

Act to ensure a drug-free, safe, and cost-effective Job Corps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mr. ZIMMER):

H.R. 3170. A bill to dispose of contaminated dredged sediments in a more environmentally responsible manner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. HOKE:

H.R. 3171. A bill to limit the procurement of aircraft landing gear by the Secretary of Defense to landing gear that is manufactured and assembled in the United States; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island (for himself, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. QUINN, Mr. TORKILDSSEN, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. GEJDENSON):

H.R. 3172. A bill to establish a Commission to develop strategies and policies to mitigate the environmental impacts associated with electric utility restructuring; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. BROWN of California, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. STARK, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DeFAZIO, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. TORRES, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. YATES, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FARR, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. PORTER, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. REED):

H.R. 3173. A bill to establish, wherever possible, nonanimal acute toxicity testing as an acceptable standard for Government regulations requiring an evaluation of the safety of products by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. MORELLA:

H.R. 3174. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for programs regarding women and the human immunodeficiency virus; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 3175. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for an increase in the amount of Federal funds expended to conduct research on alcohol abuse and alcoholism among women; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 3176. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish programs of research with respect to women and cases of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself and Mr. OBEY):

H.R. 3177. A bill to repeal the consent of Congress to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mrs. CLAYTON, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. FURSE, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. KENNEDY, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MCKINNEY,

Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. RIVERS, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mrs. THURMAN, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. WATERS, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 3178. A bill to promote greater equity in the delivery of health care services to American women through expanded research on women's health issues and through improved access to health care services, including preventive health services; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Agriculture, International Relations, Veterans' Affairs, Economic and Educational Opportunities, National Security, and Banking and Financial Services, 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 Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 3179. A bill to modify various Federal health programs to make available certain services to women who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, and Agriculture, 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. ENGEL (for himself, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PORTER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KING, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. MILLER of California, and Mr. ROHRBACHER):

H. Con. Res. 155. Concurrent resolution concerning human and political rights and in support of a resolution of the crisis in Kosovo; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H. Con. Res. 156. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding research on the human papillomavirus and its relation to cervical cancer; to the Committee on Commerce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

211. By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the Senate of the State of Kansas, relative to amending the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to facilitate the development and approval of new drugs and biologics; to the Committee on Commerce.

212. Also, memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to recognizing the injustices of human rights in Guatemala; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

213. Also, memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to forced labor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 528: Mr. EHLERS.

H.R. 573: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 820: Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. PRYCE, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 940: Mr. BRYANT of Texas.

H.R. 957: Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 1023: Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. MYERS of Indiana.

H.R. 1127: Mr. POMEROY.

H.R. 1363: Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BASS, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CREMEANS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. MCINTOSH, and Mr. JONES.

H.R. 1386: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. CLEMENT, and Mr. STENHOLM.

H.R. 1406: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MARTINI, and Mr. THORNBERRY.

H.R. 1462: Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. FROST, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. CLAY, and Ms. MCKINNEY.

H.R. 1484: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 1496: Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.

H.R. 1500: Ms. HARMAN.

H.R. 1619: Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. STOCKMAN.

H.R. 1776: Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 1802: Mr. QUINN.

H.R. 1810: Mr. MARTINI.

H.R. 1863: Mr. BRYANT of Texas and Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 1883: Mr. ZIMMER.

H.R. 2003: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 2011: Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 2019: Ms. WOOLSEY and Mr. SANDERS.

H.R. 2071: Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 2270: Mr. COX.

H.R. 2337: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 2510: Mr. MARTINI.

H.R. 2579: Mr. GIBBONS.

H.R. 2618: Mr. BILBRAY.

H.R. 2745: Mr. MANTON, Mr. FOGLIETTA, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 2856: Mr. MARTINI and Mr. McNULTY.

H.R. 2893: Mr. REED and Mr. ROBERTS.

H.R. 2925: Mr. STENHOLM and Mr. VOLKMER.

H.R. 2927: Mr. MOORHEAD and Mr. LEWIS of California.

H.R. 2935: Mr. COOLEY and Mr. TATE.

H.R. 2974: Mr. FOX.

H.R. 2976: Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. MOLINARI, and Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 2994: Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GUNDERSON, and Mr. BROWN of California.

H.R. 3002: Mr. EHLERS.

H.R. 3004: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. NEY, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GILLMOR, and Mr. EHLERS.

H.R. 3012: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MANTON, and Mr. MATSUI.

H.R. 3045: Mr. RAHALL.

H.R. 3048: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. WAMP.

H.R. 3050: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan and Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 3059: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. FROST, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 3114: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr. FUNDERBURK.

H.R. 3118: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, and Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 3130: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 3142: Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HAYES, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FROST, Mr. FORBES, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. TALENT, Mr. CANADY, Mr. METCALF, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, and Mr. HUNTER.

H.R. 3149: Mr. HANCOCK.
 H.J. Res. 97: Mr. WISE.
 H.J. Res. 159: Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. ROSE.
 H. Con. Res. 47: Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. NEY, Mr. SABO, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
 H. Con. Res. 144: Mr. TORKILDSEN.
 H. Res. 49: Mr. THOMPSON and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
 H. Res. 348: Mr. MCCOLLUM and Mr. GOODLING.
 H. Res. 374: Mr. CAMP, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. PORTER, Mr. MARTINI, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. YATES.
 H. Res. 378: Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. WOLF, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BERMAN, and Ms. PELOSI.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

69. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Transportation Policy Board of the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization, Abilene, TX, relative to the issues of appropriate taxation and adequate provision of transportation infrastructure; which was referred jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Budget.

AMENDMENTS

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

H.R. 3103

OFFERED BY: MR. DINGELL

AMENDMENT No. 2: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Health Insurance Reform Act of 1996".

TITLE I—HEALTH CARE ACCESS, PORTABILITY, AND RENEWABILITY TABLE OF CONTENTS OF TITLE

- Sec. 100. Definitions.
- SUBTITLE A—GROUP MARKET RULES
- Sec. 101. Guaranteed availability of health coverage.
- Sec. 102. Guaranteed renewability of health coverage.
- Sec. 103. Portability of health coverage and limitation on preexisting condition exclusions.
- Sec. 104. Special enrollment periods.
- Sec. 105. Disclosure of information.
- SUBTITLE B—INDIVIDUAL MARKET RULES
- Sec. 110. Individual health plan portability.
- Sec. 111. Guaranteed renewability of individual health coverage.
- Sec. 112. State flexibility in individual market reforms.
- Sec. 113. Definition.
- SUBTITLE C—COBRA CLARIFICATIONS
- Sec. 121. Cobra clarification.
- SUBTITLE D—PRIVATE HEALTH PLAN PURCHASING COOPERATIVES
- Sec. 131. Private health plan purchasing cooperatives.
- SUBTITLE E—APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS
- Sec. 141. Applicability.
- Sec. 142. Enforcement of standards.

SUBTITLE F—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 191. Health coverage availability study.
 Sec. 192. Effective date.

Sec. 193. Severability.

SEC. 100. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this title:

(1) **BENEFICIARY.**—The term "beneficiary" has the meaning given such term under section 3(8) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(8)).

(2) **EMPLOYEE.**—The term "employee" has the meaning given such term under section 3(6) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(6)).

(3) **EMPLOYER.**—The term "employer" has the meaning given such term under section 3(5) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(5)), except that such term shall include only employers of two or more employees.

(4) **EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term "employee health benefit plan" means any employee welfare benefit plan, governmental plan, or church plan (as defined under paragraphs (1), (32), and (33) of section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002 (1), (32), and (33))) that provides or pays for health benefits (such as provider and hospital benefits) for participants and beneficiaries whether—

(i) directly;

(ii) through a group health plan offered by a health plan issuer as defined in paragraph (8); or

(iii) otherwise.

(B) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—An employee health benefit plan shall not be construed to be a group health plan, an individual health plan, or a health plan issuer.

(C) **ARRANGEMENTS NOT INCLUDED.**—Such term does not include the following, or any combination thereof:

(i) Coverage only for accident, or disability income insurance, or any combination thereof.

(ii) Medicare supplemental health insurance (as defined under section 1882(g)(1) of the Social Security Act).

(iii) Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance.

(iv) Liability insurance, including general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance.

(v) Workers compensation or similar insurance.

(vi) Automobile medical payment insurance.

(vii) Coverage for a specified disease or illness.

(viii) Hospital or fixed indemnity insurance.

(ix) Short-term limited duration insurance.

(x) Credit-only, dental-only, or vision-only insurance.

(xi) A health insurance policy providing benefits only for long-term care, nursing home care, home health care, community-based care, or any combination thereof.

(5) **FAMILY.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term "family" means an individual, the individual's spouse, and the child of the individual (if any).

(B) **CHILD.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term "child" means any individual who is a child within the meaning of section 151(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(6) **GROUP HEALTH PLAN.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term "group health plan" means any contract, policy, certificate or other arrangement offered by a health plan issuer to a group purchaser that provides or pays for health benefits (such as provider and hospital benefits) in connection with an employee health benefit plan.

(B) **ARRANGEMENTS NOT INCLUDED.**—Such term does not include the following, or any combination thereof:

(i) Coverage only for accident, or disability income insurance, or any combination thereof.

(ii) Medicare supplemental health insurance (as defined under section 1882(g)(1) of the Social Security Act).

(iii) Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance.

(iv) Liability insurance, including general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance.

(v) Workers compensation or similar insurance.

(vi) Automobile medical payment insurance.

(vii) Coverage for a specified disease or illness.

(ix) Short-term limited duration insurance.

(x) Credit-only, dental-only, or vision-only insurance.

(xi) A health insurance policy providing benefits only for long-term care, nursing home care, home health care, community-based care, or any combination thereof.

(7) **GROUP PURCHASER.**—The term "group purchaser" means any person (as defined under paragraph (9) of section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(9)) or entity that purchases or pays for health benefits (such as provider or hospital benefits) on behalf of two or more participants or beneficiaries in connection with an employee health benefit plan. A health plan purchasing cooperative established under section 131 shall not be considered to be a group purchaser.

(8) **HEALTH PLAN ISSUER.**—The term "health plan issuer" means any entity that is licensed (prior to or after the date of enactment of this Act) by a State to offer a group health plan or an individual health plan.

(9) **HEALTH STATUS.**—The term "health status" includes, with respect to an individual, medical condition, claims experience, receipt of health care, medical history, genetic information, evidence of insurability (including conditions arising out of acts of domestic violence), or disability.

(10) **PARTICIPANT.**—The term "participant" has the meaning given such term under section 3(7) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(7)).

(11) **PLAN SPONSOR.**—The term "plan sponsor" has the meaning given such term under section 3(16)(B) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(16)(B)).

(12) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary", unless specifically provided otherwise, means the Secretary of Labor.

(13) **STATE.**—The term "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Subtitle A—Group Market Rules

SECTION 101. GUARANTEED AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH COVERAGE.

In General.—

(1) **NONDISCRIMINATION.**—Except as provided in subsection (b), section 102 and section 103—

(A) a health plan issuer offering a group health plan may not decline to offer whole group coverage to a group purchaser desiring to purchase such coverage; and

(B) an employee health benefit plan or a health plan issuer offering a group health plan may establish eligibility, continuation of eligibility, enrollment, or premium; contribution requirements under the terms of such plan, except that such requirements shall not be based on health status (as defined in section 100(9)).