they have two daughters, one of whom, Leah, joins us here in this House of Representatives today.

REJECT QUOTA INCREASE FOR INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations rejected an attempt to give the International Monetary Fund an additional $14.5 billion. I commend the subcommittee for saying ''no'' to this vast increase in IMF funds. In the coming weeks, I expect the House will soon vote or on a floor amendment to add the additional money. It is critical that we reject that amendment.

Events in Russia this week prove that the IMF is a destabilizing force in world economic affairs. The ever-present hope of an IMF bailout, reinforced by the unprecedented bailouts offered Asia last year, completely undermine the Russian Government's incentive to reform its economy. IMF, by undermining Russian discipline and underwriting irresponsible policies, played a key role in causing the Russian crash.

The problem is that the IMF creates moral hazard. When you subsidize financial mistakes, you get more financial mistakes. That is exactly what the IMF does. It causes the very panics and crashes it is intended to prevent.

Mr. Speaker, several years ago another Congress passed a hugely popular bill by enormous margins to bail out the domestic American savings and loan industry. It was a disaster. It led directly to the $150 billion S&L fiasco. I do not want the legacy of the 105th Congress to include a similar disaster on a global scale.

Mr. Speaker, let us break the bailout psychology and strengthen the world economy by rejecting a quota increase for the IMF.

HMO REFORM IS NECESSARY

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to testify to the need for HMO reform. By now we have heard the endless list of reasons why HMO reform is necessary, but none are as meaningful as the story I will share with you today.

Chicago residents Barbara and David Smith were vacationing in Hawaii when Barbara noticed that her body was badly bruised. At the hospital she was diagnosed with aplastic anemia and needed an immediate bone marrow transplant. However, her HMO refused to pay for the transplant in Hawaii, insisting instead that she return to Chicago for the operation.

Seeing that she had no other choice, Barbara boarded a flight to Chicago, but suffered a stroke in midair. As a result, Barbara Smith died 9 days later, at the age of 55.

The restrictions of Barbara Smith's HMO cost her her life. Not only did David Smith lose his wife, but he is unable to file a lawsuit against the responsible HMO.

This is a devastating situation, and unfortunately, these situations are all too common. Too many lives have already been lost. Too many families have already been broken. Too many individuals have seen their health decline.

The good news is we can stop this now. We can stop it by passing meaningful HMO reform.

PRO-PATIENT, PRO-SMALL BUSINESS REPUBLICAN HEALTH CARE PLAN

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I agree with my friends on the other side of the aisle, we do need to ensure that patients in managed care plans are afforded basic rights and remedies, and the Republican plan does just that. But, unlike the Kennedy bill, the Dingell bill or any of the other alternatives out there, our plan also does something about the 41 million Americans who do not have health insurance today.

By providing small businesses with the ability to pool their resources to achieve economies of scale, we can help to insure millions of Americans who simply cannot afford it now, and we do it without resorting to government-run health care.

While the other plans are good news for bureaucrats, and probably for trial lawyers, too, there is only one plan that reaches out across the United States of America to the mom and pop store employees throughout our land, and that is our plan.

I urge my colleagues to support the pro-small business, pro-patient Republican health plan. It is worth taking a good close look at.

PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

(Ms. KILPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a Democrat. Today, Democrats in the House and the Senate will join the President and announce our Patient Protection Act.

Health care is something that every American should have. Our bill and our plan, unlike the other side's, protects every American, and it protects the doctor-patient relationships that Americans want to have with their doctor. It says that the professional will determine the length of stay and the type of procedure, and not the insurance company or the accountant.

Today is a glorious day for American citizens. The Democratic Health Protection Act. Watch us as we pass it through this Congress. We are serious. We know you need it, and we will be there for you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House, and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH IN COLLINSVILLE, IL

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to announce that my home church, Holy Cross Lutheran, in Collinsville, Illinois, is celebrating its sesquicentennial, 150 years of laboring for the Lord. Our theme for the celebration is Celebrate, Reflect, Focus.

Holy Cross Lutheran will celebrate this month with a reunion of former church workers, along with sons and daughters of the congregation who have moved on to be pastors and teachers, of which I am one. We will also celebrate the Church's German heritage, using translations of the original services and a sermon preached in 1873.

In addition, Holy Cross will reflect upon its history. The church and Christian day school were founded in 1848 after Pastor Frederick Lockner began meeting with German Lutherans in Collinsville, Illinois.

Our focus will be on God, thanking Him for all the blessings He has given our Church and the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Holy Cross Lutheran Church as they Celebrate, Reflect and Focus on 150 years of hard work and rich blessings.

AMERICA NEEDS REAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. GREEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, you were correct in saying that the people in the gallery cannot express their opinion for or against those of us who speak on the floor. They have to wait until November to give their opinion on it. That is why I am here to say that I am disappointed to see that after 6 months of debating managed health care, we now see a weak version introduced by the Republican leadership.