

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask to be heard at the appropriate time on the question of whether this resolution constitutes a question of privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will be notified of the time so designated.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TIBERI). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 5 minutes. (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. GREEN of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. PAUL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. FILNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CELEBRATING THE MINNESOTA TWINS AND 3M

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, today we would like to talk about a couple of issues that are very important to those of us from Minnesota. One is, of course, what is happening out in Oakland right now and a tremendous story, and I would like to yield to my friend also from the State of Minnesota (Mr. KENNEDY) to talk a little bit about what is happening in Oakland and what happened this year to a Minnesota team that was not supposed to be playing baseball this year.

I would yield to my friend from Minnesota.

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding to me.

We have some great baseball going on in Minnesota. I attract the attention of this House that it has only been about a year since Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig announced their decision to contract baseball, which would have been painless for the owners, but would have been very painful for Minnesota, and here we have in that year since a team that has come forth. Not only is this a team that was on the verge of extinction, but this is a team that has a lot of young, fresh-faced players and a cumulative salary that is amongst the lowest in the league.

We have got a great team that is out there scrapping, making all Minnesotans proud. I know my two sons, daughters and our family have always enjoyed the great baseball tradition. I have got my Minnesota Twins hat here. I do not know if I am allowed to sing We Are Going to Win, Twins Are Here, but we in Minnesota are very proud of what the Twins have been doing, and we just want to congratulate them on their success and tell them that we are confident that they are going to have a great way all the way to the World Series and beyond.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, it is a Cinderella story, and 1 year ago it looked as if that team would not even exist this year, and now here they are in the playoffs. And yesterday was another great story; fell behind early, came back to win in Oakland.

Today my staff is gathered around. They rigged up a way that we can actually listen to the game in the office, and we have a feeling they are going to come back today.

We are also proud and we are here today to talk about something that we in Minnesota are proud of, and that is a Minnesota company called Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, 3M better known, because they are celebrating 100 years of innovation, and it really is one of the most innovative companies.

Several years ago we had one of their researchers come down to Rochester, Minnesota. He gave a speech, and he said something pretty profound. He said that he is talking about basic research, and he said if we knew what we were doing, it would not be research. And there is no other company that I know of that has done so much in terms of developing new products, because many people think of 3M, and they think of Scotch tape or they think of Post-It notes, but truthfully, it started 100 years ago making sandpaper, and now they are a \$1 billion pharmaceutical company.

They are involved in all kinds of things from health care to industrial products, consumer and office products, electrocommunication products and specialty material. They operate in

more than 60 countries. They have 37 international companies within the operation. They have 32 laboratories, and I think last year they were awarded 501 patents. It is an amazing story of innovation, and let me just share one quote, and then I want to yield back to my colleague.

One of their first presidents was a gentleman by the name of William McKnight, and he is the one who ignited the whole notion of innovation and research, but he said, "This higher good, people, leave them alone. If you put fences around people, you get sheep. Give people the room that they need." And he did and built an amazing company and also created an amazing foundation which serves the people of the Upper Midwest and the world even today.

I yield back to my colleague from Minnesota.

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for the time, and 3M is certainly one of the jewels of Minnesota, a wonderful company that, as my colleague described, very capably innovates beyond the scale of just about any other company in the world, and they bring out new products all the time that are solving problems that people face.

I had an opportunity just on the energy issues to sit and listen to some of their ideas for how we can be more energy-efficient, whether it be transmitting energy across electric lines, whether it be making the weight of our cars lighter so they can have the same strength but still use less gas. The number of ideas and innovation that comes out of 3M has been awesome, and we are proud to have them in our State.

I am very proud that in my district I have three plants in Hutchinson and New Ulm and Fairmont. I had the opportunity to visit them. They have got great, wonderful workers, and they have got wonderful workers throughout the company. They treat their workers very well, and we are certainly proud of that.

As part of this 100-year celebration, they are going to be here tomorrow in the Cannon Caucus Room, number 345, from 8:30 to 10:00, and I am proud, to be an American enterprise showcase of their technologies, and we encourage all of our Members to come and see the great things that 3M does.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, that is tomorrow in 345 Cannon House Office Building from 8:30 to 12:30. Snacks will be served. It will be a great time.

THE NATION'S ECONOMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the House has taken little note of what is happening to the economy. Millions of Americans, however, are clamoring for

our attention, and our increasing economic distress, I am not surprised that the House takes little interest in the unemployed. Poor people must live on another planet, not in the United States.

But there has been a recent wake-up call that spreads deep into the middle class, and that is recently released figures on a 2-year decline in the number of uninsured after what had been some steadiness. Recent figures show a decline in health care coverage among many working Americans. I think the Washington Post says it best: There is new evidence that a weakened economy is having adverse ripple effects on ordinary people.

What we see is a drop in the proportion of people who have health benefits. That is usually working Americans who have gotten them as a result of their employment. At the same time, we are seeing a mediocre rise in health insurance costs, up 12.7 percent this year, and then, of course, there is the completely unsustainable increase in prescription drug prices at twice the rate of inflation. All of these health care indicators at the same time show the kind of distress that urgently needs our attention.

Much of the drop in health insurance costs comes from small businesses, 10 percent of it in the last 2 years, but that is where the jobs are. That is where people with health insurance are, and if we want some indication that we are now striking at the heart of our economy, we need only look at the fact that most of those who have lost their health insurance are working men.

Of course, the population that is most without health insurance in our country today are Latinos. A third of Latinos have no health insurance benefits.

What the statistics do not show, Mr. Speaker, however, is where the greatest effect is, I believe, being held, and that is the shift in health care costs from the employer to the employee. When an employer cannot sustain the cost of health benefits anymore, and he shifts to his employee, then we have what in effect is a cost in pay and a lowering of the standard of living, and we know that is what has occurred because 2 weeks ago the Census Bureau reported that the household incomes fell 2.2 percent.

We have not paid any attention in this House to the very rapid increase in unemployment because it started so low, from 3.9 percent 2 years ago to 5.7 percent today. We cannot let it continue to rise that fast. Now we see really the fatal indicator, the health insurance indicator.

This House is about to go home with token health to seniors on prescription drugs, which leaves most of them exactly where they were before that pittance of a bill passed. We have an equally dangerous indicator left on the table, left to fester, and that one is one we should have learned in the past to

take note of, and that is the urgent loss of health care benefits to millions of Americans who had them this time last year, who had them this time 6 months ago, who are afraid more of the loss of health care benefits than they are of the loss of employment. We ought to be very, very careful about going home and leaving people without health insurance.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC., September 26, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House, Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed are copies of resolutions adopted on September 25, 2002 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Copies of the resolutions are being transmitted to the Department of the Army.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. J. RES. 112, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-718) on the resolution (H. Res. 568) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 112) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

□ 1730

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

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time allocated to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO CARL SCHULTZE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I am 44 years old; and although that is a short time of life, it has been a time of enormous changes. Yet there have been few things that have been consistent. One thing that has been consistent that I have observed in my life is a friend of mine who just passed away, Carl Schultze. He was Mr. Consistency, Mr. Collinsville, Mr. Holy Cross, Mr. Public Servant, Mr. Community Leader.

The record of public service, love of God and family and community has ended with the death of Carl Schultze. Carl Willoughby Schultze, 73, of Collinsville, Illinois, was born July 31, 1929 in Collinsville. Carl started his working career as a car salesman in 1947 for Norwin Chevrolet in downtown Collinsville, Illinois, and retired in 2001 from Jack Schmitt Chevrolet in Collinsville, Illinois.

Carl was an active member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, the church I attend. He was involved in the church choir. His booming thunderous voice, always on key, served as the foundation of a successful church choir whose sole goal was to glorify God. He was past congregation president, financial secretary, elder, member of the school board and various other boards. He was a past member of the Collinsville Jaycees, was a Collinsville Teepee Adult Board president, and a member of the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Collinsville Progress Board of Directors, having been president for 9 years.

In May 2002, Collinsville Progress renamed the Improvement of the Month Award as the Carl Schultze Improvement of the Month Award, presented by the Collinsville Progress. He was a past board member of CMT YWCA, that is Collinsville, Marysville, Troy YMCA, and a past member of the United Way board, serving as chairman in 1990.

He was on the board of directors of the Collinsville Building and Loan Association for 22 years, having been made a board member emeritus, and was a board member of the Collinsville Chorale. He was a very active and involved member of the Kiwanis, an organization that he got me to join, having served as president for two terms, past lieutenant governor of Division 34 of Kiwanis, and received the distinguished lieutenant governor pin, and was a past board member and received the Kiwanian of the Year Award, Hixon Fellow Honor, and the Amador Fellow Honor.

Carl received other awards: the CHS, Collinsville High School, Alumni Award in 2001, the Spirit of Excellence Award in 2001, and the Irvin Dillard Award by the Collinsville Lion's Club. Over the years, Carl enjoyed singing for weddings and funerals, working outside in his garden, and was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his loving wife and high school sweetheart, Mary Lou, and three compassionate and loving daughters, daughter Belinda Schultze, Laura