

funds so that Federal health programs like Medicare or Medicaid may provide assistance to patients in efforts to end their lives.

My father passed away December 7, 1996. He suffered from diabetes, prostate cancer, and stomach ulcers. He did not go out of his way to prolong his life, yet he also did not go out of his way to artificially end his life. The fundamental belief that we should preserve life is one that people of all religious denominations can agree on. Again, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" today on the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. BLILEY] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1003, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. BLILEY. 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 398, nays 16, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 75]

YEAS—398

Abercrombie	Chambliss	Fattah	Hostettler	McNulty	Saxton	NADLER
Ackerman	Chenoweth	Fawell	Houghton	Meehan	Schaefer, Dan	changed their vote from
Aderholt	Christensen	Fazio	Hoyer	Meek	Schumer	"yea" to "nay."
Allen	Clay	Flake	Hulshof	Menendez	Sensenbrenner	Mr. OLVER changed his vote from
Andrews	Clayton	Foglietta	Hunter	Metcalf	Serrano	"nay" to "yea."
Archer	Clement	Foley	Hutchinson	Mica	Sessions	So (two-thirds having voted in favor
Armey	Clyburn	Forbes	Hyde	Millender-McDonald	Shadegg	thereof) the rules were suspended, and
Bachus	Coble	Ford	Istook	Miller (FL)	Shaw	the bill, as amended, was passed.
Baesler	Coburn	Fowler	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Minge	Shays	The result of the vote was announced
Baker	Collins	Fox	Jefferson	Murtha	Sherman	as above recorded.
Baldacci	Combest	Franks (NJ)	Jenkins	Moran (KS)	Shimkus	A motion to reconsider was laid on
Barcia	Condit	Frelinghuysen	John	Moran (VA)	Shuster	the table.
Barr	Cook	Frost	Johnson (CT)	Morella	Siski	—————
Barrett (NE)	Cooksey	Furse	Johnson (WI)	Myrick	Skaggs	PERSONAL EXPLANATION
Barrett (WI)	Costello	Galllegly	Johnson, E.B.	Neal	Skeen	
Bartlett	Cox	Ganske	Johnson, Sam	Nethercutt	Skelton	Mr. CAPPES. Mr. Speaker, today I missed
Barton	Coyne	Gejdenson	Jones	Neumann	Slaughter	rollcall vote No. 75, final passage of H.R.
Bass	Cramer	Gekas	Kanjorski	Ney	Smith (MI)	1003, the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction
Bateman	Crane	Gephhardt	Kaptur	Northup	Smith (NJ)	Act. I was in my district attending the memo-
Bentsen	Crapo	Gibbons	Kasich	Kelly	Smith (OR)	rial service of Scott Williams, a guard at the
Bereuter	Cubin	Gilchrest	Kennedy (MA)	Kennedy (RI)	Smith (TX)	Federal Penitentiary in Lompoc, CA, who was
Berman	Cummings	Gillmor	Kennelly	Kennelly	Snyder	killed in the line of duty last week.
Berry	Cunningham	Gilman	Kildee	Obey	Solomon	Had I been present, I would have voted
Bilbray	Danner	Gonzalez	Kim	Olver	Souder	"aye" on H.R. 1003.
Bilirakis	Davis (FL)	Goode	Kind (WI)	Ortiz	Spence	—————
Bishop	Davis (IL)	Goodlatte	King (NY)	Owens	Spratt	PERSONAL EXPLANATION
Blagojevich	Davis (VA)	Goodling	Kingston	Oxley	Stabenow	Mr. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I am writing to ex-
Bliley	Deal	Gordon	Kleczka	Packard	Stearns	plain that on Thursday, April 10, I was un-
Blumenthauer	DeFazio	Goss	Klink	Pallone	Stenholm	avoidably detained and missed rollcall vote
Blunt	Delahunt	Graham	Klug	Pappas	Stokes	No. 75. If I was present, I certainly would have
Boehlert	DeLauro	Granger	Knollenberg	Parker	Strickland	voted "aye" in support of H.R. 1003, the As-
Boehner	DeLay	Green	Kolbe	Pascarella	Stump	sisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.
Bonilla	Deutsch	Greenwood	Kucinich	Pastor	Stupak	—————
Bonior	Diaz-Balart	Gutierrez	LaFalce	Paul	Sununu	PERSONAL EXPLANATION
Borski	Dicks	Gutknecht	LaHood	Paxon	Talent	Mr. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I am writing to ex-
Boswell	Dingell	Hall (OH)	Lampson	Payne	Tanner	plain that on Thursday, April 10, I was un-
Boucher	Dixon	Hall (TX)	Lantos	Pease	Tauscher	avoidably detained and missed rollcall vote
Boyd	Doggett	Hamilton	Largent	Pelosi	Tauzin	No. 75. If I was present, I certainly would have
Brady	Dooley	Hansen	Latham	Peterson (PA)	Taylor (MS)	voted "aye" in support of H.R. 1003, the As-
Brown (CA)	Doyle	Harman	LaTourette	Petri	Taylor (NC)	sisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.
Brown (FL)	Dreier	Hastert	Lazio	Pickering	Thomas	—————
Brown (OH)	Duncan	Hastings (FL)	Leach	Pickett	Thompson	PERSONAL EXPLANATION
Bryant	Dunn	Hastings (WA)	Levin	Pitts	Thornberry	Mr. BOB SCHAFER of Colorado. Mr.
Bunning	Edwards	Hayworth	Lewis (CA)	Pombo	Thune	Speaker, on rollcall No. 75, I was unavoidably
Burr	Ehlers	Hefley	Lewis (GA)	Portman	Thurman	detained and consequently missed the occa-
Burton	Ehrlich	Herger	Lewis (KY)	Price (NC)	Tiaht	sion to have my vote recorded. Had I been
Buyer	Emerson	Hill	Linder	Pryce (OH)	Tierney	present, I would have voted "aye."
Callahan	Engel	Hilleary	Lipinski	Quinn	Torres	—————
Calvert	English	Hilliard	Livingston	Rahall	Traficant	GENERAL LEAVE
Camp	Ensign	Hinchey	LoBiondo	Ramstad	Turner	Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask
Campbell	Eshoo	Hinojosa	Loftgren	Rangel	Upton	unanimous consent that all Members
Canady	Etheridge	Hobson	Lowey	Regula	Velazquez	may have five legislative days within
Cannon	Evans	Hoekstra	Lucas	Reyes	Vento	which to revise and extend their re-
Cardin	Everett	Holden	Luther	Riggs	Viscosky	marks on H.R. 1003 and to insert extra-
Castle	Ewing	Hoooley	Maloney (CT)	Riley	Walsh	neous material in the RECORD on the
Chabot	Farr	Horn	Maloney (NY)	Rivers	Wamp	bill.
			Manton	Roemer	Watkins	The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there
			Matsui	Rothman	Watt (NC)	objection to the request of the gentle-
			McCarthy (MO)	Roukema	Weldon (FL)	man from Virginia?
			McCarthy (NY)	Royal-Ballard	Weldon (PA)	There was no objection.
			McCollum	Royce	White	—————
			McCrery	Rush	Whitfield	REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE
			McDade	Ryun	Wicker	PROGRAM
			McGovern	Sabo	Wise	(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given
			McHale	Salmon	Wolf	permission to address the House for 1
			McHugh	Sanchez	Woolsey	minute.)
			McInnis	Sanders	Wynn	Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I wish to
			McIntosh	Sandlin	Young (AK)	seek guidance from my colleagues on
			McIntyre	Sanford	Young (FL)	the other side of the aisle about the
			McKeon	Sawyer		schedule for the remainder of the day
						and next week.
						Mr. Speaker, Federal law requires
						that Congress complete its budget by
						next Tuesday, and we are all waiting to
						understand if we are going to meet that
						deadline. Also, it has been an unusual
						week that we have had here.
						We have had bills that we considered
						only on suspension, but one of the most
						important bills on the schedule was
						pulled, and that bill was to eliminate
						the mortgage insurance for many

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Ms. KILPATRICK. Ms. WATERS, Mr. MILLER of California, and Mr.

American families. That bill was approved almost unanimously in a bipartisan vote in committee. We want to know why it was pulled from the floor and why it is not on the schedule next week.

So are we going to move to the budget? Law requires that we have a 15th of April deadline. What is the problem? And second, if that is not going to happen, we want to know why this mortgage interest bill was pulled.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I will try as a member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and I participated in working on that bill which passed 36 to 1 that was sponsored by a very distinguished Republican Member from Utah and, in the other body, by a Republican Senator from New York, and it was aimed at protecting consumers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] has expired.

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the point I would make is this:

My understanding is that the majority has pulled this bill because we voted for a States rights amendment. The gentlewoman from California offered an amendment to this bill in committee that said it would not override State protections, that the Federal protection would be in existence, the State protections, and apparently the majority does not think we should respect the rights of States in this case, and apparently this bill was pulled because we have taken a position respective of the rights of the States to set policy.

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

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the other point that I think should be made is this would save literally hundreds of dollars a year for people in this country.

Is there a response from Republican colleagues about why we are not going to do the budget next week or if we are going to do the budget next week? Anybody from their leadership want to participate in this discussion?

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 900

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 900.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1997

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1997

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday April 14, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. COBLE. 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Michigan). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California [Ms. HARMAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my concern that the Pentagon appears, once again, to be prepared to avoid tough decisions. The ongoing Quadrennial Defense Review due to Congress on May 15 is supposed to be an all-inclusive examination of our national security needs. It has been described that way by every Defense Department official who has testified this year before the National Security Committee, on which I serve.

Although Secretary Cohen's personal involvement in the QDR process is commendable, it now appears results may be a lot less than we expected. Some Department officials are apparently ready to delay critical decisions about the defense agency's infrastruc-

ture and Reserve components because, we are told, these questions require more study.

Yet, each of these areas is clearly in need of reform. Each offers the potential for substantial savings, each has already been studied in great detail over the past 2 years, and each is critical to how we structure our national security forces for the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, the Pentagon has an opportunity now to provide more effective, less costly defense. That is right. Better defense for less money. But boldness and willingness to make tough decisions are required to do that. Delaying recommendations on the agencies, the infrastructure, and the Reserves is neither tough nor bold; it represents business as usual and is an indication that the Department will, once again, be hostage to parochial interests while the public pays more for unneeded capabilities.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday's forces will not win tomorrow's wars. And yesterday's funding may not be available either. DOD can and must do better.

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

[Mr. CHRISTENSEN 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 Michigan [Mr. UPTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

THE 18-MONTH PUBLICATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN H.R. 400

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

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the Constitution charges Congress with the responsibility of creating an incentive for inventors to share their inventions with society by granting a monopoly for a limited amount of time in which the inventor alone can prosper from the success of the invention.

Why was this incentive necessary? Because the Founding Fathers knew that our country would not achieve progress in science and the useful arts without effective disclosure of the inventions of our citizens. This straightforward point, which is integral to the understanding and promoting the beneficial patent changes set forth in H.R. 400, is regrettably lost on some of the critics of the bill.

Disclosure through publication provides many benefits. It allows other inventors to discover what inventions have already been applied for and encourages them to invest their time and