairman, is this motion subject to debate?

The CHAĬRMAN. No, it is not.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER].

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote, and pending that, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

Mr. CHAIRMAN. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 2, rule XXIII, the Chair announced that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device, if ordered, will be taken on the pending question following the quorum call. Members will record their presence by electronic

The following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 56]

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Bonilla

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Chrysler

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Costello

Cooley

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Crane

Crapo

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□ 1728

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. EMERSON). Four hundred and six Members have answered to their names, a quorum is present, and the Committee will resume its business.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] for a recorded vote.

The question before the Committee is the demand of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] to limit debate on all amendments to section 4 to 10 minutes, and all amendments thereto within that time limitation.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. I have a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentlewoman will state her parliamentary inquiry.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, it was my understanding that the motion was to limit debate on each amendment to section 4 to 5 minutes on each side.

The CHAIRMAN. And all amendments thereto.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Is that correct, Mr. Chairman, all amendments thereto in section 4 only, only in section 4?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. I thank the

The CHAIRMAN. This is a 5-minute

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 233, noes 181, not voting 20, as follows:

> [Roll No. 57] AYES-233

Allard Funderburk Myrick Gallegly Ganske Nethercutt Archer Neumann Armey Bachus Gekas Ney Norwood Baker (CA) Gilchrest Baker (LA) Gillmor Nussle Ballenger Gilman Ortiz Goodlatte Barr Oxlev Goodling Barrett (NE) Packard Goss Graham Bartlett Parker Barton Paxon Bateman Greenwood Bereuter Gunderson Pombo Bilbray Gutknecht Porter Bilirakis Hall (TX) Portman Bliley Hancock Prvce Quillen Blute Hansen Boehlert Hastings (WA) Quinn Radanovich Boehner Hayworth Bonilla Hefley Rahall Bono Heineman Ramstad Brownback Herger Hilleary Regula Bryant (TN) Roberts Bunn Hobson Rohrabacher Hoekstra Bunning Ros-Lehtinen Hoke Roth Burr Burton Horn Roukema Hostettler Buver Royce Callahan Houghton Salmon Calvert Hunter Sanford Hutchinson Camp Saxton Scarborough Canady Hyde Schaefer Schiff Castle Inglis Chabot Istook Johnson (CT) Chambliss Seastrand Chenoweth Johnson Sam Sensenbrenner Christensen Shadegg Jones Chrysler Kasich Shaw Clinger Kellv Shays Coble Kim Shuster Coburn Sisisky King Collins (GA) Kingston Skeen Combest Smith (MI) Klug Knollenberg Smith (NJ) Cooley Cox Kolbe Smith (TX) Smith (WA) Crane LaHood Solomon Crapo Largent Cremeans Latham Souder LaTourette Cubin Spence Cunningham Lazio Stearns Davis Leach Stockman de la Garza Lewis (CA) Stump Deal Lewis (KY) Talent DeLav Lightfoot Tate Taylor (NC) Diaz-Balart Linder Dickey Doolittle Livingston Thomas LoBiondo Thornberry Longley Dornan Lucas Manzullo Torkildsen Dreier Duncan Tucker Dunn Martini Upton Ehlers McCollum Vucanovich Ehrlich McCrery Waldholtz McDade Walker Emerson English McHugh Walsh Everett McInnis Wamp Ewing McIntosh Watts (OK) Fawell McKeon Weldon (FL) Fields (TX) McNulty Weller White Flanagan Metcalf Whitfield Foley Mevers Forbes Mica Wicker Miller (FL) Fowler Wolf Young (AK) Fox Molinari Montgomery Franks (CT) Young (FL) Franks (NJ) Moorhead Zeliff Frelinghuysen Morella Zimmer

NOES-181

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Kennelly Kildee Dingell Poshard Rangel Dixon Doggett Kleczka Reed Reynolds Richardson Dooley Klink LaFalce Doyle Lantos Laughlin Edwards Roemer Rose Engel Levin Lewis (GA) Roybal-Allard Ensign Eshoo Lincoln Sabo Lipinski Sawyer Evans Farr Lofgren Schroeder Fattah Lowey Luther Schumer Scott Fazio Fields (LA) Maloney Serrano Skaggs Skelton Filner Manton Flake Markey Foglietta Martinez Slaughter Ford Mascara Spratt Frank (MA) Stenholm Matsui Frost McCarthy Stokes McDermott Furse Studds Gejdenson Stupak Gephardt McKinney Tanner Tauzin Geren Meehan Gibbons Meek Taylor (MS) Gonzalez Menendez Tejeda Gordon Mfume Thompson Thornton Green Mineta Gutierrez Minge Thurman Hall (OH) Mink Torres Hamilton Moakley Torricelli Harman Moran Towns Hastings (FL) Murtha Traficant Hayes Hilliard Nadler Velazquez Oberstan Vento Visclosky Hinchey Obey Holden Olver Volkmer Hover Orton Ward Jackson-Lee Watt (NC) Owens Jacobs Pallone Waxman Johnson (SD) Wilson Pastor Payne (VA) Johnson, E. B. Wise Johnston Pelosi Wyden Peterson (FL) Kaniorski Wvnn Kaptur Peterson (MN) Yates Kennedy (MA) Pickett Kennedy (RI) Pomerov

NOT VOTING-20

Bass Miller (CA) Sanders Boucher Mollohan Stark Brown (CA) Neal Waters Weldon (PA) Condit Payne (NJ) Hastert Riggs Williams Hefner Woolsey Rogers Jefferson Rush

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So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Chairman, due to a delay in my flight from California, I missed the quorum call and the motion to limit debate on the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995. Had this flight delay not prevented me from being here, I would have voted "no" on the motion to limit debate.

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Chairman. I move that the Committee do now rise.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER].

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 237, noes 181, not voting 16, as follows:

> [Roll No. 58] AYES-237

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NOT VOTING-16

Bass Mollohan Stokes Brown (CA) Torricelli Neal Hastert Payne (NJ) Weldon (PA) Hefner Roberts Williams Hunter Rush Jefferson Stark

Mr. ANDREWS changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. BLILEY changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

□ 1754

So the motion to rise was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY) having assumed the chair, Mr. EMER-SON. Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration the Bill (H.R. 5) to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments, to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations, and to provide information on the cost of Federal mandates on the private sector, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO SIT TODAY AND TOMORROW DURING 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be allowed to sit today and tomorrow during the 5-minute rule.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. BONIOR. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, just a few minutes ago we voted in this Chamber to limit the debate on the unfunded mandated bill to amendments, 5 minutes on a side. This motion would allow the Committee on International Relations to go upstairs in the Rayburn Building and debate the defense bill and specifically the peacekeeping issue that is before it.

It makes no sense whatsoever to have a process where the Committee on International Relations is meeting in the Rayburn Building and we are voting ever 15 minutes on the House floor, 5 minutes on a side. It was your motion; it was not our motion. Members will not have a chance to warm their seats over there.

At some point the American people are going to ask, "Do you people really know how to run this institution?"

Continuing my reservation, Mr. Speaker, we have had a disturbing pattern occur on the floor of this institution. This is the fourth rule, unfunded mandates is the fourth rule that we have had. The first two were closed. The rules package on the compliance bill was closed. The rule on the balanced budget amendment was restrictive. And now we have an open rule but it is convenient to close it. It is convenient to close it so we are going to run roughshod over the minority and close the rule.

We are concerned about the narrowing of voices in this institution and it is real. I am reserving my right to object, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I will yield in a second, but let me just develop that for a second. We have had four rules; two of them have been closed; one of them has been restricted; and the one we are debating now has been restricted once again.

The Republicans on this side of the aisle have closed down our legislative service organizations so our women, the African-Americans, our Hispanics have had their voices shut. We have had the Democratic Study Group moved off of the Hill; we have had public broadcasting attacks; we have had voices across this country and in this institution attacked; and we will not stand for a gag rule on this bill.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. Does the gentleman object to the unanimous consent request for the Committee on International Relations to continue its work on the measure before us? We are near the end of the completion of that debate and we should be able to wind it up either tonight or tomorrow.

I am merely trying to accommodate the Members on both sides of the aisle, and I would welcome the gentleman consenting to the request.

Mr. BONIOR. I appreciate my colleague's comments.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, further reserving my right to object, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Connecticut.

Mr GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I would say that the same pattern has developed in committee after committee, that we on the International Relations Committee are now discussing fundamental changes in our role in the United Nations and NATO. Time after time, as amendments are just barely brought forward, there is a motion that the majority carries to cut off debate.

And we are deciding whether we are going to be in the United Nations or out, whether we are going to expand NATO without full and proper debate. The same pattern is occurring in committee after committee.

Mr. GILMAN. If the gentleman will yield further, at this time, Mr. Speaker. I would——

Mr. SOLOMON. Regular order, and demand it now.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I object; I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). Regular order has been demanded. Do 10 Members stand to object?

Mr. GILMAN. Since we cannot have consent with regard to the request, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The request is withdrawn.

UNFUNDED MANDATE REFORM ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 38 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5.

□ 1800

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments, to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations, and to provide information on the cost of Federal mandates on the private sector, and for other purposes, with Mr. EMERSON in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole arose earlier today, the motion to limit debate on each amendment to section 4, and any