

country because it then gets a connection back between the consumer and the payer.

Under traditional third-party coverage, basically we have always felt like, "Well, gee, the insurance company is paying the bill," so there has been unbridled consumption. If a person has a medical savings account where they can pull the funds out of their medical savings account to pay their bills, they also will have an increased tendency to be a wise consumer.

So I tell various health care groups, physicians, for instance, that quite frankly they may find that they are in a very competitive situation now. In the past when the insurance company pays all of the bills, nobody tends to look at the bills. But if the payment is coming out of the medical savings account, people will tend to look at the bills, and this is why.

Let us say we have a provider on one side of the street who charges \$25 for an office visit. On the other side of the street the family practitioner charges \$30. If a person is in a traditional health plan, it does not make any difference to them because somebody else is paying the bill. But if they have a medical savings account, assuming the quality is equal, they are likely to go to the provider who charges \$25 instead of \$30 because they get to keep the \$5 difference in your plan.

So there is an incentive now for people to become wise shoppers. There is an incentive for people not to over consume, but there is a mechanism for people to get the kind of medical care that they need because there is a way to pay for it. Even managed care plans in many cases today are moving to deductibles in their plans. There needs to be a mechanism to pay that deductible or we will have a problem with people not getting the kind of care that they want.

Mr. Speaker, I would just finish by saying there are a lot of misperceptions about medical savings accounts. They are not the total solution, but many people in this country today have medical savings account plans, over 1,000 companies in this country. They are saving dollars by it, the people who have the medical savings accounts are very happy with it, and quite frankly I think we would find many people with special health needs choosing medical savings accounts. I do not think they are just for the healthy and the wealthy.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HOUGHTON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 3:30 p.m., on account of official business.

Mr. TAUZIN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of official business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GANSKE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCINTOSH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ZELIFF.

Mr. EHLERS.

Mr. DUNCAN, in three instances.

Mr. GALLEGLY.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. BARTON of Texas.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. HUNTER.

Mr. CLINGER.

Mr. ROBERTS.

Mr. TALENT.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

Mr. OBERSTAR.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

Mr. HASTINGS.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. TORRICELLI.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SOLOMON.

#### A BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3029. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse."

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 24, 1996, at 2 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3741. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches [Docket No. FV95-916-4-FIR] received June 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3742. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Specialty Crops; Import Regulations; Peanut Import Regulations; Final Rule [Docket No. FV94-999-2FR] received June 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3743. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Japanese Beetle; Domestic Quarantine and Regulations [Docket No. 94-087-1] received June 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3744. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation, case number 92-84, which totaled \$22.2 million, occurred in the Headquarters, Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

3745. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation, case number 93-03, which totaled \$34.9 million, occurred in the Headquarters of the Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

3746. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology and the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, transmitting the Secretary's certification that full-up, system-level live fire testing of the Amphibious Transport Dock Ship (LPD 17) would be unreasonably expensive and impractical, accordingly the applicability of full-up, system-level survivability tests for the LPD 17 has been waived, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2366; to the Committee on National Security.

3747. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Consolidation of Repetitive Provisions; Technical Amendments (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) (RIN: 1218-AB53) received June 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3748. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendments of Parts 22, 90, and 94 of the

Commission's Rules To Permit Routine Use of Signal Boosters [WT Docket No. 95-70] received June 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3749. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Tin-Coated Lead Foil Capsules for Wine Bottles; Correction (21 CFR part 189) [Docket No. 91N-0326] (RIN: 0910-AA06) received June 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3750. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting a list of all reports issued or released in May 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3751. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar years 1994 and 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3752. A letter from the Public Printer, U.S. Government Printing Office, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period October 1, 1995, through March 31, 1996, and the semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3753. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indian Country Detention Facilities and Programs (Bureau of Indian Affairs) (RIN: 1076-AD77) received June 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3754. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Leases, Permits, and Easements (Bureau of Land Management) (43 CFR Part 2920) (RIN: 1004-AB51) received June 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3755. A letter from Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the National Marine Fisheries Service final rule—Magnuson Act Provisions; Consolidation and Update and Regulations; Collection-of-Information Approval [Docket No. 960315081-6160-02; I.D. 030596B] (RIN: 0648-A117)—received June 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3756. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General of the United States, transmitting the Department's report on settlements made for damages caused by investigative officers employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3724(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3757. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting the Commission's report entitled "Sex Offenses Against Children," findings and recommendations regarding Federal penalties, pursuant to Public Law 104-71, section 6 (109 Stat. 774); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3758. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to modify the project for flood damage reduction at the north branch of Chicago River, IL, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3759. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Miscellaneous Regulations Relating to

Liquor, Subparts E and O (95R-039P) (RIN: 1512-AB44) received June 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3760. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Section 1274—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Revenue Ruling 96-34) received June 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3761. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the annual report of the National Technical Information Service [NTIS] for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to Public Law 100-519, section 212(f)(3) (102 Stat. 2596); jointly, to the Committees on Science and Commerce.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. COX, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. HYDE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Ms. PELOSI):

H.R. 3684. A bill to prohibit the importation into the United States of goods produced, manufactured, or exported by the People's Liberation Army of China or any Chinese defense industrial trading company; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 3685. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission to take action, as necessary, to protect consumer privacy in light of the convergence of communications technologies; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FRAZER, and Mr. MILLER of California):

H.R. 3686. A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to prohibit the licensing of a permanent or interim nuclear waste storage facility outside the 50 States or the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 3687. A bill to amend Title 5 of the United States Code to provide a civil remedy for the request or receipt of protected records for a nonroutine use by any person within the Executive Offices of the President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. CONDIT:

H.R. 3688. A bill to require that 401(k)-type pension plans be subject to the same prohibited transaction rules that apply to traditional defined benefit pension plans; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. HAMILTON (for himself, Mr. SHAW, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. WYNN, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. FRAZER):

H.R. 3689. A bill to amend the international narcotics control program under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to establish an additional certification standard for certain illicit drug producing countries and drug-trans-

sit countries and to establish an additional reporting requirement under that program; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. RIGGS, and Mr. COX):

H.R. 3690. A bill to limit the types of commercial nonpostal services which may be offered by the U.S. Postal Service; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 3691. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Prescription Drug Price Review Board to identify excessive drug prices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 3692. A bill to promote the restoration, conservation, and enhancement of wetlands through the establishment of a responsible wetlands mitigation banking program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 3693. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a capital loss deduction with respect to the sale or exchange of a principal residence; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 3694. A bill to prohibit insurers from offering monetary rewards, penalties, or inducements to licensed health care practitioners' on the basis of the health care practitioners' decisions to limit the availability of appropriate medical tests, services, or treatments; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 3695. A bill to prohibit insurers from including provisions in health plans and contracts with health care providers to indemnify the insurer against any liability; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. PAXON (for himself, Mr. FRISA, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. KING, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. BASS, Mr. HOUGHTON, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON):

H.R. 3696. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve or deny on a timely basis an application for a waiver for certain AFDC and Medicaid demonstration projects; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, and Mr. CONDIT):

H.R. 3697. A bill to exempt from the regulation E requirements, State administration of the Food Stamp Program through electronic benefit transfer systems that provide for distribution of means-tested benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SCHUMER (by request):

H.R. 3698. A bill to reduce violent crime by juvenile offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and 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. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. MICA, and Mr. CANADY):

H.R. 3699. A bill to establish a demonstration project to authorize certain covered beneficiaries under the military health care system—including the dependents of active