

they recognized in this study, they could save their subscribers \$30 million a year. Now, they are already negotiating better deals with their drugs than the average consumer, certainly the average senior citizen can. So what we are talking about is opening up markets.

We want to work with the FDA, but for 2 years the FDA has basically refused to return our phone calls. Mr. Speaker, there is a crisis out there; but the crisis is price. I am not here tonight to beat up on the pharmaceutical companies. The truth of the matter is they are going to charge as much as they can. I mean, shame on the pharmaceutical companies, yes, for what they are charging; but shame on the FDA for letting them get away with it, and shame on us for not doing something about it.

Now, this bill is not perfect, and I understand that we should be going further; but I think that is as far as we can get this year, or at least in the next several weeks. As we go forward, perhaps in the Senate, perhaps in conference committee, sometime perhaps before we get it to the President's desk, maybe we can strengthen it this year. And if the FDA does not respond appropriately, I guarantee I will be back next year and we will be fighting for even stronger legislation. Because this idea that American consumers should pay \$30.25 for Coumadin when consumers in Switzerland pay \$2.85 for the same drug, that is simply wrong. And shame on us if we let that continue.

The time has come to send a very clear message to our own FDA that we are not going to allow them to stand between American consumers in the day and age of NAFTA, in the day and age of the Internet, and in the day and age of the information age. The game is over. We are not going to allow them to stand between American consumers, and particularly American seniors, and lower drug prices. The game is over.

This is the night when we begin the journey to bring lower prices to American consumers. When we allow markets to work, we will see lower prices for American consumers, and especially for American seniors.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3240.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Mr. GOSS (during consideration of H.R. 3240), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-707) on the resolution (H. Res. 540) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY DISTRICT WORK PERIOD

Mr. GOSS (during consideration of H.R. 3240), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-708) on the resolution (H. Res. 541) providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1304, QUALITY HEALTH-CARE COALITION ACT OF 2000

Mr. GOSS (during consideration of H.R. 3240), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-709) on the resolution (H. Res. 542) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1304) to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MARKEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family illness.

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. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 27 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, June 29, 2000, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8403. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Prohexadione Calcium; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300998; FRL-6555-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8404. A letter from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting notification that certain major defense acquisition programs have breached the unit cost by more than 15 percent, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2431(b)(3)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8405. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting notification that a major defense acquisition program thresholds have been exceeded, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2431(b)(3)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8406. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the TRICARE Prime Remote Report to Congress January 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8407. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the report entitled, "Report to the United States Congress Regarding Anthrax Vaccine and Adverse-Event Reporting"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8408. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a report to Congress on the Status of the Oxford House Pilot Project; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8409. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Force Management Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting a plan to issue policy governing the pricing of tobacco products sold in military exchanges and commissary stores as exchange consignment items; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8410. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a notice that the military treatment facility report for fiscal year 1999 is forth coming; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8411. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a notice that the Department of the Navy is pursuing a multiyear procurement (MYP) for the fiscal year 2000 through fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8412. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the report entitled, "Multi-Technology Automated Reader Card Demonstration Program: Smart Cards in the Department of the Navy"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8413. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the determination and a memorandum of justification pursuant to Section 2(b)(6)(B) of the Export-Import

Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8414. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a statement with respect to the transaction involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8415. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's semiannual report on the activities and efforts relating to utilization of the private sector, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8416. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the 1998 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Data Summary; to the Committee on Commerce.

8417. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DTC-001-00), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8418. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the second of six annual reports on enforcement and monitoring of the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Development ("OECD Convention"); to the Committee on International Relations.

8419. A letter from the Deputy Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting the FY 1999 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8420. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the denial of VISAS to Confiscators of American Property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8421. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Lake Erie, Ottawa River, Washington Township, Ohio [CGD09-00-014] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 23, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8422. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Chickahominy River, VA [CGD05-00-016] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 23, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8423. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Oil Pollution Act of 1990 Phase-out Requirements for Single Hull Tanks Vessels [USCG-1999-6164] (RIN: 2115-AF86) received June 23, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8424. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Temporary Regulations: OPSAIL 2000, Port of New London, Connecticut [CGD01-99-203] (RIN: 2115-AA98, AA 84, AE46) received June 23, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8425. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, trans-

mitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Wappoo Creek (ICW), Charleston, SC [CGD07-00-054] received June 23, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8426. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Notice of Availability of Funds for Source Water Protection—received May 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8427. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting a copy of the report, "An Assessment of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act in 1999," pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1538; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Rules.

8428. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Analysis, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2000 Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (VERA); jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Appropriations.

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. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. H.R. 2848. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 and the Small Business Act to establish a New Markets Venture Capital Program, to establish an America's Private Investment Company Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a New Markets Tax Credit, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 106-706 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 540. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 106-707). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 541. Resolution providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate of the Independence day district work period (Rept. 106-708). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules; House Resolution 542. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1304) to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act (Rept. 106-709). Referred to the House Calendar.

TIME LIMITATIONS OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2848. Referral to the Committees on Ways and Means and Small Business extended for a period ending not later than July 28, 2000.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. COLLINS (for himself, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LINDER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. HEFLEY, and Mr. NORWOOD):

H.R. 4776. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend all motor fuel taxes until March 31, 2001, to permanently repeal the 4.3 cent per gallon increases in rail, barge, and aviation fuel taxes enacted in 1993, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. KAPTUR:

H.R. 4777. A bill to establish the Commission on Gasoline and Fuel Pricing; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. KUYKENDALL (for himself and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 4778. A bill to ban the transfer of a firearm or ammunition to, and the receipt of a firearm or ammunition by, persons subject to certain restraining orders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri (for herself, Mr. MOORE, and Mr. BLUNT):

H.R. 4779. A bill to allow certain donations of property and services to the Bureau of Prisons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PICKERING (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. POMBO):

H.R. 4780. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to drugs for minor animal species, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. FORD, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. WAMP, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BAKER, and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 4781. A bill to amend the National Apprenticeship Act to provide that applications relating to apprenticeship programs are processed in a fair and timely manner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. WOLF):

H. Con. Res. 365. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding liability of Japanese companies to former prisoners of war used by such companies as slave labor during World War II; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 82: Mr. LANTOS and Mr. BACA.

H.R. 207: Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 515: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 534: Mr. MICA.

H.R. 628: Mr. NORWOOD.

H.R. 828: Mr. PEASE.

H.R. 914: Mr. MCHUGH.

H.R. 957: Mr. BUYER.

H.R. 976: Ms. MCKINNEY.

H.R. 1001: Mr. CARDIN.

H.R. 1112: Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

H.R. 1187: Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 1217: Mr. MINGE.