

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
Ackerman	Chenoweth	Fawell
Aderholt	Christensen	Fazio
Allen	Clay	Flake
Andrews	Clayton	Foglietta
Archer	Clement	Foley
Armey	Clyburn	Forbes
Bachus	Coble	Ford
Baesler	Coburn	Fowler
Baker	Collins	Fox
Baldacci	Combust	Franks (NJ)
Barcia	Condit	Frelinghuysen
Barr	Cook	Frost
Barrett (NE)	Cooksey	Furse
Barrett (WI)	Costello	Gallegly
Bartlett	Cox	Ganske
Barton	Coyne	Gejdenson
Bass	Cramer	Gekas
Bateman	Crane	Gephardt
Bentzen	Crapo	Gibbons
Bereuter	Cubin	Gilchrest
Berman	Cummings	Gillmor
Berry	Cunningham	Gilman
Bilbray	Danner	Gonzalez
Bilirakis	Davis (FL)	Goode
Bishop	Davis (IL)	Goodlatte
Blagojevich	Davis (VA)	Goodling
Bliley	Deal	Gooding
Blumenauer	DeFazio	Goss
Blunt	Delahunt	Graham
Boehler	DeLauro	Granger
Boehner	DeLay	Green
Bonilla	Deutsch	Greenwood
Bonior	Diaz-Balart	Gutierrez
Borski	Dicks	Gutknecht
Boswell	Dingell	Hall (OH)
Boucher	Dixon	Hall (TX)
Boyd	Doggett	Hamilton
Brady	Dooley	Hansen
Brown (CA)	Doyle	Harman
Brown (FL)	Dreier	Hastert
Brown (OH)	Duncan	Hastings (FL)
Bryant	Dunn	Hastings (WA)
Bunning	Edwards	Hayworth
Burr	Ehlers	Hefley
Burton	Ehrlich	Heger
Buyer	Emerson	Hill
Callahan	Engel	Hilleary
Calvert	English	Hilliard
Camp	Ensign	Hinchey
Campbell	Eshoo	Hinojosa
Canady	Etheridge	Hobson
Cannon	Evans	Hoekstra
Cardin	Everett	Holden
Castle	Ewing	Hooley
Chabot	Farr	Horn

Hostettler	McNulty	Saxon
Houghton	Meehan	Schaefer, Dan
Hoyer	Meek	Schumer
Hulshof	Menendez	Sensenbrenner
Hunter	Metcalfe	Serrano
Hutchinson	Mica	Sessions
Hyde	Millender-	Shadegg
Inglis	McDonald	Shaw
Istook	Miller (FL)	Shays
Jackson-Lee	Minge	Sherman
(TX)	Mink	Shimkus
Jefferson	Molinari	Shuster
Jenkins	Moran (KS)	Sisisky
John	Moran (VA)	Skaggs
Johnson (CT)	Morella	Skeen
Johnson (WI)	Murtha	Skelton
Johnson, E.B.	Myrick	Slaughter
Johnson, Sam	Neal	Smith (MI)
Jones	Nethercutt	Smith (NJ)
Kanjorski	Neumann	Smith (OR)
Kaptur	Ney	Smith (TX)
Kasich	Northup	Smith, Adam
Kelly	Norwood	Smith, Linda
Kennedy (MA)	Nussle	Snowbarger
Kennedy (RI)	Oberstar	Snyder
Kennelly	Obey	Solomon
Kildee	Olver	Souder
Kim	Ortiz	Spence
Kind (WI)	Owens	Spratt
King (NY)	Oxley	Stabenow
Kingston	Packard	Stearns
Klecza	Pallone	Stenholm
Klink	Pappas	Stokes
Klug	Parker	Strickland
Knollenberg	Pascrell	Stump
Kolbe	Pastor	Stupak
Kucinich	Paul	Sununu
LaFalce	Paxon	Talent
LaHood	Payne	Tanner
Lampson	Pease	Tauscher
Lantos	Pelosi	Tauzin
Largent	Peterson (PA)	Taylor (MS)
Latham	Petri	Taylor (NC)
LaTourette	Pickering	Thomas
Lazio	Pickett	Thompson
Leach	Pitts	Thornberry
Levin	Pombo	Thune
Lewis (CA)	Portman	Thurman
Lewis (GA)	Poshard	Tiahrt
Lewis (KY)	Price (NC)	Tierney
Linder	Pryce (OH)	Torres
Lipinski	Quinn	Towns
Livingston	Rahall	Traficant
LoBiondo	Ramstad	Turner
Lofgren	Rangel	Upton
Lowe	Regula	Velazquez
Lucas	Reyes	Vento
Luther	Riggs	Visclosky
Maloney (CT)	Riley	Walsh
Maloney (NY)	Rivers	Wamp
Manton	Roemer	Watkins
Manzullo	Rogan	Watt (NC)
Markey	Rogers	Weldon (FL)
Martinez	Rohrabacher	Weldon (PA)
Mascara	Ros-Lehtinen	Weller
Matsui	Rothman	Wexler
McCarthy (MO)	Roukema	Weyand
McCarthy (NY)	Roybal-Allard	White
McCollum	Royce	Whitfield
McCrary	Rush	Wicker
McDade	Ryun	Wise
McGovern	Sabo	Wolf
McHale	Salmon	Woolsey
McHugh	Sanchez	Wynn
McInnis	Sanders	Young (AK)
McIntosh	Sandlin	Young (FL)
McIntyre	Sanford	
McKeon	Sawyer	

NAYS—16

Becerra
Conyers
DeGette
Delums
Frank (MA)
Jackson (IL)

Kilpatrick
McDermott
McKinney
Miller (CA)
Nadler
Scott

Stark
Waters
Waxman
Yates

NOT VOTING—18

Ballenger
Bono
Capps
Carson
Dickey
Doolittle

Filner
Hefner
Moakley
Mollohan
Peterson (MN)
Pomeroy
Porter
Radanovich
Scarborough
Schaffer, Bob
Schiff
Watts (OK)

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

NADLER changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. OLVER changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended, and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 75, final passage of H.R. 1003, the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act. I was in my district attending the memorial service of Scott Williams, a guard at the Federal Penitentiary in Lompoc, CA, who was killed in the line of duty last week.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 1003.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I am writing to explain that on Thursday, April 10, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 75. If I was present, I certainly would have voted "aye" in support of H.R. 1003, the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 75, I was unavoidably detained and consequently missed the occasion to have my vote recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have five legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1003 and to insert extraneous material in the RECORD on the bill.

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

There was no objection.

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I wish to seek guidance from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle about the 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

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 gentleman 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 gentleman 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