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MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 19, 1999, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) for 1 minute.

PROVIDE FULL FUNDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS HIV/AIDS MINORITY AIDS INITIATIVE

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this morning as the final funding for health care is being negotiated, to make a final plea for full funding for the Congressional Black Caucus HIV/AIDS Minority Aids Initiative, and the increase we are seeking for Medicaid for the territories.

Mr. Speaker, as HIV infections and cases of AIDS come under control in other communities, in African Americans and Hispanics or Latinos it remains a major killer. Eighty-one percent of all new HIV infections are among African American and Latino

women. Even in minority communities that have not seen the same numbers, their fragile health care infrastructure places them at an extreme risk.

We must fund the CBC request at the full \$539 million, provide Medicaid for early treatment, and make a significant investment for Medicaid for citizens in my district and the other territories by funding the request of the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) and me.

Mr. Speaker, health care, quality health care, is a right that we in this body and the White House must extend to all.

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, *Chairman*.

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