

do with doctors' bills: Pay \$25 a month, get 80 percent of the costs of prescription drugs covered by the Federal Government through Medicare. There is a \$100 deductible and a 20 percent copayment.

I would hate to see the Republicans take the election results as a mandate to say they should not have a Medicare prescription drug benefit and instead should move towards a private scheme. Frankly, I do not think that is what the average senior wants. I do not think that is what the average senior thinks that the Republican Party stands for.

The problem is that the Republican Party, through the pharmaceutical industry, spent so much money convincing the electorate that this is the way to go, I do not think that the public really understands what the Republican proposal for prescription drug benefit is all about.

The same is true with regard to the need for health insurance and also with HMOs, and we will get into that another time. But I am simply saying to my colleagues on the Republican side, if they want to see progress on health care reform, sit down with the Democrats and work with us because this is something that must be addressed on a bipartisan basis in the next Congress.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, all religious traditions exhort disciples of faith to open their minds, their hearts, and any door with the gracious gift of hospitality. You ask Your people to be considerate to every stranger and every visitor. Bless today this House of Representatives as we welcome the newly-elected to orientation and receive again visitors from across this country and from other nations. May all who come here find in congressional Members, staff, the Capitol Police, official guides and all who work here, people of Your own making, who are gracious in manner, kind in word, generous in time, and open to every question and need of a guest.

In the midst of the primary tasks You set before this Congress, may we all find in this place a rich experience of America's great gifts of freedom,

equal justice, productivity, and true happiness. Bless us here and bless America now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CULBERSON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

COMMUNICATION FROM CASEWORK DIRECTOR/OFFICE AND SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR OF HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Joann E. Humphries, Casework Director/Office and Systems Administrator of the Hon. JOHN M. MCHUGH, Member of Congress:

NOVEMBER 7, 2002.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House, that I have been served with a trial subpoena for testimony and documents issued by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoenas is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

JOANN E. HUMPHRIES,
*Casework Director/
Office and Systems Administrator.*

PRaising THE FIVE HIGGINS BROTHERS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, with yesterday marking Veterans Day, I rise to commend the valiant service of all of the men and women who have served America in the armed forces. In particular, I want to recognize the Higgins family of Colum-

bia, South Carolina who had 5 sons serving our Nation during World War II.

Elliott Higgins served as a Captain with Army Intelligence under General George Patton in Germany; Harold Higgins served as a Sergeant with the Army Air Corps in Europe; John Higgins served as a Corporal with the Army on stateside assignments; Patrick Higgins enlisted with the Merchant Marines in the North Atlantic; and the youngest, Ross Higgins, at age 17 joined the Navy and served in the Pacific Theater.

We should also remember the five Sullivan brothers from Iowa who died together on the USS Juneau after the Japanese torpedoed their ship. After their deaths, President Roosevelt began a policy that brothers should serve in different branches of the Armed Forces.

This enabled the 5 Higgins brothers to serve our Nation with honor, and we will always be indebted to the sacrifices made for our country by veterans and their families.

TIME FOR CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THE ECONOMY

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, during morning hour and once again, I want to thank or congratulate, I should say, the Republicans on their election victories last Tuesday, but I would say that now that they will control both the House and the other body, as well as the presidency, they have the obligation to address the Nation's economic woes. They cannot continue to mask the economic slump that we face.

During the last week, there was news, this is in the International Herald Tribune from November 2 to 3 of this year, and it says, "Indications that the United States may be headed for a renewed slump have piled up over the last week, with weakness spreading from manufacturing to employment to consumer spending. The bad news culminated Friday with reports of a rising jobless rate and softness in a variety of other indicators."

"The government reported that the unemployment rate rose last month to 5.7 percent from 5.6 percent the previous month."

"In yet another bit of bad news, a survey that tracks activity of corporate purchasing managers, a key gauge of manufacturing strength, showed another drop. The Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index fell once again."

The Republicans are in the majority now and soon in both Houses. They have to address the economy. It is their obligation to do so, Mr. Speaker.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

(Mr. EHLERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, as we return and we begin session once again, I want to rise and express my appreciation for this country and for this institution.

We all have experienced elections. What is interesting is that throughout the Nation, the elections have been remarkably close in many cases. I am proud of that, because I would not want to live in a country where we have a dictator that gets 99 percent of the vote in a rigged election. We are in a country where we present our ideas and ourselves to the country and to its people, and those people, on the basis of what we say and what we do, elect us. That is precisely the way the system is supposed to work. That is what the founders of this Nation wanted, and that is what they put in place 225 years ago.

In addition to that, yesterday we celebrated Veteran's Day and recognized all those who have given the supreme sacrifice and those who have sacrificed parts of their lives to the service of this country. Once again, a date to remember, a date in which we honor people in our country.

I am so proud to be an American. I am so very, very proud of our country, and I am delighted to be an American.

A TRIBUTE OF GRATITUDE TO COLONEL PETE "CLARK" BUNCE

(Mr. HANSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this day after Veterans Day to salute one of the many brave men and women who serve all of us in our great military. I rise today to pay tribute to and offer my personal thanks to Colonel Pete "Clark" Bunce, United States Air Force, for a job well done.

Many of us know Colonel Bunce who, for the past 2 years, has led the House Office of Legislative Liaison for the Air Force. I have had the pleasure of traveling with Pete on several occasions, and each time his professionalism and personal attention to detail were the keys to a smooth and successful CODEL.

Before coming to the Hill, Colonel Bunce was an accomplished leader and command pilot with over 3,000 hours in F-15 and A-10 fighter aircraft. He has commanded at the squadron and group levels and served overseas in Germany and Southeast Asia.

While I have relied upon Colonel Bunce's military advice, I have valued Pete's friendship even more. Pete, Mrs. Hansen and I, and I know many of my colleagues here, wish you the very best of luck in whatever your future holds, and thank you for your service to our great Nation.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Pursuant to clause 8 of

rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2002

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3389), an Act to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO FINDINGS.

Section 202(a)(6) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)(6)) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting ", including strong collaborations between Administration scientists and scientists at academic institutions."

SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.

(a) QUADRENNIAL STRATEGIC PLAN.—Section 204 (c)(1) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123 (c)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) The Secretary, in consultation with the panel, sea grant colleges, and sea grant institutes, shall develop at least every 4 years a strategic plan that establishes priorities for the national sea grant college program, provides an appropriately balanced response to local, regional, and national needs, and is reflective of integration with the relevant portions of the strategic plans of the Department of Commerce and of the Administration."

(b) PROGRAM EVALUATION AND RATING.—

(1) EVALUATION AND RATING REQUIREMENT.—Section 204(d)(3)(A) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)(3)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

"(A)(i) evaluate the performance of the programs of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes, using the priorities, guidelines, and qualifications established by the Secretary under subsection (c), and determine which of the programs are the best managed and carry out the highest quality research, education, extension, and training activities; and

"(ii) rate the programs according to their relative performance (as determined under clause (i)) into no less than 5 categories, with each of the 2 best-performing categories containing no more than 25 percent of the programs;"

(2) REVIEW OF EVALUATION AND RATING PROCESS.—(A) After 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall contract with the National Academy of Sciences—

(i) to review the effectiveness of the evaluation and rating system under the amendment made by paragraph (1) in determining the relative performance of programs of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes;

(ii) to evaluate whether the sea grant programs have improved as a result of the evaluation process; and

(iii) to make appropriate recommendations to improve the overall effectiveness of the evaluation process.

(B) The National Academy of Sciences shall submit a report to the Congress on the findings and recommendations of the panel under subparagraph (A) by not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING.—Section 204(d)(3)(B) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)(3)(B)) is amended by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of clause (ii) and by adding at the end the following:

"(iv) encourage and promote coordination and cooperation between the research, education, and outreach programs of the Administration and those of academic institutions; and"

SEC. 4. COST SHARE.

Section 205(a) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1124(a)) is amended by striking "section 204(d)(6)" and inserting "section 204(c)(4)(F)".

SEC. 5. FELLOWSHIPS.

(a) ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS.—Section 208(a) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "The Secretary shall strive to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program carried out under this subsection. Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress describing the efforts by the Secretary to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program carried out under this subsection, and the results of such efforts."

(b) POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS.—Section 208(c) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(c)) is repealed.

SEC. 6. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR SEA GRANT REVIEW PANEL.

Section 209(c)(2) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1128(c)(2)) is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: "The term of office of a voting member of the panel shall be 3 years for a member appointed before the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002, and 4 years for a member appointed or reappointed after the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002. The Director may extend the term of office of a voting member of the panel appointed before the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002 by up to 1 year."

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 212 of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1131) are amended to read as follows:

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this title—

"(A) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;

"(B) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

"(C) \$77,500,000 for fiscal year 2005;

"(D) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;

"(E) \$82,500,000 for fiscal year 2007; and

"(F) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

"(2) PRIORITY ACTIVITIES.—In addition to the amounts authorized under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2008—

"(A) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for university research on the biology and control of zebra mussels and other important aquatic non-native species;

"(B) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for university research on oyster diseases, oyster restoration, and oyster-related human health risks;

"(C) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for university research on the biology, prevention, and forecasting of harmful algal blooms, including *Pfiesteria piscicida*; and

"(D) \$3,000,000 for competitive grants for fishery extension activities conducted by sea grant