

I know my Republican colleagues will say, well, they can always go to an HMO. But remember that HMOs increasingly are not available in a lot of parts of the country, and more and more HMOs are dropping seniors and do not want to offer to senior citizens. So the complication that my colleague from Illinois talks about for seniors, that complication is multiplied so much by what the Republicans seem to be proposing.

And the real answer is to go back to the very simple program, the model that we have now that has worked so successfully for the last 30 years, and that is Medicare. That is all that the Democrats are asking for. And, hopefully, if this does come up in the next week or two, we can make that point about why a guaranteed Medicare plan is so superior to whatever proposal the Republican leadership is bringing up.

I guess I would just conclude by saying as much as I do not like to be cynical, I believe that the Republican proposal really is nothing more than an effort to show that they are doing something and that they fully understand that their proposal is not going to go anywhere and will never be enacted into law. So that is a shame, too, to think they are being very cynical and bringing this up as we get close to the election, rather than trying to put something together on a bipartisan basis that actually can be signed into law.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GRUCCI). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4546, BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-450) on the resolution (H. Res. 415) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4546) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. CARSON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 1:30 p.m. on account of official business in the district.

Mr. HALL of Ohio (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of attending ambassador school.

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. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CAPPES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 410. An act to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence; to the Committee on Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2048. An act to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute.

H.R. 2305. An act to authorize certain federal officials with responsibility for the administration of the criminal justice system of the District of Columbia to serve on and participate in the activities of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3525. An act to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on May 7, 2002 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 169. To require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws; to require that each Federal agency post quarterly on its public Web site, certain statistical data relating to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with such agency; and for other purposes.

H.R. 495. To designate the Federal building located in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, as the "Ron de Lugo Federal Building".

H.R. 819. To designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building".

H.R. 3093. To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 501 Bell Street in Alton, Illinois, as the "William L. Beatty Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3282. To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 9, 2002, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6676. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Commercial Items [DFARS Case 95-DT712] received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6677. A letter from the Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Strengthening the Title I Property Improvement and Manufactured Home Loan Insurance Programs and Title I Lender/Title II Mortgagee Approval Requirements [Docket No. FR-4246-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AG95) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6678. A letter from the Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Real Estate Settlement Procedure Act Statement of Policy 2001-1: Clarification of Statement of Policy 1999-1 Regarding Lender Payments to Mortgage Brokers, and Guidance Concerning Unearned Fees Under Section 8(b) [Docket No. FR-4714-N-01] (RIN: 2502-AH74) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6679. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting

the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6680. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Gastroenterology-Urology Devices; Classification of the Ingestible Telemetric Gastrointestinal Capsule Imaging System [Docket No. 01P-0304] received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6681. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Oman for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 02-16), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

6682. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 17-02 informing of an intention to sign Amendment Number One to the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom concerning Cooperation in Navigation Warfare Technology Demonstrator and System Prototype Projects, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

6683. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 13-02 informing of an intention to sign an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Turkey concerning the Cooperative Framework for the System Development and Demonstration (SDD) Phase of the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program and the Netherlands Supplement between the United States and The Netherlands, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

6684. 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 under a contract to Russia, Ukraine, Norway and the Cayman Islands [Transmittal No. DTC 23-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

6685. 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 under a contract to Russia [Transmittal No. DTC 22-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

6686. 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 under a contract to Spain [Transmittal No. DTC 014-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

6687. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting the Month in Review: January 2002 Reports, Testimony, Correspondance, and Other Publications; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6688. A letter from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency For International Development, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6689. A letter from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6690. A letter from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6691. A letter from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2001 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6692. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2001 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6693. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting the Month in Review: October 2001 Reports, Testimony, Correspondence, and Other Publications; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6694. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Prevailing Rate Systems; Definition of San Joaquin County, California, as a Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area (RIN: 3206-AJ35) received April 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6695. A letter from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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6697. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 011218304-1304-01; I.D. 030102B] received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6698. A letter from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Requiring Change of Status from B to F-1 or M-1 Nonimmigrant Prior to Pursuing a Course of Study [INS No. 2195-02] (RIN: 1115-AG60) received April 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6699. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — VISAS: Passports and Visas Not Required for Certain Nonimmigrants—Visa Waiver Program — received April 10, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6700. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Model BAe 146 Series Airplanes and Model Avro 146-RJ Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-186-AD; Amendment 39-12666; AD 2002-04-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 16, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6701. A letter from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Disaster Loan Program (RIN: 3245-AE82) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

6702. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Regulatory Law, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Policy Regarding Participation in National Practitioner Data Bank (RIN: 2900-AJ76) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6703. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's legislative proposal entitled "The Child Obscenity and Pornography Prevention Act of 2002"; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and the Workforce.

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. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2941. A bill to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields; with an amendment (Rept. 107-448). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TAUZIN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3833. A bill to facilitate the creation of a new, second-level Internet domain within the United States country code domain that will be a haven for material that promotes positive experiences for children and families using the Internet, provides a safe online environment for children, and helps to prevent children from being exposed to harmful material on the Internet, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-449). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 415. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4546) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-450). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BASS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. BONO, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GORDON, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. TERRY, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WELLER, and Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida):

H.R. 4678. A bill to protect and enhance consumer privacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. GEKAS:

H.R. 4679. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a maximum term of supervised release of life for child sex offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAIRD (for himself and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina):