

genuine bipartisan discussion in hearings, as we have proposed with extended hearings, there is no reason for this House to meet. It ought to adjourn until the Republicans begin a real bipartisan discussion of how to reform Medicare.

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#### COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE GAMBLING IN AMERICA

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I have a bill in now on which we have 53 cosponsors, bipartisan, which would set up a national commission to study the impact of gambling on the country.

Gambling is beginning to corrupt this country. It is spreading from two States 20 years ago to 48 States, and it is destroying the American family. Also the gambling interests are now hiring prominent political people of both parties to represent their interests.

We now have 53 cosponsors on this bill. The gentleman from Illinois, HENRY HYDE, has promised us hearings next week. I would ask and urge all Members of the Congress, Republican, Democrat, liberal, and conservative, to cosponsor this bill, so we can pass a bill that studies the impact of gambling, so when local boards of supervisors look, they know what the impact will be.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOLF. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my colleague for raising this issue, and I want to ask him to put me on this resolution. I think this is far overdue.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I will put the gentleman on, and urge all other Members to sign on.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, since we are not able to bring up the resolution with respect to hearings on Medicare, and we have no other choice on this side, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KNOLLENBERG). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. BONIOR moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant of Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 167, nays 237, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 672]

YEAS—167

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Bryant (TX)  
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Clay  
Clement  
Clyburn  
Coleman  
Collins (MI)  
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Conyers  
Costello  
Coyne  
Cramer  
Danner  
de la Garza  
DeLauro  
Dellums  
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Dicks  
Dingell  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doyle  
Durbine  
Edwards  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Evans  
Farr  
Fazio  
Fields (LA)  
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Flake  
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Ford  
Frank (MA)

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Hall (OH)  
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Hastings (FL)  
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Hinchey  
Holden  
Hoyer  
Jackson-Lee  
Johnson (SD)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnston  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kennelly  
Kildee  
Klink  
LaFalce  
Lantos  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Luther  
Maloney  
Manton  
Markey  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy  
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McKinney  
McNulty  
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Miller (CA)  
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Olver  
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Orton  
Pallone  
Pastor  
Payne (VA)  
Pelosi  
Peterson (FL)  
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Pomeroy  
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Rivers  
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Roybal-Allard  
Rush  
Sabo  
Sanders  
Sawyer  
Schroeder  
Schumer  
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Serrano  
Skaggs  
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Spratt  
Stark  
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Studds  
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Torres  
Towns  
Velazquez  
Vento  
Visclosky  
Volkmer  
Ward  
Waters  
Watt (NC)  
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Wilson  
Wise  
Woolsey  
Wyden  
Wynn  
Yates

NAYS—237

Allard  
Archer  
Army  
Bachus  
Baker (CA)  
Baker (LA)  
Ballenger  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bateman  
Bereuter  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bliley  
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Boehlert  
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Bonilla  
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Burr  
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Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Canady  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Chenoweth  
Christensen  
Chryster  
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Coble  
Coburn  
Collins (GA)  
Combest  
Cooley  
Cox  
Crane  
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Cunningham  
Davis  
Deal  
DeLay  
Dickey  
Doolittle  
Dreier  
Duncan

Graham  
Greenwood  
Gunderson  
Gutknecht  
Hamilton  
Hancock  
Hansen  
Hastert  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
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Herger  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Hoke  
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Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Inglis  
Istook  
Jacobs  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Kasich  
Kelly  
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Klecza  
Klug  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
LaHood  
Largent  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Laughlin  
Lazio  
Leach  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Lightfoot  
Lincoln  
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Livingston  
LoBiondo  
Longley  
Lucas  
Manzullo  
Martini  
McCollum  
McCrery  
McDade  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntosh  
McKeon  
Menendez  
Metcalf  
Meyers  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Molinar  
Montgomery  
Moorhead  
Morella  
Myers  
Myrick  
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Norwood  
Nussle  
Packard  
Parker  
Paxon  
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Pombo  
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Pryce  
Quillen  
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Radanovich  
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Ramstad  
Regula  
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Roberts  
Roemer  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
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Sanford  
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Smith (MI)  
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Thornberry  
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Torricelli  
Traficant  
Upton  
Vucanovich  
Walker  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Watts (OK)  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
White  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wolf  
Young (FL)  
Zeliff  
Zimmer

NOT VOTING—30

Callahan  
Chapman  
Clayton  
Collins (IL)  
DeFazio  
Diaz-Balart  
Dornan  
Fattah  
Fields (TX)  
Jefferson

Kennedy (MA)  
Martinez  
Meek  
Mfume  
Moakley  
Moran  
Murtha  
Owens  
Oxley  
Payne (NJ)

Porter  
Reynolds  
Siskiy  
Smith (WA)  
Stokes  
Thompson  
Tucker  
Waldholtz  
Williams  
Young (AK)

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Messrs. FLANAGAN, MILLER of Florida, and STOCKMAN changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. NEY and Mr. HILLEARY changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 672 on the motion to adjourn, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

#### REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule. VerDate 20-SEP-9

The Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I might note that all of these committees are sitting. We would like to actually have them sitting a little more and holding hearings on Medicare and Medicaid rather than the one hearing on Medicare they will be getting and the no hearings on Medicaid. Apparently, they are not going to sit. We are not going to delay that process, but everyone should know the train is rolling here. We think it is a sad day when you cannot have hearings on health matters that affect 70 million Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I may object, I think it is a legislative sin and a shame that you have been in control of this House for 10 months, you have been promising a Medicare bill for 10 months, and today nobody has seen a copy of that bill. That is the most complicated piece of legislation that this Congress will take up this year.

You are trying to sneak it past us, very cleverly, very stealthily, without any hearings. No one will understand it. No one will understand it.

Look at me now, how can you do such a thing and then come here and ask unanimous consent that people can work while other things are going on? That is the most ridiculous argument I have ever heard.

The silence, the silence of the Republican side is typical of the silence that they have had all along on this Medicare proposal. They are going to take \$270 billion out of the pockets of Medicare people and put it into the hands of the very rich constituents. You know that is what you are doing, and you will not give us any hearings, 1 day, and we do not even have a bill to have a hearing on. What a joke. What a joke.

We are going to have a Medicare hearing on Thursday, and we do not even have a bill. Shame.

Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard. The Chair will state that it requires 10 Members to object.

Mr. GIBBONS. Will the gentleman from Texas tell us where the bill is?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is out of order.

(Messrs. WISE, WAXMAN, GIBBONS, FAZIO of California, FROST, LEVIN, BONIOR, HEFNER, OBEY, and SABO also objected.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A sufficient number has objected.

Objection is heard.

# MOTION FOR PERMISSION FOR ALL COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY AND THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Pursuant to clause 2(f) of rule XI, Mr. ARMEY moves that all committees and subcommittees of the House be permitted to sit today and for the remainder of the week while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule.

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. ARMEY. I am sorry. It has been necessary—

Mr. WISE. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from West Virginia will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I do not yield for that purpose.

Mr. WISE. For a parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman does not yield.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. The Chair makes that decision. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Let us have order.

Mr. WISE. The gentleman does not yield for a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GIBBONS. In other words, we have been gagged, we have been stonewalled, and now we are being gagged. Is that it? Is that it, I ask the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], stonewalling us? You have been stonewalling us for 10 months.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I believe I control the time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is ready to rule. The parliamentary inquiry was sought before the time was given to the majority leader.

Mr. WISE. I thank the Chair. Parliamentary inquiry, is the Chair or is the gentleman going to, or does this side receive the customary 30 minutes in debate on this matter?

Mr. LINDER. That is not a parliamentary inquiry. Furthermore, the gentleman from Texas did not yield for that.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is up to the majority leader.

Does the majority leader yield?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the inquiry made by the gentleman from West Virginia, and for whatever time I speak on my privileged

motion, I will see to it that the gentleman from West Virginia is given twice as much time as I take.

Mr. Speaker, am I recognized to speak on my motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] is recognized for 1 hour.

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Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me again reiterate the fact that whatever time I spend speaking on this motion I will grant to the gentleman from West Virginia twice as much time as I take. This is an important motion. I am sorry it has become necessary to do so. We do want to, at least when we are operating within the Chamber, do so in an orderly fashion while we allow the remainder of work of Congress to go forward.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time with the reservation that the timekeeper report to me such time as I used to this point, and I will yield that amount of time to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE] for purposes of debate only.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DICKEY). The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] consumed 30 seconds.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE].

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, what is at issue here and what the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GIBBONS] has raised is the fact that we are just going to approve a number of committees sitting. Now they are sitting on some important matters, some not as important. None of them is as important as health care that affects 70 million Americans. Thirty-seven million Americans affected by Medicare, that receives one hearing on Thursday, Medicaid, which is being marked up, as I understand, today by the Committee on Commerce; the bill dropped on the floor yesterday affects roughly 31 to 32 million Americans.

Mr. Speaker, clearly it is outrageous that we can have 6 days of hearings on the National Highway System that we will take up in a minute, we can only have 1 day of hearings on Medicare, and none on Medicaid, and both make the National Highway System, as important as I think it is, pale by significance in dollars and in impact.

So, I would just urge Members to reflect on this and urge that we go ahead with the Dingell resolution, which will provide 4 weeks of hearings. I think, if we are going to change the health programs that affect the largest number of Americans, have been in place for 30 years, we should get more than 1 day of hearings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE] has expired.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question. VerDate 20-SEP-95 07:02 Sep