

with the Senate conferees, and the House conferees shall file a conference report consistent with the preceding provisions of this instruction not later than the second legislative day after adoption of this motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the notice will appear in the RECORD.

PEACEKEEPING AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR LIBERIA

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the last 48 hours, the city of Monrovia, Liberia, has been overrun with rebels. Women and children are fleeing for their lives, and people are dying. Yet our Nation is standing by, refusing to act as expeditiously as we should.

It is important to say to the American people that this is distinctive from the issue of war in Iraq where brave young men and women every day are on the frontline protecting the interests of the United States of America. This is a situation where the Liberian people who are well connected with this Nation have asked for peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance.

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It is imperative that we join in with the United Nations and the organization of West African states as peacekeepers and for humanitarian aid to this country. It is imperative that we act now to stop the loss of life.

I too want to ensure that the young men and women who serve in the United States military are not put in harm's way. My position on the war in Iraq is well known, but this is a different set of circumstances. The people of Liberia are begging for our assistance, and our assistance is being asked for truly and only as peacekeepers and humanitarians.

I believe it is imperative for the President of the United States, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Defense Department to act expeditiously, not only to protect the United States embassy and Americans in the United States embassy and in Liberia, but to be a friend to Africa, as represented in the last visit by the President of the United States, in order to protect the innocent women and children and families that are desiring the aid of this Nation in a humanitarian and peacekeeping manner.

COMMUNICATION FROM CONGRESSIONAL AIDE OF HON. ELTON GALLEGLY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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Sincerely,

NICOLE DOLSKI,
Congressional Aide.

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TINA COBB,
Congressional Aide.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF OF HON. ELTON GALLEGLY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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BRIAN MILLER,
District Chief of Staff.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HON. ELTON GALLEGLY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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PAULA SHEIL,
District Director.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HARRIS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes.

REIMPORTATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS WILL BENEFIT AMERICAN SENIORS

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, as the conference for a Medicare prescription drug benefit gets under way, we are reminded how difficult this compromise will be and that the bills in both the House and the other Chamber will leave many seniors with many high prescription drug costs.

We have a bipartisan bill with the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT), the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. EMERSON) and myself, other Republicans and Democrats from both

sides of the aisle, people who do not usually see issues alike and come together, but find a common set of values in this legislation that opens up the market on prescription drugs to Canada and other, European countries.

Through competition, we would lower prices, and the truth is for all too long the elderly and the American families in our country, in our districts, have been subsidizing the poor, starving French and German and Swiss and English and Canadians who have artificially low prices. And we have been charged overwhelmingly; we pay in this country top, premium prices for prescription drugs.

What I want to do and what this legislation would call for in a bipartisan fashion would open up the market. We have a closed market now. We do not have that type of closed market when it comes to cars, when it comes to steel, when it comes to food products, when it comes to software, when it comes to all types of products; but in the area of pharmaceuticals, we have a closed market, and Americans are paying top, premium prices.

Two weeks ago Families USA released a study. Prices for the top 50 drugs most commonly prescribed to seniors increased at 3½ times the rate of inflation. Total spending for senior citizens on prescription drugs rose an estimated 44 percent between 2000 and 2003. The only means available to reduce prices of prescription drugs which our families and our seniors pay at the local pharmacy is to have real competition.

In Canada, in England, France, Germany, many of the folks there pay 30, 40, 50 percent less for the same name-brand drugs. Why? Because the pharmaceutical industry can, here in America, charge a premium. We pay the highest prices, and the only way we pay the highest prices is so they can afford to pay the lowest prices.

In my view, it is time that we have legislation that ensures open access, open markets in the area of pharmaceutical medication, and through that free market, we will reduce prices.

Second, if you are about to embark on the largest expansion of entitlement in over 40 years, \$400 billion, would you not want to ensure that the taxpayers got the best bang for their buck? \$400 billion we are about to ask the taxpayers to spend, and yet we do nothing to protect the taxpayers or the elderly to get the best price for that.

Now, this question is whether we will go over 10 years. My view is, if we are about to ask them to pay \$400 billion to subsidize prescription drugs for our elderly, we should ensure that if we can save 25 percent, 30 percent, 40 percent, which is what you can do through market access, we should afford the taxpayers and the elderly reduced, affordable prices.

One, guarantee the taxpayers of this country the best prices their money can buy. Two, ensure that our elderly, who are on fixed incomes, get the types

of prices that are now being paid for the same medications in France, Germany, England or Canada. We will then need not ask our seniors to pay the premium price.

Now, one myth that the pharmaceutical industry keeps spreading is that somehow this is about safety, that the FDA cannot do this. The truth is, if somebody tells you it is not about money, it is about money, and that is what is at stake here. The pharmaceutical industry understands that for a very long time they have had a protective market here in the United States. If we were to open up the market, they would have real competition and the prices would drop.

Second, I think it is very, very important. I understand the political process, as everybody does. We should all know that the pharmaceutical industry has about 600-some-odd lobbyists here in town. It is about a lobbyist and a half for each Member of the United States Congress. They give out and support through donations and other entertainment close to \$200 million and support the candidates and Members of Congress through entertainment and donations. But the \$200 million we get, and there is nothing wrong with that, that is what they do, that is what they advocate for their position.

But the \$200 million they give out in donations, contributions and entertainment pales in comparison to the \$200 billion our seniors have been overcharged.

When this vote occurs this week, each Member will ask to speak and vote on behalf of the people of their district, and the question will be, will we continue a practice in which our elderly are overcharged by \$200 billion, our taxpayers will be overcharged and pay the top, premium price rather than the most affordable price; or will we continue to accept these types of donations and entertainment and put our interests above the people that we represent?

I have full faith in my colleagues here that we will stand up for the people we represent, because we came here not just to be another vote but to be a voice for their values. Their values say, it is time to ensure that our taxpayers and our elderly stop subsidizing those in Europe and in Canada with more affordable prices while we in America pay premium prices.

HONORING SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to a great man and a great Kansan, Senator Robert J. Dole. Tomorrow, July 22, is Senator Dole's 80th birthday. In those 80 years, Senator Dole has become one of the most influential

figures in American politics. Part of the Greatest Generation, Senator Dole is an example of an ordinary American who was called upon to meet extraordinary challenges and has risen to those challenges time and time again.

A native of Russell, Kansas, Senator Dole was born to humble beginnings. I grew up within 20 miles of Bob Dole's hometown, and I know the dedication, commitment, love and respect that the people of Russell share for their hometown hero.

In high school, Senator Dole was a good student and a good athlete and went on to enroll at the University of Kansas to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a physician. Like so many of his time, he heard the call to defend his country and left KU after his sophomore year to join the U.S. Army.

Dole excelled in the military and he served as a platoon leader of the 10th Mountain Division in the allied liberation of northern Italy. For his service and bravery in World War II, Senator Dole was decorated with two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star medal.

Senator Dole is also well known for his service to our country as a Congressman, a U.S. Senator and the longest-serving Senate majority leader.

Senator Dole began his public service as the county attorney in Russell County where the entire county's population is less than 10,000 people. From there, he served 4 years in the State legislature before being elected to Congress where he would serve for the next 36 years.

During his time on Capitol Hill, Senator Dole was known as a tireless leader who worked relentlessly to forge alliances in order to pass significant legislation. As a disabled veteran, he championed legislation to improve the condition of his fellow veterans and for the disabled, including the landmark bill, the Americans with Disabilities Act. Senator Dole also served as Gerald Ford's running mate in 1976 and received the Republican nomination for President in 1996.

Starting this week, Senator Dole's legacy of public service will live on through the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas. The Institute's director and four-time Presidential librarian, Richard Norton Smith, explained that "this place is about service, that every generation could be the greatest generation."

The Institute is a resource for the citizens of our great State and for our Nation. The Center for Politics and Media focuses on public programming, including the Dole Lecture Series, the Dole Prize for Leadership, and the Presidential Lecture Series. The KU campus will also be enriched by this new collection of resources.

I am proud that my alma mater, the University of Kansas, has created this living tribute to a life of service. A university has no greater mission than to prepare our Nation's future leaders. This center will serve as a tremendous resource in that cause.