

The bill offers authority and strong encouragement to the Agency to use third parties—unbiased, independent panels under FDA supervision—to approve and oversee early stage trials of new drugs and devices.

The bill relaxes some restrictions now barring the exchange of scientifically valid material—professional journal articles, medical textbook excerpts, research compendia—between manufacturers, clinicians, and health insurers. This change will make it easier for knowledgeable observers to receive information on promising, though unapproved, new uses of drugs and devices which have already been approved by the FDA for at least a single use. At the same time, the legislation gives the Agency authority to require that persons disseminating these articles provide appropriate supportive scientific data and respond on its balance.

The bill fundamentally revamps and modernizes FDA review processes for biologics, therapeutics which are manufactured or propagated through bioengineering.

The bill offers reasonable relaxation on current restrictions on the export of drugs or devices which are not approved by the FDA, but which meet the importing nation's approval regime. This flexibility would be limited to exports to member nations of the World Trade Organization.

The bill modifies current reporting and approval requirements for minor manufacturing changes in devices of low to moderate risk. In essence, a manufacturer would be required to report, but not obtain prior approval for manufacturing changes which would improve the product's quality. This would allow manufacturers to make swift, useful, and perhaps even lifesaving changes in products without having to wait out an FDA approval decision.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that the FDA is a premier public health care agency with many extraordinarily dedicated employees. This Agency has a crucial health and safety mission that this Congress must not allow to be undermined.

But I firmly believe that these vital safety missions can be preserved, and better products can be brought to consumers more rapidly and at lower cost, through the modest reform proposals contained in this legislation.

It's time to make a good agency better. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1742, the FDA Modernization Act of 1995.

TRIBUTE TO MARY CAPERTON  
BINGHAM

**HON. MIKE WARD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 1995*

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor for me to pay tribute today to a truly remarkable individual who recently passed away, Mary Caperton Bingham of Louisville, KY.

Mary Bingham and her husband Barry Bingham, Sr. met in their college days at Radcliffe and Harvard, respectively, and together built a media powerhouse which included The Courier-Journal newspaper of Louisville until it was sold in 1986. However, the Bingham publishing empire, which began in 1918 with the purchase of The Courier-Journal and The Louis-

ville Times by Robert Worth Bingham, is not the most remarkable aspect of Mary Bingham's life—the attribute which most accurately describes the way she lived her life is her generosity.

In only a 9-year timespan, from the time of the sale of the Bingham media properties, Mary and Barry Bingham, in contributing almost \$60 million to education and arts funds throughout Kentucky, came close to achieving their goal of "giving it all away" before their deaths. In rural Kentucky, Mary Bingham founded bookmobiles to encourage children to read and value their education—education and the arts were central to Mary Bingham's philosophy of what made a civilization great, and to this end she dedicated many years of her life. She donated money to many social causes, environmental funds, historic preservations, health care facilities, and community developments. Along with this money came her insightful wisdom and expert counsel. Throughout her life, Mary Bingham was a woman far ahead of her times who did not hesitate to let her views be heard and you may rest assured that when she spoke, people listened and they appreciated her advice.

My hometown city of Louisville now offers one of the most extensive arts programs in the Nation, including the Kentucky Center for the Arts and the Actors Theatre of Louisville, which could not have been possible without the efforts of Mary Bingham.

The city of Louisville, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and indeed the entire Nation lost one of our most dedicated and generous citizens and we will truly miss her civic contributions, her insightful knowledge and counsel, her dedication and endurance, and her grace and beauty.

TRIBUTE TO THE MARISSA HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 1995*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a historical structure in Marissa, IL, which stands as a monument to education and pride for southwestern Illinois.

I recently had the privilege to attend a dedication ceremony sponsored by the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society in Marissa on May 21. Several months ago, the society's president, Don Jones, began working on a project to have this building declared a national historical place.

By gathering historic documents, Mr. Jones and other members of the society prepared their application to the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior for historical designation.

I am pleased to tell my colleagues that the Marissa Academy Building, located in the village park, received a certificate announcing its listing on the National Registry of Historic Places effective October 28, 1994.

According to a recent edition of the Marissa Journal-Messenger, the academy was started in 1886 and served students originally as a preparatory school. It was used until 1900, when classes shifted to Marissa Township

High School. Later, it was used again as a school while the new elementary school was being built.

Over time the building's structure degraded, and since it was the last academy building in Illinois, the community rallied to have it restored. In 1969, the village leased the building to the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society. It is now a library and museum open to the public.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society for its hard work in making the Marissa Academy Building one of our Nation's newest addition to the National Register of Historic Places. It was a privilege for me to participate in the commemoration of this public recognition, for a building that will stand as a learning and historical tool for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CARMEL  
REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE'S BALANCED BUDGET RESOLUTION

**HON. SUE W. KELLY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 1995*

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend to my Republican colleagues the following resolution of support issued by the town of Carmel's Republican Committee. This resolution demonstrates the strong public support for Republican-elected officials, who are working to achieve the important goals of the Contract With America. Our fight to reduce the Federal budget deficit, to have a balanced budget and reduce and consolidate Government services has not gone without recognition from the American people.

Therefore, I join with the spirit of this resolution in applauding the energy put forth by my colleagues in addressing the many reform-minded issues facing this Congress. Mr. Speaker at this time, I insert the full text of the Carmel resolution into the RECORD.

Whereas, through liberal reporting by TV and newspaper media an obvious attempt has been made to undermine the positions held by our Republican State and Federal Officials on issues of budget deficit reduction, balanced budgets, consolidation of government services and welfare reform; and

Whereas, due to media's liberal reporting of these issues the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, State of New York, Republican Committee desires to counteract effects of said liberal reports supporting special interest groups; now,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Town of Carmel Republican Committee membership of ninety-two hereby pledges its support to NYS Governor George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Minority Leader Clarence Rappleyea, Senator Vincent Leibell, III; 37th District, Assemblyman Willis Stephens, Jr.; 91st District, and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Armey and Speaker Newt Gingrich, NYS U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato and NYS U.S. 19th District Congresswoman Sue Kelly toward achieving their goals to alleviate the overwhelming tax burden through enactment of balanced budgets, consolidation and reduction of government services and welfare reform and "Contract with America"; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the Chairman of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New