

Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Kaptur  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kennelly  
Kim  
King  
Kingston  
Klink  
Klug  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Lantos  
Largent  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Laughlin  
Lazio  
Leach  
Lewis (CA)  
Lipinski  
Livingston  
LoBiondo  
Longley  
Lucas  
Martini  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCollum  
McCrery  
McDade  
McHale  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntosh  
McKeon  
McNulty  
Meek  
Menendez  
Meyers  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Moakley  
Molinari  
Mollohan

## NAYS—139

Baker (CA)  
Baldacci  
Barcia  
Barrett (WI)  
Becerra  
Beilenson  
Bereuter  
Berman  
Bonior  
Brown (OH)  
Brownback  
Bryant (TN)  
Bryant (TX)  
Chabot  
Chenoweth  
Clay  
Coburn  
Collins (IL)  
Collins (MI)  
Conyers  
Coyne  
Crapo  
Cubin  
Danner  
DeFazio  
Dellums  
Deutsch  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Emerson  
Engel  
Evans  
Ewing  
Fattah  
Fazio  
Fields (LA)  
Filner  
Flake  
Foglietta  
Forbes  
Frank (MA)  
Funderburk  
Furse  
Gephardt  
Graham  
Green  
Gutierrez

Hayworth  
Hillery  
Hilliard  
Hinchey  
Hoyer  
Hutchinson  
Inglis  
Istook  
Jackson-Lee  
Jacobs  
Jefferson  
Johnston  
Jones  
Kanjorski  
Kennedy (MA)  
Kildee  
Klecza  
LaFalce  
LaHood  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Lincoln  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Luther  
Maloney  
Manton  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Martinez  
McCarthy  
McDermott  
McKinney  
Meehan  
Metcalf  
Mfume  
Miller (CA)  
Mineta  
Minge  
Mink  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Norwood  
Obey  
Olver  
Orton

Scott  
Seastrand  
Sensenbrenner  
Shaw  
Shays  
Shuster  
Skaggs  
Skeen  
Skeltan  
Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (TX)  
Solomon  
Spence  
Spratt  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Stockman  
Stump  
Talent  
Tanner  
Tauzin  
Taylor (MS)  
Taylor (NC)  
Thomas  
Thornberry  
Thornton  
Thurman  
Traficant  
Upton  
Visclosky  
Vucanovich  
Waldholtz  
Walker  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Ward  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson  
Wolf  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)  
Zeliff  
Zimmer

Owens  
Pastor  
Payne (NJ)  
Pelosi  
Peterson (MN)  
Pomeroy  
Poshard  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Roybal-Allard  
Rush  
Sabo  
Salmon  
Sanders  
Sanford  
Schroeder  
Schumer  
Serrano  
Shadegg  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (WA)  
Souder  
Stark  
Stokes  
Studds  
Stupak  
Tate  
Thompson  
Tiahrt  
Torres  
Torricelli  
Towns  
Velazquez  
Vento  
Waters  
Watt (NC)  
Watts (OK)  
Waxman  
Weldon (FL)  
White  
Williams  
Woolsey  
Wyden  
Wynn  
Yates

Chapman  
Greenwood  
Linder  
Reynolds

NOT VOTING—11  
Rivers  
Sisisky  
Tejeda  
Torkildsen

□ 1708

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, and Messrs. BRYANT of Tennessee, HILLEARY, LUTHER, OWENS, EWING, ISTOOK, FAZIO of California, and ORTON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SALMON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. BARCIA, and Mr. EMERSON changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Messrs. WAMP, ENSIGN, and CHRISTENSEN changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1977, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). The pending business is the question de novo on agreeing to House Resolution 231.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

## RECORDED VOTE

Mr. BEILENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were ayes 251, noes 171, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 695]

## AYES—251

Allard  
Archer  
Armey  
Bachus  
Baker (CA)  
Baker (LA)  
Ballenger  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bateman  
Bevill  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop  
Bliley  
Blute  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bono  
Brewster  
Browder  
Brownback  
Bryant (TN)  
Bunn  
Bunning  
Burr  
Burton

Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Canady  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Chenoweth  
Christensen  
Chrysler  
Clement  
Clinger  
Coble  
Coburn  
Collins (GA)  
Combest  
Condit  
Cooley  
Costello  
Cox  
Cramer  
Crane  
Crapo  
Creameans  
Cubin  
Cunningham  
Davis  
Deal  
DeLay

Gekas  
Geren  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gilman  
Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Gordon  
Goss  
Graham  
Greenwood  
Gunderson  
Gutknecht  
Hall (TX)  
Hamilton  
Hancock  
Hansen  
Hastert  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hefner  
Heineman  
Herger  
Hilleary  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Hoke  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Inglis  
Istook  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kim  
King  
Kingston  
Klug  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
LaHood  
Largent  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Laughlin  
Lazio  
Leach

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Andrews  
Baesler  
Baldacci  
Barcia  
Barrett (WI)  
Becerra  
Beilenson  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berman  
Boehlert  
Bonior  
Borski  
Boucher  
Brown (CA)  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Bryant (TX)  
Cardin  
Clay  
Clayton  
Clyburn  
Coleman  
Collins (IL)  
Collins (MI)  
Conyers  
Coyne  
Danner  
de la Garza  
DeFazio  
DeLauro  
Dellums  
Deutsch  
Dingell  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Durbin  
Edwards  
Engel  
Eshoo

Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Lightfoot  
Lincoln  
Livingston  
LoBiondo  
Longley  
Lucas  
Manton  
Manzullo  
Martini  
McCollum  
McCrery  
McDade  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntosh  
McKeon  
Metcalf  
Meyers  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Molinari  
Mollohan  
Montgomery  
Moorhead  
Morella  
Murtha  
Myers  
Myrick  
Nethercutt  
Neumann  
Ney  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Oxley  
Packard  
Parker  
Paxon  
Petri  
Pombo  
Porter  
Portman  
Pryce  
Quillen  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Ramstad  
Regula  
Riggs  
Roberts  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen

## NOES—171

Evans  
Farr  
Fattah  
Fazio  
Fields (LA)  
Filner  
Flake  
Foglietta  
Forbes  
Frank (MA)  
Frost  
Furse  
Gejdenson  
Gephardt  
Gibbons  
Gonzalez  
Green  
Gutierrez  
Hall (OH)  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Hinchey  
Holden  
Hoyer  
Jackson-Lee  
Jacobs  
Jefferson  
Johnson (SD)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnston  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy (MA)  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kennelly  
Kildee  
Klecza  
Klink  
LaFalce  
Lantos  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)

Roth  
Roukema  
Royce  
Salmon  
Sanford  
Saxton  
Scarborough  
Schaefer  
Schiff  
Seastrand  
Sensenbrenner  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Shuster  
Skeen  
Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Solomon  
Soudier  
Spence  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Stockman  
Stump  
Talent  
Tate  
Tauzin  
Taylor (NC)  
Thomas  
Thornberry  
Traficant  
Upton  
Vucanovich  
Waldholtz  
Walker  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Watts (OK)  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
White  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson  
Wolf  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)  
Zeliff

Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Luther  
Maloney  
Markey  
Martinez  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy  
McDermott  
McHale  
McKinney  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek  
Menendez  
Miller (CA)  
Mineta  
Minge  
Mink  
Moakley  
Moran  
Nadler  
Neal  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Orton  
Owens  
Pallone  
Pastor  
Payne (NJ)  
Payne (VA)  
Pelosi  
Peterson (FL)  
Peterson (MN)  
Pickett  
Pomeroy  
Poshard  
Rahall  
Rangel

Reed	Skelton	Towns
Richardson	Spratt	Velazquez
Roemer	Stark	Vento
Rose	Stokes	Visclosky
Roybal-Allard	Studds	Ward
Rush	Stupak	Waters
Sabo	Tanner	Watt (NC)
Sanders	Taylor (MS)	Waxman
Sawyer	Thompson	Williams
Schroeder	Thornton	Woolsey
Schumer	Thurman	Wyden
Scott	Tiahrt	Wynn
Serrano	Torres	Yates
Skaggs	Torricelli	Zimmer

## NOT VOTING—12

Chapman	Reynolds	Torkildsen
Houghton	Rivers	Tucker
Linder	Sisisky	Volkmer
Mfume	Tejeda	Wise

□ 1716

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2275

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor from the bill, H.R. 2275.

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

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BRITISH-AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNN of Oregon). Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 168(b) of Public Law 102-138, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following member to the British-American interparliamentary group on the part of the House: The gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. BEREUTER].

There was no objection.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 2350, THE PATIENT CHOICE AND ACCESS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] is recognize for 5 minutes.

Mr. COBURN. Mr. Speaker, as Congress begins its consideration of reforming Medicare, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues, perhaps the most important component of the Medicare reform debate. What must we do to ensure the quality of care that Medicare patients will receive after changes are made to the program?

While all of us in Congress are deeply concerned about the solvency of the

Medicare trust fund, we must be equally concerned that the changes made to this program do not adversely affect the availability of health care to the elderly. As a practicing physician, I have spoken with my patients; and as a Member of Congress, I also have heard from thousands of my constituents. Their message is a clear one. Any Medicare reform proposal must guarantee patient choice and access quality. It must not result in a decline in the quality of care Medicare patients now receive.

For the last several months, I have been working closely with the patient access to Specialty Care Coalition, a group of 115 patient, senior citizen, physician, and nonphysician organizations, dedicated to the principle that patients must be able to access the providers of their own choice. This week, I introduced H.R. 2350, the Patient Choice and Access Act, a bill to provide protection to beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicare Program. Throughout the process of crafting a Medicare reform bill, I have been urging the House leadership to include my patient protection provisions.

The cornerstone of the current Medicare law is choice of health care provider. Presently, there is a belief that the Federal Government can save money by enrolling seniors into managed care deliver systems. And I agree how such changes can produce dramatic Federal savings, I am not opposed to the concept of managed care or a gatekeeper model. Instead, I want to make sure that quality of care for seniors is preserved, should most of the elderly population be moved into managed care. In addition, I have deep concerns about how these proposed changes in Medicare may affect my rural constituents.

Today, many major changes are taking place in the way people purchase health insurance and receive medical care. The pressures to reduce health spending continues to be intense, and health plans and providers have become more aggressive in their cost containment activities. While many health plans have developed a number of effective techniques to achieve economy and maintain quality of care, others have not always achieved that balance. Since Medicare is a federally funded program, we should make sure that these tax dollars are returned to Medicare enrollees in the form of appropriate patient care.

After changes are made to Medicare, many existing and new products will be offered to the Medicare population. Our most vulnerable population will be flung into a fiercely competitive marketplace, where access to appropriated medical services may take a back seat. I believe that in this rapidly changing environment, Medicare patients must be given basic rights and effective protection against the potential that these new markets may inappropriately restrict access to medically necessary health care services.

My legislative proposal addresses these concerns, and it puts the patient first, not the doctor, not the insurance company, but the patient. My bill is designed to improve and enhance health care to our country's senior citizens. It will not add to the cost of the Medicare Program. Under my legislation, all patients will have the option to seek the out-of-network treatment they desire no matter what health care plan they select.

True freedom of choice for patients can only be achieved by making out-of-network medically necessary treatment and services available for all health care plans. Real health care security is the freedom for patients to choose their own primary and specialty care provider, and then to continue to access these same caregivers. All patients should have the option, at an additional copayment known in advance, to seek the out-of-network treatment they desire. This point-of-service feature should be built into every health care plan, and not just offered as an option at the time of enrollment.

Patients, especially seniors, are acting with less than perfect information about their health status at the time of enrollment. In reality, patients are unable to assess their health care needs, until they actually get sick or need specialty care. Consequently, the broadest possible patient protection is to build choice of health care provider into every health care plan.

The most effective check against abuses in this changing marketplace is the patient's power to go outside the network established by the health plan and obtain medical services. Health plans that provide good service to their enrollees will not be troubled by this requirement. Only health plans that fail to meet the needs of their subscribers will be affected.

Making out-of-network treatment and services available for enrollees in all health care plans provides a very good quality assurance check. It ensures that all health care plans provide seniors with the health care they need and deserve. If a Medicare enrollee is not satisfied with care, he or she could pursue other treatment for a reasonable, but not cost-prohibitive price.

Today, the fastest growing health insurance product is a managed care plan with the availability of out-of-network coverage. Patients have been demanding this freedom to choose, and the marketplace has responded. Requiring this type of plan for any senior is not intrusive, but rather advances a developing trend.

Building a point-of-service feature into all health plans under Medicare will not affect any health plan's ability to be aggressive in their cost-containment activities, nor will it limit their efforts to encourage providers and patients to use health care resources wisely. It will simply put pressure on health plans to keep the patient's welfare uppermost on their agenda, ahead of dividends and the bottom line.