

Institute of Medicine has published three seminal reports on patient safety, and it has identified the enormous problem in this country with patient safety. In fact, the Institute estimates that, every year, as many as 98,000 patients die because of preventable errors. This is the Institute of Medicine, which is not a partisan entity. They also estimate that, each year, over 1.5 million medication errors occur and that every hospital patient is subjected to some type of medication error every day they're in the hospital.

Patient satisfaction. This gets back to what we were talking about with end-of-life treatment. Increasingly, how patients receive care and respond to care is directly related to how they perceive their access and quality of care. It also measures hospital readmission rates because we know that one of the biggest drivers of cost is that of patients who are discharged from the hospital and who are later readmitted for conditions that may have been prevented if there had been better information communicated to them or if there had been better coordination of care upon their discharge.

Another factor we look at is mortality related to health care. Are patients dying in greater numbers as a complication of a specific problem? We know, for example, that hospital infections are an enormous problem. They lead to many hospital readmissions, to prolonged patient stays, to increased costs of care, and in the worst outcomes, to death. We also know that many hospital infections are entirely preventable from standard, simple precautions like hand-washing procedures that are not only adopted but that are enforced.

Then other things that we use to measure quality are other items determined by the Department of Health and Human Services, and if the advisory group has other recommendations, we certainly want the Secretary to take those into account.

How do you measure cost? Well, the cost component is measured through the total annual, per-beneficiary Medicare expenditures under part A for that area, and it also allows the Secretary to use other methods if it's appropriate.

So how much cost savings are we talking about? Hundreds of billions of dollars. We know that, by changing the incentives away from a fee-for-service toward a fee-for-high-quality and low-cost model, we create incentives for health care providers to improve their outcomes and to decrease their costs. We can use those cost savings to build a health care system that truly is universal and that helps us all.

Nobody said this challenge would be easy. Yet those of us who are committed to comprehensive, universal health care that is paid for, that is reliable, affordable, efficient, and high quality are committed to spending the time necessary to improve this bill and to make it work the way it needs to

work. It has to work if we are to function as a country.

So I ask you to join the Populist Caucus, to call your Representative or your Senator and to make sure that they know how important health care is to you, just the way my constituents called me, wrote me and sent me e-mails.

This is a challenge. The time has come for bold action. Americans deserve better. Americans demand better, and it is our responsibility in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker, to finally deliver on the promise of health care for all that is high in quality and that is low in cost.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LUCAS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for July 20 on account of bad weather and travel delays.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LYNCH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, July 28.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 11. Concurrent resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and reaffirming the support of Congress for the mandate of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from

the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2745. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Basic Provisions (RIN: 0563-AC23) received July 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2746. A letter from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting notification that the Office has designated thirteen new counties in eight states as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), pursuant to Public Law 109-469; to the Committee on Appropriations.

2747. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's annual report to the Congress on the Presidential \$1 Coin Program, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5112 Public Law 109-145, section 104(3)(B) (119 Stat. 2670); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2748. A letter from the Director, Office of Legal Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Special Assessments (RIN: 3064-AD35) received June 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2749. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Interest Rate Restrictions on Insured Depository Institutions That Are Not Well Capitalized — received June 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2750. A letter from the Acting Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received July 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

2751. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2752. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2753. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Inspector General's semiannual report to Congress for the reporting period October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2754. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank Seattle, transmitting the 2008 management report of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2755. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting the 2008 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2756. A letter from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's semiannual report from the Office of the Inspector General during the 6-month period ending March 31, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2757. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Elephant Trunk Scallop Access Area to General Category Scallop Vessels [Docket No.: 070817467-8554-02] (RIN: 0648-XP59) received June 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2758. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 0810141351-9087-02] (RIN: 0648-XP60) received June 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2759. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Catcher Processor Rockfish Cooperatives in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 0910091344-9056-02] (RIN: 0648-XP57) received June 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2760. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Suspension of the Primary Pacific Whiting Season for the Shore-based Sector South of 42 degrees North Latitude [Docket No.: 090428799-9802-01] (RIN: 0648-XP43) received June 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2761. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northern United States; Tilefish Fishery; Quota Harvested for Full-time Tier 2 Category [Docket No.: 010319075-1217-02] (RIN: 0648-XP65) received June 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2762. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat for Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment [Docket No.: 0808061060-9710-02] (RIN: 0648-AW77) received July 16, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2763. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Species; Determination of Endangered Status for the Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment of Atlantic Salmon [Docket No.: 0808191116-9709-02] (RIN: 0648-XJ93) received July 16,

2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2764. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's activities regarding prison rape abatement during calendar year 2007, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15604 Public Law 108-79, section 5(b)(1); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2765. A letter from the Federal Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — July 20029 Revision of Patent Cooperation Treaty Procedures [Docket No.: PTO-P-2009-0025] (RIN: 0651-AC34) received July 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2766. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting an annual report concerning operations at the Naval Petroleum Reserves for fiscal year 2008, pursuant to the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7431(C); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. TOWNS: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 22. A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to allow the United States Postal Service to pay its share of contributions for annuitants' health benefits out of the Postal Service retiree Health Benefits Fund; with an amendment (Rept. 111-216). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ARCURI: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 665. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2920) to re-institute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration (Rept. 111-217). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Ms. KILROY, Mr. WATT, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. ELLISON, and Mr. HINOJOSA):

H.R. 3269. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation and to prevent perverse incentives in the compensation practices of financial institutions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself and Mr. ISRAEL):

H.R. 3270. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add New York to the New England Fishery Management Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 3271. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve commuting and transportation options; to the Committee on

Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ELLISON:

H.R. 3272. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to add requirements for board of directors committees regarding risk management and compensation policies, to require non-binding shareholder votes on executive compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS, and Mr. LEE of New York):

H.R. 3273. A bill to require the implementation of certain recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board, to require the establishment of national standards with respect to flight requirements for pilots, to require the development of fatigue management plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona):

H.R. 3274. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide members of the Armed Forces and their family members equal access to voter registration assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MARKEY of Colorado (for herself and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska):

H.R. 3275. A bill to amend the definition of commercial motor vehicle in section 31101 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude certain farm vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 3276. A bill to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. FILNER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MASSA, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. SRES, and Mr. STARK):

H.R. 3277. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to establish a program to improve the health and education of children through grants to expand school breakfast programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. OBERSTAR:

H.R. 3278. A bill to provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RODRIGUEZ:

H.R. 3279. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs centers of excellence for rural health research, education, and clinical activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RODRIGUEZ:

H.R. 3280. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to assist veterans in highly rural areas by providing transportation to medical centers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.