The SPEAKER pro tempore. No, it does not. On the majority, all requests for the 5-minute time have been used. No other majority Member has requested a 5-minute time slot.

Mr. HOKE. I thank the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will proceed and her time will be protected.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, might I conclude simply as I look at this chart, indicating that with the 930-plus-something bill that was just issued tonight, we have 1 day of hearings.

But simply, Mr. Speaker, let me say the Republican plan is going to put at least 1 million citizens in the jeopardy of losing Medicare. It is going to cause hospitals around this Nation through the Medicaid cuts to lose some $28 million. Then lastly let me say that what are we doing all this for? Why are we locking up this citizen in the U.S. Capitol? Why do we have this 1 day? To give $19,000 in tax breaks to those making over $500,000 a year, a travesty, a day in infamy. Tomorrow vote ''no'' against the Republican Medicare plan.

Mr. Speaker, I include the following statement for the RECORD:

Mr. Speaker, if I could find the words, I would tell you exactly how infuriated I am at the legislation by fiat which seems to be taking place within these noble halls. When the Founding Fathers came together and created the Government that we have today, I am positive that they did not intend to have legislation dictated by the whims and desires of a few individuals. As I recall, wasn't that the very cornerstone of the American Revolution?

I am appalled at the backroom, cloak-and-dagger shenanigans which seem to be the rule of the day. When H.R. 2425 was reported out of committee, I am sure that the members who voted in favor of the bill and its amendment thought that what they were voting on was what would be brought to the floor. I am sure that when Democrats and Republicans alike voted to improve this legislation by approving Mr. GANSKE's amendments, which would have made it more difficult for managed care organizations to deny payment services, they were doing what they were elected to do—represent their constituents to the best of their ability. How dare others within this body assume that responsibility for them.

PARTICIPATION

The Republican plan will simply put at least 1 million seniors in jeopardy of losing all health care coverage.

Premiums would increase for all seniors from $46.01 to at least $87 by 2002, which is $26 more than the current law. How many seniors will not be able to afford decent primary care because of this increase?

Deep cuts in reimbursement rates to doctors and hospitals will cause these health providers to turn seniors away—effectively limiting their choice.

The Senate plan also includes higher deductibles and copayments for services such as home health care, lab tests and nursing services.

Seniors will be paying more for less coverage. Medicare payments to beneficiaries will be cut by $1,700 in 2002, forcing spending to grow 33 percent slower than in the private sector. What kind of health care can be bought at such low rates.

Not one penny of the increase in beneficiary premiums will help the part A trust fund—all of the savings will go for a tax cut to give a $19,000 tax cut to those making $500,000.

Medicaid—The average senior citizen has an annual income of $13,000 a year and the elderly poor would lose the protection that Medicaid gives them.

Medicaid—Even if the States are able to absorb half of the proposed reductions in Medicaid funding, the system will still have to cut 8.8 million people off of the Medicaid rolls by 2002. That includes 4.4 million children; 920,000 senior citizens; and 1.4 million disabled children and adults.

SMALL HOSPITALS

Over the 7 years, a typical urban hospital will lose up to $28 million.

These reductions will drastically hurt many small hospitals which depend upon Medicaid and Medicare payments for their survival. If these important hospitals should become an endangered species, people in these neighborhoods may be without ready health care.

VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN MEDICARE PLAN

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for 5 minutes out of order.

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Without objection, the gentleman will be recognized for 30 seconds.

There was no objection.

Mr. HOKE. I thank the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it looks like we are batting cleanup here and that the evening is done. I think it is obvious that it is really the people of America that will make the choice as to where the truth has been spoken tonight and what the truth is with this issue. The fact is that the Democrats had 40 years to make the changes that need to be made and they refused to do it. Tomorrow we are going to vote on a plan that is going to save Medicare, it is going to preserve it. It is going to protect it, and it is going to strengthen and improve it. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in voting for that plan tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, all time for special orders has expired as it is now midnight. The chair will entertain a motion to adjourn.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. VOLKMER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), after 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, on account of illness in the family.

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. DOGGETT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BEVILL, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BORSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FAZIO of California, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GEJDENSON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KLINK, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. NADLER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. OLVER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WARD, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. TANNER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. STENHOLM, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PAYNE of Virginia, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. LINCOLN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON LEE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PETERSON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. MEEK of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DEUTSCH, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MARTINEZ, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. VENTO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. REED, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DORNAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes on October 19.