

Wolf Wyden Young (FL)
Woolsey Wynn Zeliff

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 130, nays 263, not voting 41, as follows:

[Roll No. 466]

YEAS—130

NAYS—69
Baldacci Hall (OH) Ney
Brown (CA) Hastings (FL) Obey
Burton Hefley Payne (NJ)
Chapman Hilliard Pickett
Clay Hoekstra Rahall
Clayton Jacobs Rangel
Clyburn Jefferson Richardson
Coleman Johnson (SD) Rush
Costello Johnson, E. B. Sabo
Crane Kaptur Sawyer
DeFazio Kleczka Schroeder
Dingell LaFalce Scott
Durburn Levin Skaggs
Evans Lewis (GA) Slaughter
Fattah Lincoln Stockman
Fawell Lowey Thompson
Fazio McKinney Thornton
Filner McNulty Velazquez
Foglietta Meek Visclosky
Ford Menendez Volkmer
Geren Mineta Wise
Gillmor Mollohan Yates
Green Neal Zimmer

Ackerman Ford Olver
Andrews Frank (MA) Owens
Baesler Frost Pallone
Baldacci Furse Pastor
Barcia Gejdenson Payne (NJ)
Bentsen Gephardt Payne (VA)
Berman Gutierrez Peterson (FL)
Bevill Hall (OH) Pomeroy
Bishop Harman Rangel
Bonior Hastings (FL) Reed
Boucher Hilliard Johnson (CT)
Browder Holden Richardson
Brown (CA) Hoyer Rivers
Brown (FL) Jackson-Lee Roybal-Allard
Brown (OH) Johnson (SD) Rush
Clay Johnson, E. B. Sabo
Clayton Kanjorski Sanders
Clyburn Kaptur Sawyer
Coleman Kennedy (MA) Schroeder
Collins (IL) Kennelly Schumer
Collins (MI) LaFalce Scott
Conyers Lantos Sisisky
Coyne Lewis (GA) Skaggs
Danner Lofgren Slaughter
de la Garza Lowey Spratt
DeFazio Maloney Stark
DeLauro Markey Stockman
Deutsch Mascara Stokes
Dicks Matsui Studds
Dingell McCarthy Thompson
Dixon McDermott Torres
Dooley McKinney Torricelli
Durburn McNulty Towns
Engel Meehan Tucker
Ensign Meek Velazquez
Eshoo Miller (CA) Vento
Evans Mineta Volkmer
Farr Mink Ward
Fattah Mollohan Watt (NC)
Fazio Moran Wise
Fields (LA) Nadler Woolsey
Filner Neal Wynn
Flake Oberstar Yates
Foglietta Obey

Gilman Linder Ros-Lehtinen
Gonzalez Lipinski Rose
Goodlatte Livingston Roth
Goodling LoBiondo Roukema
Gordon Longley Royce
Goss Lucas Salmon
Graham Luther Sanford
Green Manzullo Saxton
Greenwood Martini Scarborough
Gunderson McCollum Schaefer
Gutknecht McCrery Schiff
Hall (TX) McDade Seastrand
Hamilton McHale Sensenbrenner
Hancock McHugh Shadegg
Hansen McInnis Shaw
Hastert McIntosh Shays
Hastings (WA) McKeon Shuster
Hayes Menendez Skeen
Hayworth Metcalf Smith (MI)
Hefley Meyers Smith (TX)
Hefner Mica Smith (WA)
Heineman Miller (FL) Solomon
Herger Minge Souder
Hilleary Molinari Spence
Hobson Montgomery Stearns
Hoekstra Morella Stenholm
Horn Murtha Stump
Hostettler Myers Stupak
Houghton Myrick Talent
Hunter Nethercutt Tanner
Hutchinson Neumann Tate
Hyde Ney Tauzin
Inglis Norwood Taylor (MS)
Istook Nussle Taylor (NC)
Johnson (CT) Ortiz Tejada
Johnson, Sam Orton Thomas
Johnston Oxley Thornberry
Jones Packard Thornton
Kasich Parker Thurman
Kelly Paxon Tiahrt
Kildee Pelosi Visclosky
Kim Peterson (MN) Vucanovich
King Petri Walker
Kingston Pickett Wamp
Kleczka Pombo Poshard
Klug Porter Pryce
Knollenberg Portman Quillen
Kolbe Poshard Quinn
LaHood LaHood Weldon (PA)
Largent Latham Weller
Latham Latham White
LaTourette LaTourette Whitfield
Laughlin Laughlin Wicker
Lazio Regula Wolf
Levin Levin Roberts Wyden
Lewis (CA) Lewis (KY) Roemer Young (FL)
Lewis (KY) Lightfoot Zeliff
Lincoln Lincoln Rohrabacher Zimmer

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—3

Edwards Harman Nadler

NOT VOTING—57

Abercrombie Hinchey Quinn
Baker (CA) Hoke Radanovich
Bartlett Hostettler Reynolds
Becerra Hutchinsom Riggs
Bono Kasich Rose
Bryant (TX) Kennedy (RI) Sanders
Chenoweth Klink Serrano
Collins (IL) Leach Skelton
Collins (MI) Lofgren Stark
Dellums Manton Taylor (MS)
Doolittle Markey Tucker
Dornan McCrery Waldholtz
Fields (TX) Mfume Walsh
Fowler Moakley Waters
Gallegly Moorhead Watts (OK)
Gekas Myrick Weldon (FL)
Gutierrez Oberstar Williams
Hayes Owens Wilson
Herger Pombo Young (AK)

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Mrs. MEEK of Florida changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. DIXON, Ms. DANNER, and Ms. RIVERS changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTERT). Will the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, if the House would come to order, this week the House passed a constitutional amendment with strong bipartisan support to pledge allegiance to that flag. Would the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] come over here in a bipartisan effort and join me in leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York was recognized to lead the House in the Pledge.

Mr. SOLOMON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

NAYS—263
Allard Burton Diaz-Balart
Archer Buyer Dickey
Army Callahan Doggett
Bachus Calvert Doolittle
Baker (LA) Camp Doyle
Ballenger Canady Dreier
Barr Cardin Duncan
Barrett (NE) Castle Dunn
Barrett (WI) Chabot Edwards
Bartlett Chambliss Ehlers
Barton Chapman Ehrlich
Bass Christensen Emerson
Bateman Chrysler English
Beilenson Clement Everett
Bereuter Clinger Ewing
Bilbray Coble Fawell
Bilirakis Collins (GA) Foley
Bliley Combest Forbes
Blute Cooley Fox
Boehlert Costello Franks (CT)
Boehner Cox Franks (NJ)
Bonilla Crane Frelinghuysen
Borski Crapo Frisa
Brewster Cremeans Funderburk
Brownback Cubin Ganske
Bryant (TN) Cunningham Gekas
Bunn Davis Geren
Bunning Deal Gilchrest
Burr DeLay Gillmor

NOT VOTING—41

Abercrombie Gallegly Radanovich
Baker (CA) Gibbons Reynolds
Becerra Hinchey Serrano
Bono Hoke Skelton
Bryant (TX) Jacobs Smith (NJ)
Chenoweth Jefferson Waldholtz
Coburn Kennedy (RI) Walsh
Condit Klink Waters
Cramer Leach Watts (OK)
Dellums Manton Weldon (FL)
Dornan Martinez Williams
Fields (TX) Mfume Wilson
Flanagan Moakley Young (AK)
Fowler Moorhead

□ 1041

Mr. TEJEDA and Mr. ORTIZ changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. GEPHARDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to inquire about the schedule.

I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], the distinguished majority leader, to announce the schedule for the rest of the day.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, it is our intention today, as we are prepared to proceed on the rule for Medicare select, and then immediately after that, to move on to Medicare select. As the Speaker knows, this is very important legislation, and the timing is critical because of a deadline that must be met.

Following our completion of work on Medicare select, it is our intention to move on to the adjournment resolution, which needs a rule; so we will be doing the rule and then the adjournment resolution. Any other business scheduled for today is business that we can put over until after the Fourth of July work recess so that upon completion of the adjournment resolution, pending action in the Senate, we ought to be able to have completed our day's work. That ought to enable us to get our Members well on their way to their districts for the district work period by the scheduled 3 o'clock departure time.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I would simply inquire of the gentleman, this obviously means that changes in committee assignments will be held until after the Fourth of July recess?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, let me say, we would anticipate that action to take place sometime after 6 on Monday, the 10th.

As the Members might want to be reminded, we have tried to conclude the district work period by a return on Monday, the 10th, that would involve no votes before 5 on Monday, the 10th, to give that day to the Members for travel with a sense of security that they would not face a vote prior to 5 and have the opportunity to make their trip.

That being the case, we would not, since there seems to be a high interest in this matter of the committee appointment, we would not begin consideration of the committee appointment until after 6, probably, on Monday, the 10th. But we should, as I think we have indicated, expect that votes might begin as early as 5 on Monday, the 10th.

So we would do the four scheduled suspensions and then move on to the Medicare select—I am sorry, the committee assignment, International Relations, Appropriations, Resources, and so on as the week goes by. Monday night we will do the committee assignment after 6.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTERT). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. SOLOMON. Is it true that there will not be an intervening vote before

we take up the rules, and Members do not have to stay in the well of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot anticipate what votes will come forward.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 483, MEDICARE SELECT POLICIES

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 180 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 180

Resolved, That, upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 483) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit medicare select policies to be offered in all States, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the conference report to final adoption without intervening motion. Upon the adoption of the conference report, Senate Concurrent Resolution 19 shall be considered as agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio [Mrs. PRYCE] is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. BEIL-ENSON], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, time is of the essence. Once again, that is the basic principle underlying our consideration of legislation to extend the Medicare Select Demonstration Program.

In April, the Rules Committee reported a timely rule for H.R. 483. Today, we bring to the floor a rule making in order the conference report accompanying H.R. 483, with only hours to go before this valuable program is set to expire.

In 1990, Congress created the 15-State demonstration Medicare Select Program to allow Medicare recipients the opportunity of purchasing a Medigap managed care option. The project in those states is set to expire today, June 30, and unless Congress takes prompt action to renew it, the insurance benefits of nearly half a million senior citizens covered by the Medicare Select Program would be in serious jeopardy.

The conference agreement extends the Medicare Select Program for a pe-

riod of 3 years. It also expands this option to seniors in all 50 States, and puts it on track to finally becoming permanent if the Secretary of Health and Human Services certifies that the program has met certain conditions.

In addition, the conference agreement clarifies that the definition of a State, for the purposes of this bill, includes the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States: Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

In order to expedite consideration of this conference agreement in the House, and to ensure that seniors will have uninterrupted coverage, the Committee on Rules has reported a straightforward and fair rule for this very necessary legislation.

Specifically, the rule provides for 1 hour of general debate on the conference report, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce.

The rule also stipulates that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the conference report to final adoption without any intervening motion.

Under the rule, all points of order against the conference report and its consideration are waived. While the Rules Committee generally prefers to avoid handing out such blanket waivers, this waiver and the rule itself are necessary because of a potential violation of clause 3 of rule XXVIII (28), which prohibits the inclusion of matters in a conference report beyond the scope of matters committed to conference by either Chamber.

A question has arisen as to the apparent lack of definition of the term State in either the House or Senate-passed bills. As I mentioned earlier in my statement, the conference report contains a definition of States which includes the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.

The waiver granted in the rule is a precautionary step to ensure that passage of this critical legislation is not unnecessarily stalled by this particular provision or by any other unforeseen, yet potential violation contained in the conference report.

Members might be interested to know, also that this rule fully complies with the 3-day availability requirement for conference reports, as the report was filed on June 22.

Mr. Speaker, the conference agreement provides a reasonable balance to permit a very valuable, and successful program for our senior citizens to continue, while allowing us time to evaluate the program more closely before making it permanent.

Our colleagues should keep in mind that the Medicare Select Program provides seniors with another viable option to receive affordable medical care. Premiums under the select option have resulted in savings as high as 37 percent over traditional Medigap policies. By giving older Americans more