

I am particularly pleased that the legislation creates the Medical Information Technology Assessment Board which will work in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services to develop national interoperability standards. I was pleased to work with the Committee to get this provision included in the bill. These national standards will allow all aspects of health care technology to become compatible. Thus, computers, hand held electronic charts and other new devices that hold a variety of medical information, including laboratory and radiology results, pharmacy orders, etc. will all be compatible. This compatibility will greatly reduce medical errors. Further, the legislation authorizes grants to test the interoperability standards. This is vitally important as it will prove the efficacy, usability, and scalability of interoperability standards, thus encouraging hospitals and other health care facilities and providers to adopt the standards and invest in medical informatics.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a cosponsor of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act, and I thank both the Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees for working in a bipartisan fashion to produce good legislation on such an important issue.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act. This important legislation takes a number of steps to reduce medical errors.

In November of 1999, the Institute of Medicine released its groundbreaking report, *To Err is Human*, which raises serious concerns about shortcomings in the area of patient safety.

According to some estimates, as many as 98,000 people die in any given year from medical errors that occur in hospitals. That's more than die from motor vehicle accidents, breast cancer, or AIDS.

The costs of preventable adverse events are staggering. The direct and indirect costs of medical errors range from \$17 billion to \$29 billion. By any standard, that is far too much.

The Institute of Medicine recommended a number of options to help reduce medical errors, such as the creation of a Center for Patient Safety within the Agency for Health Quality and Research.

They also suggested a new system of reporting, and better use of technological advancements.

The legislation we are considering today incorporates many of the suggestions made by IOM, and will go a long way to help health care providers improve patient safety and prevent medical errors.

This legislation creates a "culture of safety" by encouraging providers to report medical mistakes. By reporting these problems, physicians and other providers are able to learn from their mistakes and prevent them from happening in the future.

This legislation also permits the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to provide to patient safety organizations and to States technical assistance with reporting systems for health care errors, to es-

tablish a process to certify patient safety organizations, and to develop or adopt voluntary national standards promoting the interoperability of information technology systems involved with health care delivery.

These provisions will go a long way in helping our hospitals and physicians offices a safer place. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and hope to see it signed by the President this year.

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 663, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will now resume on two of the motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 659, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 389, by the yeas and nays.

Pursuant to House Resolution 67, the official photograph will be taken between these two votes, each of which will be conducted as a 15-minute vote.

#### HOSPITAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 659, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GARY G. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 659, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 419, nays 0, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 56]

YEAS—419

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Akin

Alexander  
Allen  
Andrews  
Baca

Bachus  
Baird  
Baker  
Baldwin

Ballance  
Ballenger  
Barrett (SC)  
Bartlett (MD)  
Barton (TX)  
Bass  
Beauprez  
Becerra  
Bell  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berry  
Biggett  
Billirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonner  
Bono  
Boozman  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Bradley (NH)  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (OH)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
    Ginny  
Burgess  
Burns  
Burr  
Burton (IN)  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Cannon  
Cantor  
Capito  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Cardoza  
Carson (IN)  
Carson (OK)  
Carter  
Case  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chocola  
Clay  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Cole  
Collins  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costello  
Cox  
Cramer  
Crane  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cubin  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
DeMint  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Dooley (CA)  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier

Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Engel  
English  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Farr  
Fattah  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Filner  
Flake  
Fletcher  
Foley  
Forbes  
Ford  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gibbons  
Gillmor  
Gingrey  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Gordon  
Goss  
Granger  
Graves  
Green (TX)  
Green (WI)  
Greenwood  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Gutknecht  
Hall  
Harman  
Harris  
Hart  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Hill  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoolley (OR)  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Isakson  
Israel  
Issa  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
    (TX)  
Janklow  
Jefferson  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Keller  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MN)  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk

Kleczka  
Kline  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Kucinich  
LaHood  
Lampson  
Langevin  
Lantos  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Leach  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas (KY)  
Lucas (OK)  
Lynch  
Majette  
Maloney  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McCotter  
McCrery  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Mica  
Michaud  
Millender-  
    McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Mollohan  
Moore  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy  
Murtha  
Musgrave  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Nethercutt  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nunes  
Nussle  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Osborne  
Ose  
Otter  
Owens  
Oxley  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Pastor  
Paul  
Payne  
Pearce  
Pelosi  
Pence  
Peterson (MN)  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Platts

Pomboy	Schrock	Thomas
Pomeroy	Scott (GA)	Thompson (CA)
Porter	Scott (VA)	Thompson (MS)
Portman	Sensenbrenner	Thornberry
Price (NC)	Serrano	Tiahrt
Pryce (OH)	Sessions	Tiberi
Putnam	Shadegg	Tierney
Quinn	Shaw	Toomey
Radanovich	Shays	Towns
Rahall	Sherman	Turner (OH)
Ramstad	Sherwood	Turner (TX)
Rangel	Shimkus	Udall (CO)
Regula	Shuster	Udall (NM)
Rehberg	Simmons	Upton
Renzi	Simpson	Van Hollen
Reynolds	Skelton	Vislosky
Rodriguez	Slaughter	Vitter
Rogers (AL)	Smith (MI)	Walden (OR)
Rogers (KY)	Smith (NJ)	Walsh
Rogers (MI)	Smith (TX)	Wamp
Rohrabacher	Smith (WA)	Waters
Ros-Lehtinen	Solis	Watson
Ross	Souder	Watt
Rothman	Spratt	Waxman
Roybal-Allard	Stark	Weiner
Royce	Stearns	Weldon (FL)
Ruppersberger	Stenholm	Weller
Rush	Strickland	Wexler
Ryan (OH)	Stupak	Whitfield
Ryan (WI)	Sullivan	Wicker
Ryun (KS)	Sweeney	Wilson (NM)
Sabo	Tancredo	Wilson (SC)
Sanchez, Linda	Tanner	Wolf
T.	Tauscher	Woolsey
Sanchez, Loretta	Tauzin	Wu
Sandlin	Taylor (MS)	Wynn
Saxton	Taylor (NC)	Young (AK)
Schiff	Terry	Young (FL)

declares the House in recess while the Chamber is being prepared.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1347

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 1 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.

(Thereupon the Members sat for the official photograph of the House of Representatives for the 108th Congress.)

AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATION IN ADAM'S MEMORY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDER). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 389.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 389, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 0, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 57]

YEAS—415

NOT VOTING—15

Berman	Hoeffel	Sanders
Combest	Hyde	Schakowsky
Fossella	Inlee	Snyder
Gephardt	Johnson (IL)	Velazquez
Gilchrest	Reyes	Weldon (PA)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) (during the vote). The Chair would remind Members that there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1344

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 67, this time has been designated for the taking of the official photo of the House of Representatives in session.

The House will be in a brief recess while the Chamber is being prepared for the photo. As soon as these preparations are complete, the House will immediately resume its actual session for the taking of the photograph.

About 5 minutes after that, the House will proceed with the business of the House.

For the information of the Members, when the Chair says the House will be in order, we are ready to take our picture. That will be in just a few minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

Abercrombie	Burns	Deutsch
Ackerman	Burr	Diaz-Balart, L.
Aderholt	Burton (IN)	Diaz-Balart, M.
Akin	Buyer	Dicks
Alexander	Calvert	Dingell
Allen	Camp	Doggett
Andrews	Cannon	Dooley (CA)
Baca	Cantor	Doolittle
Bachus	Capito	Doyle
Baird	Capps	Dreier
Baker	Capuano	Duncan
Baldwin	Cardin	Dunn
Ballance	Cardoza	Edwards
Ballenger	Carson (IN)	Ehlers
Barrett (SC)	Carson (OK)	Emerson
Bartlett (MD)	Carter	Engel
Barton (TX)	Case	English
Bass	Castle	Eshoo
Beauprez	Chabot	Evans
Becerra	Chocola	Everett
Bell	Clay	Farr
Bereuter	Clyburn	Fattah
Berkley	Coble	Feeney
Berman	Cole	Ferguson
Berry	Collins	Filner
Biggert	Conyers	Flake
Bilirakis	Cooper	Fletcher
Bishop (GA)	Costello	Foley
Bishop (NY)	Cox	Forbes
Bishop (UT)	Cramer	Ford
Blackburn	Crane	Fossella
Blumenauer	Crenshaw	Frank (MA)
Blunt	Crowley	Franks (AZ)
Boehlert	Cubin	Frelinghuysen
Boehner	Culberson	Frost
Bonilla	Cummings	Gallegly
Bonner	Cunningham	Garrett (NJ)
Bono	Davis (AL)	Gerlach
Boozman	Davis (CA)	Gibbons
Boswell	Davis (FL)	Gillmor
Boucher	Davis (IL)	Gingrey
Boyd	Davis (TN)	Gonzalez
Bradley (NH)	Davis, Jo Ann	Goode
Brady (PA)	Davis, Tom	Goodlatte
Brady (TX)	Deal (GA)	Gordon
Brown (OH)	DeFazio	Goss
Brown (SC)	DeGette	Granger
Brown, Corrine	Delahunt	Graves
Brown-Waite,	DeLauro	Green (TX)
Ginny	DeLay	Green (WI)
Burgess	DeMint	Greenwood

Grijalva	McCarthy (NY)	Ruppersberger
Gutknecht	McCollum	Ryan (OH)
Hall	McCotter	Ryan (WI)
Harman	McCrery	Ryun (KS)
Harris	McDermott	Sabo
Hart	McGovern	Sanchez, Linda
Hastings (FL)	McHugh	T.
Hastings (WA)	McInnis	Sanchez, Loretta
Hayes	McIntyre	Sandlin
Hayworth	McKeon	Saxton
Hefley	McNulty	Schakowsky
Hensarling	Meehan	Schiff
Hergert	Meek (FL)	Schrock
Hill	Meeks (NY)	Scott (GA)
Hinchey	Menendez	Scott (VA)
Hinojosa	Mica	Sensenbrenner
Hobson	Michaud	Serrano
Hoekstra	Millender-	Sessions
Holden	McDonald	Shadegg
Holt	Miller (FL)	Shaw
Honda	Miller (MI)	Shays
Hooley (OR)	Miller (NC)	Sherman
Hostettler	Miller, Gary	Sherwood
Houghton	Mollohan	Shimkus
Hulshof	Moore	Shuster
Inslee	Moran (KS)	Simmons
Isakson	Moran (VA)	Simpson
Israel	Murphy	Skelton
Issa	Murtha	Slaughter
Istook	Musgrave	Smith (MI)
Jackson (IL)	Myrick	Smith (NJ)
Jackson-Lee	Nadler	Smith (TX)
(TX)	Neal (MA)	Smith (WA)
Janklow	Nethercutt	Solis
Jefferson	Ney	Souder
Jenkins	Northup	Spratt
John	Norwood	Stark
Johnson, E. B.	Nunes	Stearns
Johnson, Sam	Nussle	Stenholm
Jones (NC)	Oberstar	Strickland
Jones (OH)	Obey	Stupak
Kanjorski	Olver	Sullivan
Kaptur	Ortiz	Sweeney
Keller	Osborne	Tancredo
Kelly	Ose	Tanner
Kennedy (MN)	Otter	Tauscher
Kennedy (RI)	Owens	Tauzin
Kildeer	Oxley	Taylor (MS)
Kilpatrick	Pallone	Taylor (NC)
Kind	Pascrell	Terry
King (IA)	Pastor	Thomas
King (NY)	Paul	Thompson (CA)
Kingston	Payne	Thompson (MS)
Kirk	Pearce	Thornberry
Klecza	Pelosi	Tiahrt
Kline	Pence	Tiberi
Knollenberg	Peterson (MN)	Tierney
Kolbe	Peterson (PA)	Toomey
Kucinich	Petri	Towns
LaHood	Pickering	Turner (OH)
Lampson	Pitts	Turner (TX)
Langevin	Platts	Udall (CO)
Lantos	Pomboy	Udall (NM)
Larsen (WA)	Pomeroy	Upton
Larson (CT)	Porter	Van Hollen
Latham	Portman	Velazquez
LaTourette	Price (NC)	Vislosky
Leach	Pryce (OH)	Vitter
Lee	Putnam	Walden (OR)
Levin	Quinn	Walsh
Lewis (CA)	Radanovich	Wamp
Lewis (GA)	Rahall	Waters
Lewis (KY)	Ramstad	Watson
Linder	Rangel	Watt
Lipinski	Regula	Waxman
LoBiondo	Rehberg	Weiner
Lofgren	Renzi	Weldon (FL)
Lowe	Reyes	Weller
Lucas (KY)	Reynolds	Wexler
Lucas (OK)	Rodriguez	Whitfield
Lynch	Rogers (AL)	Wicker
Majette	Rogers (KY)	Wilson (NM)
Maloney	Rogers (MI)	Wilson (SC)
Manzullo	Rohrabacher	Wolf
Markey	Ros-Lehtinen	Woolsey
Marshall	Ross	Wu
Matheson	Rothman	Young (AK)
Matsui	Roybal-Allard	Young (FL)
McCarthy (MO)	Royce	

NOT VOTING—19

Combest	Hoyer	Rush
Emanuel	Hunter	Sanders
Etheridge	Hyde	Snyder
Gephardt	Johnson (CT)	Weldon (PA)
Gilchrest	Johnson (IL)	Wynn
Gutierrez	Miller, George	
Hoeffel	Napolitano	