

today probably saw the best performance through the entire World Cup by the U.S. team.

So, Mr. Speaker, I just want to say from Friedel to Donovan to McBride, and all of the wonderful players on the U.S. soccer team, congratulations on a job well done. You represented the United States extraordinarily well.

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND AMTRAK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I have come to address the issue of Amtrak, but I just cannot resist making some comments regarding one of the most bizarre and tortured speeches I have ever heard given by a Member who preceded me in the well.

Yes, it is true Americans pay more than twice as much as most people who live in industrialized nations around the world for our pharmaceuticals, many of those pharmaceuticals manufactured in the United States by United States-owned drug manufacturing firms and somehow exported from the United States and sold for half or 30 percent of the price overseas where they still make money. He said all we need is a bigger dose of the free market in the Republican approach to this bill.

We certainly do not want a government program like Medicare, that would actually rein in the price of drugs by negotiating it down using the market power of the 40 million people in Medicare, just like Blue Cross/Blue Shield does with their patients, just like the Veterans Administration does with their clients. Why? Because the pharmaceutical industry, who hosted the Republican fundraiser, the most successful in history, earlier this week, is bitterly opposed to that. They do not want the free market to work here in the United States.

But what he was really commenting on was the fact that overseas they control the outrageous price of these drugs and the companies still make a profit. So it was one of the more bizarre and tortured speeches I have ever heard trying to get around the fact their bill will do nothing about the outrageous price of pharmaceuticals, and that in fact they are introducing and passing legislation written by the insurance and pharmaceutical industry.

Now, on to Amtrak, another looming disaster. On Monday, the administra-

tion has a critical decision to make: Will they guarantee a loan for Amtrak to continue its operation, or will they kill Amtrak and kill our national rail system once and forever?

Will we become the only major industrialized Nation on Earth without a national rail system? What happens the next time there is a 9-11 when there is no rail alternative? Where are those people going to go? What are our alternatives?

This administration is rehashing again there another free market mantra. My God, Amtrak should not get subsidies. Well, yes, the trucking industry gets subsidies; automobiles get huge Federal subsidies; and, yes, the aviation industry got more subsidies in one day than Amtrak has gotten in 15 years. But Amtrak, no, they should not get a penny, because they compete with the regional airlines, and they are not liked by the freight companies.

So the administration is falling back on this: let us make it like the British rail system. That is as credible as the idea of modeling our electricity on the British system, which we have done. Deregulation, the disaster in California, was modeled on what they have done in Great Britain. And, in fact, what they are proposing for Amtrak is modeled on what they have done in Great Britain.

When I was over there earlier this year for aviation security issues, the paper was filled day after day after day with disasters, capacity problems, safety problems, crashes, dissatisfaction of the public. Divide off the rails from the actual providers of service. Yes, the Brits did that. It is a disaster.

No, this is plain and simple an excuse to kill the system. And if the administration does not sign this loan on Monday, they have just signed the death warrant of the national rail system in this country, which would be a horrible tragedy.

In my region, we have grown, with minuscule investment, rail passengers by 600 percent in 8 years. If we can turn it into a truly high-speed system, of course then it might compete with the aviation industry, we could get people to Seattle just about as quickly as they could get there and deal with the traffic problems coming to and from the airport in Oregon and the airline schedules.

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But they do not want to have that kind of a system. They do not want

that alternative. They do not want it to be successful. They want to kill it.

I challenged the administration on Monday, give them that loan guarantee and let Congress work its will in terms of reforming Amtrak, making it work better. We can do that, but do not just kill it with the lame excuse you want to make it like the failed British system.

Why should we emulate the failures of governments overseas when they are well known and well publicized? And if you want to kill it, just be honest about it and say you want to kill Amtrak, in particular because a few airlines are concerned about their routes in the east coast and other quarters where rail is actually carrying almost as many passengers, and in Europe where, in fact, on less than 400-mile flights they do carry more passengers. It is a more efficient way to get there. If that is what the agenda is, at least be honest about it.

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF THE FIRST SESSION, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH CONGRESS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE SPEAKER SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of Thursday, December 20, 2001, authorizing appointments and waiving clause 11(a)(1) of rule X, the Speaker on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, appointed the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. EVERETT of Alabama.

MESSAGES AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The text of the communication from the Honorable Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, dated December 21, 2001, is as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 21, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 20, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 2506.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 79.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 80.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

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The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 20, 2001 at 12:04 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2277.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2278.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2251.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2869.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3030.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3248.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3334.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3346.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3392.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3447.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3348.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 292.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MINORITY LEADER

The text of the communication from the Minority Leader, the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, dated January 4, 2002, is as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICE
OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 955(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 105-83, I hereby ap-

point the following Member to the National Council on the Arts:

Ms. Betty McCollum, MN

Yours Very Truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, prior to the sine die adjournment of the 1st Session, 107th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

On November 17, 2001:

H.J. Res. 74. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

On November 20, 2001:

H.J. Res. 768. An Act to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to extend the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws, and for other purposes.

On November 26, 2001:

H.R. 2620. An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

On November 28, 2001:

H.R. 1042. An Act to prevent the elimination of certain reports.

H.R. 1552. An Act to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through November 1, 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2330. An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2500. An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2924. An Act to provide authority to the Federal Power Marketing Administrations to reduce vandalism and destruction of property, and for other purposes.

On December 7, 2001:

H.J. Res. 76. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

On December 14, 2001:

H.R. 2291. An Act to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program for an additional 5 years, to authorize a National Community Antidrug Coalition Institute, and for other purposes.

On December 15, 2001:

H.J. Res. 78. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

On December 18, 2001:

H.J. Res. 71. Joint Resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate September 11, as Patriot Day.

H.R. 717. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophies.

H.R. 1766. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4270 John Marr Drive in Annandale, Virginia, as the "Stan Parris Post Office Building".

H.R. 2261. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2853 Candler Road in Decatur, Georgia, as the "Earl T. Shinhoster Post Office".

H.R. 2299. An Act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2454. An Act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5472 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Congressman Julian C. Dixon Post Office".

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, prior to the sine die adjournment of the 1st Session, 107th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

On November 19, 2001:

S. 1447. An Act to improve aviation security, and for other purposes.

On December 12, 2001:

S. 1459. An Act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, as the "James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

S. 1573. An Act to authorize the provision of educational and health care assistance to the women and children of Afghanistan

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER, subsequent to sine die adjournment of the 1st Session, 107th Congress, and pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, signed the enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

On December 21, 2001:

H.R. 1. An Act to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind.

H.R. 2873. An Act to extend and amend the program entitled Promoting Safe and Stable Families under title IV-B, subpart 2 of the Social Security Act, and to provide new authority to support programs for mentoring children of incarcerated parents; to amend the Foster Care Independent Living Program under title IV-E of that act to provide for educational and training vouchers for youths aging out of foster care, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 79. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 80. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the 107th Congress.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. GILCHREST, subsequent to sine die adjournment of the 1st Session, 107th Congress, signed the enrolled bills of the House of the following titles:

On January 3, 2002:

H.R. 1088. An Act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to reduce fees collected