

the application described in subsection (e), the ability of the entity to carry out the activities described in paragraph (1).

“(d) COMPREHENSIVE STATE GRANTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Under the Plan, the Secretary may award grants to eligible entities to provide support for comprehensive arthritis control and prevention programs and to enable such entities to provide public health surveillance, prevention, and control activities related to arthritis and other rheumatic diseases.

“(2) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may only award a grant under this subsection to an eligible entity that submits to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such agreements, assurances, and information as the Secretary may require, including a comprehensive arthritis control and prevention plan that—

“(A) is developed with the advice of stakeholders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors that have expertise relating to arthritis control, prevention, and treatment that increase the quality of life and decrease the level of disability;

“(B) is intended to reduce the morbidity of arthritis, with priority on preventing and controlling arthritis in at-risk populations and reducing disparities in arthritis prevention, diagnosis, management, and quality of care in underserved populations;

“(C) describes the arthritis-related services and activities to be undertaken or supported by the entity; and

“(D) demonstrates the relationship the entity has with the community and local entities and how the entity plans to involve such community and local entities in carrying out the activities described in paragraph (1).

“(3) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity may use amounts received under a grant awarded under this subsection to conduct, in a manner consistent with the comprehensive arthritis control and prevention plan submitted by the entity in the application under paragraph (2)—

“(A) public health surveillance and epidemiological activities relating to the prevalence of arthritis and assessment of disparities in arthritis prevention, diagnosis, management, and care;

“(B) public information and education programs; and

“(C) education, training, and clinical skills improvement activities for health professionals, including allied health personnel.

“(4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘eligible entity’ means a State or an Indian tribe.

“(e) GENERAL APPLICATION.—The Secretary may only award a grant under subsection (b) or (c) to an entity that submits to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such agreements, assurances, and information as the Secretary may require, including a description of how funds received under a grant awarded under such subsection will supplement or fulfill unmet needs identified in a comprehensive arthritis control and prevention plan of the entity.

“(f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

“(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given such term in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

“(2) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

“(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

“(1) for fiscal year 2012, \$14,600,000;

“(2) for fiscal year 2013, \$16,000,000;

“(3) for fiscal year 2014, \$17,700,000;

“(4) for fiscal year 2015, \$19,400,000; and

“(5) for fiscal year 2016, \$21,400,000.”.

### SEC. 3. ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AND RELATED CONDITIONS.

Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

#### “SEC. 409K. JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AND RELATED CONDITIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Director of NIH, may expand and intensify programs of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research and related activities designed to improve the outcomes and quality of life for children with arthritis and other rheumatic diseases.

“(b) COORDINATION.—The Director of NIH may coordinate the programs referred to in subsection (a) and consult with additional Federal officials, voluntary health associations, medical professional societies, and private entities, as appropriate.”.

### SEC. 4. INVESTMENT IN TOMORROW'S PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGISTS.

Subpart I of part C of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293k et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

#### “SEC. 749A-1. PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGISTS.

“In order to ensure an adequate future supply of pediatric rheumatologists, the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, may award institutional training grants to institutions to support pediatric rheumatology training.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise this evening in strong support of H.R. 1210, the Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act of 2010.

This bill provides for enhanced arthritis public health efforts at CDC, enhanced juvenile arthritis research activities at NIH, and new authorities at the Health Resources and Service Administration to support training for new pediatric rheumatologists. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 1210 would enhance our Nation's efforts to combat arthritis. I am a cosponsor of the legislation.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 46 million Americans have arthritis, though the number is expected to increase as the country's population ages. The Centers for Disease Control also estimates that almost 300,000 children have arthritis.

This bill will help in the fight against arthritis in the following ways:

First, the bill would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a national arthritis action plan.

Second, it would allow the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants for arthritis research, surveillance, and education.

Third, the bill would permit the National Institutes of Health to expand its research into children with rheumatic diseases.

Finally, the bill would allow Health and Human Services to award grants to increase the number of pediatric rheumatologists.

I have spoken with several rheumatologists who have discussed the importance of this legislation. Unfortunately, those in need of rheumatologists, especially pediatric rheumatologists, often have very few options. This bill is an important first step in addressing a critical workforce shortfall.

I am a cosponsor of the legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. I urge passage of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1210, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### DENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACT OF 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 903) to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the roles of dentists and allied dental personnel in the Nation's disaster response framework, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 903

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2010”.

#### SEC. 2. DENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS: PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESPONSE.

(a) NATIONAL HEALTH SECURITY STRATEGY.—Section 2802(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh-1(b)(3)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “and which may include dental health facilities” after “mental health facilities”; and

(2) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “(which may include such dental health assets)” after “medical assets”.

(b) ALL-HAZARDS PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESPONSE CURRICULA AND TRAINING.—Section 319F(a)(5)(B) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6(a)(5)(B)) is amended by striking “public health or medical” and inserting “public health, medical, or dental”.

### SEC. 3. DENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS: HOMELAND SECURITY.

(a) NATIONAL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK.—Paragraph (6) of section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101) is amended by inserting “and dental” after “emergency medical”.

(b) NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS SYSTEM.—Subparagraph (B) of section 653(b)(4) of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 753(b)(4)) is amended by striking “public health and medical” and inserting “public health, medical, and dental”.

(c) CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER.—Paragraph (5) of section 516(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 321e(c)) is amended by striking “medical community” and inserting “medical and dental communities”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD an exchange of letters between Chairman WAXMAN and Chairman THOMPSON, who is chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, regarding this legislation.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,  
Washington, DC, September 24, 2010.

Hon. HENRY A. WAXMAN,  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,  
Rayburn Bldg., House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN WAXMAN: I write to you regarding H.R. 903, the “Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2009”.

H.R. 903 contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security. I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House in an expeditious manner and, accordingly, I will not seek a sequential referral of the bill. However, agreeing to waive consideration of this bill should not be construed as the Committee on Homeland Security waiving, altering, or otherwise affecting its jurisdiction over subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction.

Further, I request your support for the appointment of Homeland Security conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this or similar legislation. I also ask that a copy of this letter and your response be included in the legislative report on H.R. 903 and in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of this bill.

I look forward to working with you as we prepare to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

BENNIE G. THOMPSON,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,  
Washington, DC, September 24, 2010.

Hon. BENNIE THOMPSON,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
Ford House Office Building, Washington,  
DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 903, the “Dental Emergency Responder Act.” The Committee on Energy and Commerce recognizes that the Committee on Homeland Security has a jurisdictional interest in H.R. 903, and I appreciate your effort to facilitate consideration of this bill.

I also concur with you that forgoing action on the bill does not in any way prejudice the Committee on Homeland Security with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future, and I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this legislation.

I will include our letters on H.R. 903 in the Committee report on H.R. 903 and in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. Again, I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and I look forward to working with the Committee on Homeland Security as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

HENRY A. WAXMAN,  
Chairman.

I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise this evening in strong support of H.R. 903, the Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2010. This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to include dentists in the national health security strategy, which is the strategy HHS develops to respond to a public health emergency. And I would particularly like to thank Representative STUPAK for all his work on this bill. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 903 would allow the Department of Health and Human Services to utilize dentists and dental facilities to respond to medical emergencies. The bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include dental personnel within the definition of “emergency response providers.” Mr. Speaker, there has been uncertainty as to whether dental providers could be considered emergency response providers.

This bill also requires the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to serve as the Department's primary point of contact for the dental community with respect to medical and public health matters related to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other manmade disasters.

Finally, the bill amends the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to allow, if necessary, operational plans developed by Federal agencies with responsibilities under the National Response Plan to address

preparedness and deployment of dental resources.

This bill was drafted to ensure that Congress was not being prescriptive as to how the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Homeland Security should plan for medical emergencies. The bill provides these Departments increased flexibility to utilize additional professional expertise and capacity, if they feel it is appropriate. This is just common sense. The fact that today the Department of Homeland Security could not talk to a dental school where it is decided it would be an ideal place to stockpile materials like vaccines but could if it was a medical school is just absurd.

If these facilities can aid our national defense, or if dentists want to be included in our Nation's post-disaster response, the fact that the government felt constrained to include them is a gross oversight that this bill corrects. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to include in the RECORD an exchange of letters between Chairman WAXMAN of my committee and Chairman OBERSTAR of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee that pertains to this legislation.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
Washington, DC, September 28, 2010.

Hon. HENRY A. WAXMAN,  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,  
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington,  
DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN WAXMAN: I write to you regarding H.R. 903, the “Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2009”.

H.R. 903 contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House in an expeditious manner and, accordingly, I will not seek a sequential referral of the bill. However, I agree to waive consideration of this bill with the mutual understanding that my decision to forgo a sequential referral of the bill does not waive, reduce, or otherwise affect the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure over H.R. 903.

Further, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure reserves the right to seek the appointment of conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation on provisions of the bill that are within the Committee's jurisdiction. I ask for your commitment to support any request by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the appointment of conferees on H.R. 903 or similar legislation.

Please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's jurisdictional interest in the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure in the House.

I look forward to working with you as we prepare to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. OBERSTAR,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,  
Washington, DC, September 28, 2010.  
Hon. JAMES L. OBERSTAR,  
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN OBERSTAR: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 903, the "Dental Emergency Responder Act." The Committee on Energy and Commerce recognizes that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has a jurisdictional interest in H.R. 903, and I appreciate your effort to facilitate consideration of this bill.

I also concur with you that forgoing action on the bill does not in any way prejudice the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future, and I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this legislation.

I will include our letters on H.R. 903 in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. Again, I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and I look forward to working with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

HENRY A. WAXMAN,  
Chairman.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 903, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, 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 Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MCGOVERN 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. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE 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 California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY 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 North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES 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 Oregon (Mr. DEFazio) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFazio 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 Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana 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 Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR 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 California (Mr. SHERMAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

#### POSSIBLE LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION DURING LAME DUCK SESSION OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is always an honor to be here. We have had quite a day of different suspension bills. It has been an interesting day all the way around. Also I was honored to have a visit from the new president of Baylor University, a man named President Ken Starr. I think he will do a great deal of good for Baylor University. In fact, I am wearing a green and gold tie in his honor and in honor of the school where I got my law degree.

A lot has been going on. We haven't had time to take up the issue of extending the current tax rates for another year so businesses could be sure about what is going to be happening, so they could go ahead and make plans, go ahead and make those additional hires, take those folks off the unemployment rolls because they would finally know what the future holds in the way of taxes. But that was not to be. No, instead we have taken up 85, reduced by one, 84 suspension bills, all

done today in a bipartisan manner. And it does bring to the fore the question as to why couldn't we do the same thing in a bipartisan way to help the economy?

We are hearing over and over from business people, there is so much uncertainty. If we are really going to have this massive tax increase come January 1, we have got to hunker down and get ready. We may have to let some more people go so we can pay the additional tax burden that the Federal Government is going to lay on us.

They made clear if we are going to pass what the well-respected on both sides of the aisle former chairman of Energy and Commerce, Mr. DINGELL, called not just a tax, but a great big tax, the crap-and-trade bill, if that is still looming out there, then that is a potential albatross around the neck of employers. They need to move forward. But Mr. DINGELL is exactly right; it is a great big tax. It is still looming out there. It is still a threat to be taken up in a lame duck session.

In fact, the lame duck session, after the election in November, could be devastating to our economy, as if we haven't already done enough. We have got not only the crap-and-trade bill looming and being threatened as a potential lame duck session bill in which Members of Congress would be asked to vote who had already lost their jobs on election day, but we got other bills hanging out there that some have said they would like to see come up during a lame duck session.

One such bill is on the other side of the aisle affectionately known as "card check," which is really intriguing. Card check is quite a misnomer, because it would provide for the elimination of secret ballots in union elections, in deciding whether a group were to go union or not.

I was intrigued. In the last Congress we were voting on card check, and the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the Honorable STENY HOYER, came down this aisle right over here. And I was standing over there, and I said, "Leader?" He turned around and said, "Yes?"

I said, "The rumor is you are going to vote against your party, and you are going to vote against card check." He said, "Well, the odds of that happening are infinitesimal." He has a great sense of humor.

I pointed out, "Well, it is just that everybody on the floor knows that if it were not for the secret ballot, John Murtha would have been elected majority leader." And he just laughs, "Oh, you are so funny." He moved on.

But the truth is, the Speaker of the House, she said she wanted John Murtha to be the majority leader. And we have already seen that this Speaker of the House is amazing at the wielding of power. She has been far more effective at the wielding of power, both with carrots and sticks, to get things done than our Speaker was my first 2 years here, in 2005–2006. She knows how to wield power.