

We are entering a new phase in our battle against the virus. A recent article in the New York Times discussed the arrival of a new class of drugs known as protease inhibitors, which, taken in combination with standard older drugs, provide the most potent therapy against HIV to date. These new treatments are unfortunately very expensive. Where Medicare and private insurance defer some of the cost, many patients are depending on the AIDS drug reimbursement program of the CARE Act as a means of easing their suffering. I strongly believe that it is especially critical as we are on the brink of medically treating this disease, that we do not withdraw our funding support.

Fighting against this killer virus is the universal charge of all Americans. AIDS is no longer a disease of a select few, but instead touches the lives of more and more people in our society. The epidemic has spread into suburban and rural areas in every State of this country and entered the ranks of sports heroes and movie stars. AIDS is currently the No. 1 killer of all Americans between the ages of 25 and 44. It does not discriminate between gender or sexual orientation. It cuts across all races and socio-economic classes. As of July 1994, 5,000 children had received an AIDS diagnosis. It is our collective social responsibility to provide for our most vulnerable citizens the best that we can, and I urge my colleagues to support this conference report.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The question is on the conference report.

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

Mr. GUNDERSON. 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 at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 4, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 145]

YEAS—402

Abercrombie	Bereuter	Burr
Ackerman	Bevill	Burton
Allard	Bilbray	Buyer
Andrews	Bilirakis	Callahan
Archer	Bishop	Calvert
Armey	Blute	Camp
Bachus	Boehlert	Campbell
Baesler	Boehner	Canady
Baker (CA)	Bonior	Cardin
Baker (LA)	Bono	Castle
Baldacci	Borski	Chabot
Barcia	Brewster	Chambliss
Barr	Browder	Chapman
Barrett (NE)	Brown (CA)	Chenoweth
Barrett (WI)	Brown (FL)	Christensen
Bartlett	Brown (OH)	Chrysler
Bass	Brownback	Clayton
Bateman	Bryant (TN)	Clement
Becerra	Bunn	Clinger
Bentsen	Bunning	Clyburn

Coble	Hastings (FL)	Moakley
Coburn	Hastings (WA)	Mollohan
Coleman	Hayworth	Montgomery
Collins (GA)	Hefley	Moorhead
Collins (IL)	Hefner	Moran
Collins (MI)	Heineman	Morella
Combest	Herger	Murtha
Condit	Hilleary	Myers
Conyers	Hilliard	Myrick
Cooley	Hinchee	Nadler
Costello	Hoekstra	Neal
Cox	Hoke	Nethercutt
Coyne	Holden	Neumann
Cramer	Horn	Ney
Crane	Hossettler	Norwood
Crapo	Hoyer	Nussle
Creameans	Hunter	Oberstar
Cubin	Hutchinson	Obey
Cummings	Hyde	Olver
Cunningham	Inglis	Ortiz
Danner	Jackson (IL)	Orton
Davis	Jackson-Lee	Owens
Deal	(TX)	Oxley
DeFazio	Jacobs	Packard
DeLauro	Jefferson	Pallone
DeLay	Johnson (CT)	Parker
Dellums	Johnson (SD)	Pastor
Deutsch	Johnson, E. B.	Paxon
Diaz-Balart	Johnson, Sam	Payne (NJ)
Dickey	Johnston	Payne (VA)
Dixon	Jones	Pelosi
Doggett	Kanjorski	Peterson (FL)
Dooley	Kasich	Peterson (MN)
Doolittle	Kelly	Petri
Dornan	Kennedy (MA)	Pickett
Doyle	Kennedy (RI)	Pombo
Dreier	Kennelly	Pomeroy
Duncan	Kildee	Porter
Dunn	Kim	Portman
Durbin	King	Poshard
Edwards	Kingston	Pryce
Ehlers	Klecza	Quillen
Ehrlich	Klink	Quinn
Emerson	Klug	Radanovich
English	Knollenberg	Rahall
Ensign	Kolbe	Ramstad
Eshoo	LaFalce	Rangel
Evans	LaHood	Reed
Everett	Lantos	Regula
Ewing	Largent	Richardson
Farr	Latham	Riggs
Fattah	LaTourette	Rivers
Fawell	Laughlin	Roberts
Fazio	Lazio	Roemer
Fields (LA)	Leach	Rogers
Fields (TX)	Levin	Rohrabacher
Filner	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Flake	Lewis (GA)	Rose
Flanagan	Lewis (KY)	Roth
Foglietta	Lightfoot	Roukema
Foley	Lincoln	Roybal-Allard
Forbes	Linder	Royce
Ford	Lipinski	Rush
Fowler	LoBiondo	Sabo
Fox	Lofgren	Salmon
Frank (MA)	Longley	Sanders
Franks (CT)	Lowe	Sanford
Franks (NJ)	Lucas	Sawyer
Frelinghuysen	Luther	Saxton
Frist	Maloney	Schaefer
Frost	Manton	Schiff
Furse	Manzullo	Schroeder
Gallegly	Markley	Schumer
Ganske	Martinez	Scott
Gejdenson	Martini	Seastrand
Gekas	Mascara	Sensenbrenner
Gephardt	Matsui	Serrano
Geren	McCarthy	Shadegg
Gilchrest	McCollum	Shays
Gillmor	McCrery	Shuster
Gilman	McDermott	Sisisky
Gonzalez	McHale	Skaggs
Goodlatte	McHugh	Skeen
Goodling	McInnis	Skelton
Gordon	McIntosh	Slaughter
Graham	McKeon	Smith (MI)
Green (TX)	McKinney	Smith (NJ)
Greene (UT)	McNulty	Smith (TX)
Greenwood	Meehan	Smith (WA)
Gunderson	Meek	Solomon
Gutierrez	Menendez	Souder
Gutknecht	Metcalf	Spence
Hall (OH)	Meyers	Spratt
Hall (TX)	Mica	Stark
Hamilton	Millender-	Stearns
Hancock	McDonald	Stenholm
Hansen	Miller (CA)	Stockman
Harman	Minge	Stokes
Hastert	Mink	Studds

Stupak	Towns	Weldon (PA)
Talent	Trafigant	Weller
Tanner	Upton	White
Tate	Velazquez	Whitfield
Tauzin	Vento	Wicker
Taylor (MS)	Visclosky	Williams
Taylor (NC)	Volkmer	Wise
Tejeda	Vucanovich	Wolf
Thomas	Walker	Woolsey
Thompson	Walsh	Wynn
Thornberry	Wamp	Yates
Thornton	Ward	Young (AK)
Thurman	Waters	Young (FL)
Tiahrt	Watt (NC)	Zeliff
Torkildsen	Watts (OK)	Zimmer
Torres	Waxman	

NAYS—4

Funderburk	Scarborough
Istook	Stump

NOT VOTING—27

Ballenger	de la Garza	Kaptur
Barton	Dicks	Livingston
Beilenson	Dingell	McDade
Berman	Engel	Miller (FL)
Bliley	Gibbons	Molinari
Bonilla	Goss	Shaw
Boucher	Hayes	Torricelli
Bryant (TX)	Hobson	Weldon (FL)
Clay	Houghton	Wilson

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Messrs. MARKEY, DIXON, and COBLE changed their votes from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 145, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous material on the conference report to S. 641.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was granted permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Ryan White Care Act reauthorization conference report. This legislation is needed to continue the vital services provided under the Ryan White Program. I commend the conferees for their hard work in reaching agreements on many difficult issues.

The final agreement revises formulas for distribution of funds for the emergency assistance program for cities and for the grants to States for AIDS-related health care. The conferees have balanced their approach to maximize fairness to all involved.

With regard to the newborn testing issues, the conferees have endorsed the CDC guidelines which emphasize voluntary testing and provided authorization for an outreach program to encourage voluntary testing of pregnant women. This would allow these women to take advantage of the latest treatments available to prevent the transmission of HIV to their babies. I am pleased that the conferees have managed to avoid approaches which may have driven many pregnant women away from medical care.

This authorization bill also allows for an orderly distribution of funds to States for new drugs recently approved by the FDA to improve longevity and quality of life for people with AIDS. Last week, Congress approved President Clinton's request for an emergency supplemental appropriation of \$52 million for this important AIDS Drug Assistance Program [ADAP]. Now these funds can be more fairly distributed to the States.

Again, I commend Chairman BILIRAKIS and Mr. WAXMAN, as well as the other conferees, for their hard work in reaching agreement on these important provisions. The bill—and the 17-percent increase in funding provided in the appropriations bill—bring hope to people with AIDS, their caregivers, and their loved ones.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purposes of engaging the distinguished majority Whip about the schedule for the rest of this week and next week.

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

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to my friend from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. I thank the distinguished minority whip for yielding, and, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have concluded our legislative business for the week.

On Monday, May 6, the House will meet in pro forma session. There will be no legislative business and no votes on that day.

On Tuesday, May 7, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note we do anticipate votes soon after 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 7, we will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules. I will not read through the list at this time, but a complete schedule will be distributed to all Members' offices.

After consideration of the suspensions we will take up two crime bills, both of which are subject to rules: H.R. 2974, the Crimes Against Children and Elderly Persons Increased Punishment Act, and H.R. 3120, a bill regarding witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering.

For Wednesday, May 8 and the balance of the week the House will consider the following bills:

H.R. 3322, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for civilian science activities; two resolutions, House Resolution 416 and 417, establishing a select subcommittee to investigate the United States role in Iranian arm transfers to Croatia and Bosnia; H.R. 3286, a bill to help families defray adoption costs and promote the adoption of minority children; and H.R. 2406, the United States Housing Act of 1995.

Mr. Speaker, we should finish legislative business and have Members on their way home to their families by 2 p.m. on Friday, May 10, and I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his remarks, and I just have two questions for my friend from Texas.

Could the gentleman inform the House when we will consider the budget resolution?

Mr. DELAY. Unfortunately, we were not able to mark up the budget this week. We anticipate marking it up next week and bringing it to the floor the following week.

Mr. BONIOR. And how about the health care bill? When do we expect to go to conference on the health care bill?

Mr. DELAY. Evidently we are working with the other body, and we hope to appoint conferees sometime next week.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, and I wish him well this weekend.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I wish everyone a safe weekend.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1996 TO MONDAY, MAY 6, 1996

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Thursday, May 2, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

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

There was no objection.

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 HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY,
 MAY 7, 1996

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, May 6, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 1996, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

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 DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
 WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in

order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 25, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
*Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, The
 Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign from the Committee on the Budget.

Sincerely,

HARRY JOHNSTON.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation will be accepted.

There was no objection.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina). 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.

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

[Mr. MICA 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 Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

ICWA SPELLS HEARTBREAK FOR FAMILY IN OKLAHOMA

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

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the Indian Child Welfare Act, to explain that as it stands today, it has struck tragedy in the hearts of countless children, birth parents, and adoptive families throughout this entire country.

The Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA as it is called, was intended to stop State court abuse of Native American children in involuntary placements. In its current form, ICWA is a factor in every single adoption in this