

THE PLIGHT OF DR. STANISLAW BURZYNSKI

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on May 28 of this year a Federal jury found Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski of Houston, TX, innocent of all charges stemming from an FDA inspired indictment and criminal investigation. We have heard of Dr. Burzynski in this Congress and also in the last Congress from his 400-plus cancer patients who brought their own plight as well as his plight to our attention.

The Government's conduct in this case was disturbing to me and to many of my colleagues in the House of Representatives. I know that the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BARTON] and other Members have raised the issue of Dr. Burzynski's case in past hearings of the Committee on Commerce.

It would appear that the Government's handling of this case placed cancer patients at jeopardy at one point, and the treatment of Dr. Burzynski by the Government was, at times, reprehensible. Taxpayer money and resources were badly utilized on two Federal trials.

I look forward to working with the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BARTON] and my other colleagues to get accountability from those involved in this situation. What happened, Mr. Speaker, to Dr. Burzynski and his patients should never be allowed to happen to any other doctor or any other patient. This is another reason why I support the Access to Medical Treatment Act, H.R. 746, which I have cosponsored with the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFazio], so that Americans can have their legal right to pursue the medical treatment of their choice without fear that their Government will impede their access or, in certain cases, even jail their doctor.

I urge my colleagues to support this needed legislation. Perhaps with Dr. Burzynski's vindication, the FDA will now focus all of its attention and resources to work with his cancer patients and his drug discovery. I hope that is the outcome of this ill-fated and these two ill-fated trials.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) 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 Members (at the request of Mr. SAWYER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SAXTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, on July 16.

Mr. HERGER, for 5 minutes, today.
(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, 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. SAWYER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous matter:)

Mr. PICKETT.
Mr. SANDLIN.
Mr. BLUMENAUER.
Mr. EVANS.
Mr. STOKES.
Mr. OBERSTAR.
Mr. BERRY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SAXTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous matter:)

Mrs. KELLY.
Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
Mr. SOLOMON.
Mr. CASTLE.
Mr. BASS.

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

Mr. BLUNT.
Mr. HEFLEY.
Mr. GINGRICH.
Ms. DELAURO.
Mr. MINGE.
Mr. BASS.
Mr. BERRY.
Mr. BLUMENAUER.
Mr. FARR of California.
Mr. LEVIN.
Mr. SOLOMON.
Mr. EVANS.
Mr. STOKES.
Mr. CASTLE.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1901. An act to clarify that the protections of the Federal Tort Claims Act apply to the members and personnel of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 29. A joint resolution to direct the Secretary of the Interior to design and construct a permanent addition to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 14, 1997, at 3 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4177. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Maritime Security Program (Maritime Administration) [Docket No. R-163] (RIN: 2133-AB24) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

4178. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Commercial Driver's License Program and Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing; Conforming and Technical Amendments (Federal Highway Administration) (RIN: 2125-AE16) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4179. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Qualifications for Tankermen, and for Persons in Charge of Transfers of Dangerous Liquids and Liquefied Gases (Coast Guard) [CGD 79-116] (RIN: 2115-AA03) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4180. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Charlestown Navy Yard Salute Gun Fire, Boston Inner Harbor, Boston, Massachusetts (Coast Guard) [CGD01-97-033] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4181. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: New Haven Harborfest Fireworks Display, New Haven, CT (Coast Guard) [CGD01-97-047] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4182. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Yampol Family Fireworks Display, Cove Neck, NY (Coast Guard) [CGD01-97-048] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4183. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone Regulations; Savannah, GA (Coast Guard) [COTP Savannah 97-004] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4184. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone Regulation; SeaFair's Blue Angels Air Show, Lake Washington, Seattle, WA (Coast Guard) [CGD13-97-012] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. LEWIS of California: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2158. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-175). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X Committee on Rules discharged from further consideration. H.R. 856 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

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. ACKERMAN:

H.R. 2151. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to correct the tariff treatment of costumes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 2152. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for annual screening mammography for any class of covered individuals if the coverage or plans include coverage for diagnostic mammography for such class, and to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of annual screening mammography; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Education and the Workforce, 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. DELAURO (for herself and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 2153. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under part B of the Medicare Program of paramedic intercept services provided in support of public, volunteer, or nonprofit providers of ambulance services; to the Committee on Commerce, 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 Mrs. MEEK of Florida:

H.R. 2154. A bill to provide for food stamp eligibility for aliens who were receiving supplemental security income benefits on August 22, 1996, or aliens who are eligible for supplemental security income benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. NEUMANN:

H.R. 2155. A bill to authorize continuation of a nationwide permit for discharges of dredged or fill materials into headwaters and isolated waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. REGULA:

H.R. 2156. A bill to provide financial assistance, directly and through States, to support jointly with government entities, educational institutions, businesses, and nonprofit public and private entities, opportunities for the people of the United States to participate in the arts and the humanities; and to increase understanding and appreciation of the cultural heritage of the United States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. YATES:

H.R. 2157. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the use of public transportation systems by allowing individuals a credit against income tax for expenses paid to commute to and from work using public transportation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 38: Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. MCINTYRE, and Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 65: Mr. TALENT and Mr. SCHUMER.

H.R. 66: Mr. BONO and Mr. CONDIT.

H.R. 76: Mr. OBERSTAR.

H.R. 107: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. KLECZKA, and Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 176: Mr. SAWYER.

H.R. 303: Mr. REYES and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 404: Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. ROYBAL-AL-LARD, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Mr. DOOLEY of California.

H.R. 409: Mr. EVERETT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. UPTON, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. BONO, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MINGE, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mrs. NORTHRUP, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. NEUMANN.

H.R. 611: Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

H.R. 695: Mr. MILLER of California and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 715: Mr. RIGGS.

H.R. 836: Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. TIERNEY, and Mr. SNYDER.

H.R. 872: Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. ROGAN, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 952: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. PORTER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 964: Mr. CONDIT.

H.R. 977: Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. McNULTY.

H.R. 983: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 988: Mrs. MYRICK and Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 991: Mr. GILMAN.

H.R. 1010: Mr. KLUG, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. GIBBONS.

H.R. 1060: Mr. BASS, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 1062: Mr. HERGER and Mr. BALLENGER.

H.R. 1114: Mr. SISISKY.

H.R. 1151: Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CAPPS, and Mr. HORN.

H.R. 1165: Mr. MILLER of California and Mr. KIND of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1260: Mr. FORD.

H.R. 1270: Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. PITTS, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. SHAW, Mr. LEACH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. BATEMAN.

H.R. 1353: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 1373: Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 1398: Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 1415: Mr. QUINN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HOLDEN, and Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 1426: Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1437: Mr. McNULTY, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Ms. DeGETTE.

H.R. 1438: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 1480: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 1507: Mr. JACKSON, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. MATSUI, and Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 1534: Mr. PAXON, Mr. BRADY, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. BOEHNER.

H.R. 1578: Mr. WYNN, Mr. SCOTT and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 1579: Mr. WYNN, Mr. SCOTT and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 1580: Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. FORBES, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PAXON, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 1609: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island and Mrs. ROUKEMA.

H.R. 1614: Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. BOSWELL, and Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 1619: Mr. CRAPO and Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 1679: Mr. BARTON of Texas.

H.R. 1715: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 1716: Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

H.R. 1763: Mr. BOUCHER.

H.R. 1766: Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. TURNER, and Mr. BOYD.

H.R. 1773: Mr. HALL of Texas and Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 1786: Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Mr. GONZALEZ.

H.R. 1799: Mr. HOLDEN.

H.R. 1864: Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 1909: Mr. ROYCE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. RYUN, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. PITTS, Mr. LINDER, Mr. DELAY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. BRYANT.

H.R. 1946: Mr. MASCARA.

H.R. 1972: Ms. DUNN of Washington and Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.

H.R. 1984: Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. SISISKY, and Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 1993: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 2122: Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

H.R. 2140: Mr. FLAKE and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.J. Res. 71: Mr. SHERMAN and Mr. COLLINS.

H. Con. Res. 37: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. METCALF, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. FLAKE.

H. Con. Res. 71: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. MARTINEZ.

H. Con. Res. 80: Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. MANTON, and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H. Con. Res. 107: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. GORDON, Mr. FROST, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. GILMAN.

H. Con. Res. 109: Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. SABO, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H. Res. 26: Mr. VENTO, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. OLVER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Ms. WOOLSEY.