

not continue to participate in the Medicare system, and we are trying to straighten out the computer problem as well.

I just want to say, as a practicing physician, although physicians will, in fact, get less money than what they would have, which is a cut, or a slow-down in growth, as we hear from the other side, that to act irresponsibly and not save this program is wrong.

This bill has lots of things that I do not agree with in it in terms of detail, but the underlying bill is a good bill, to do what the American people want done; that is, control the growth and make sure a quality health care program for our seniors that has choice and is affordable is there. I think this bill does it.

I can say to all providers, not just doctors, but hospitals and others, that we will have to work harder to be more efficient, to do the right thing, to be careful and to work in a constructive manner to change the system, to make it more efficient, but we can do it. We owe it to our children and our grandchildren to make sure we do that.

Mr. HASTERT. Just the provisions that you gentlemen put in the bill on fraud and abuse, if you can squeeze \$10 billion or \$12 billion out of fraud and abuse every year and put that back into health care for seniors, what a positive thing this is, just in that one small aspect.

Mr. SHAYS. That is \$50 billion of your 270.

I would love just to weigh in and say that we as a Republican majority have three basic desires to accomplish during the course of the next 2 years: We want to get our financial house in order and balance the budget. We want to save our trust funds, particularly Medicare, and we want to transform the social and corporate welfare state into an opportunity society.

Today, we began that journey very significantly in our effort to save and strengthen and preserve our Medicare trust fund, and we did it by allowing this program to continue to grow. We are going to put \$1.6 trillion in in the next 7 years, and spend \$73 billion more than in the past 7 years. I will turn to my colleague, if he could just conclude.

Mr. HASTERT. I certainly appreciate my colleagues joining me tonight to talk about this, Mr. Speaker. I think the bottom line is that we have our parents and grandparents, and we want to make sure Medicare is there for them, a good Medicare Program that could go beyond the bounds of what has traditionally been there and give them some choices, but most of all, to give them quality health care and give them the assurance that that health care is going to be there for the rest of their lives.

Then on the other side, we have our children and our grandchildren, that we want to make sure that we are not wasting their dollars. That is why we are cutting that inflationary \$270 billion that the Democrats just want to

leave there, so that they do not have to pay those extra dollars out of what money they have to earn.

It is estimated that a child that is born today has about \$186,000 of debt that he has to work off or she has to work off in her adult lifetime. Let us hold that down. Let us be prudent in how we spend the taxpayers' money.

I think this bill gives seniors choices. It secures health care and Medicare for their decision-making process for the rest of their lifetime, and it establishes and holds firm a principle of Medicare, something that seniors have had in this country for years to come. I certainly appreciate your participation in this special order tonight, and I know that the seniors of this country will join me in thanking you very much.

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

Mr. MARKEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. WAXMAN, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. DINGELL, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. VENTO, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. DOGGETT, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. DEUTSCH, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. PALLONE, for 60 minutes, today.  
Mr. OWENS, for 60 minutes, today.

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

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, on October 19, 20, and 23.  
Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. TAUZIN, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. DORNAN, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MARKEY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. LEVIN.  
Mr. LAFALCE.  
Ms. WOOLSEY.  
Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.  
Mr. KLECZKA.  
Mr. HAMILTON.  
Mr. STUDDS.  
Mr. ROEMER.  
Mr. SKELTON in two instances.  
Mr. ACKERMAN.  
Mr. FAZIO of California.  
Mr. MFUME.  
Mr. WARD in four instances.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.  
Mr. BROWN of California.  
Mr. LANTOS in two instances.  
Mr. MENENDEZ.  
Mrs. SCHROEDER.  
Mr. REED.  
Mr. STOKES.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CHRYSLER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. GALLEGLY.  
Mr. DUNCAN.  
Mrs. ROUKEMA.  
Mr. GILMAN in two instances.  
Mr. CRAPO.  
Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.  
Mr. STUMP.  
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.  
Mr. SMITH of Texas.  
Mrs. MORELLA.  
Mr. BOEHNER.  
Mr. ZIMMER.  
Mr. PORTMAN.  
Mr. CASTLE.  
Mrs. VUCANOVICH in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCHIFF) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ROTH.  
Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.  
Mr. MATSUI.  
Mr. SKAGGS.  
Mr. ALLARD.  
Mr. MORAN.  
Mr. EDWARDS.  
Mr. ABERCROMBI.  
Mr. HALL of Ohio.  
Mr. VISCLOSKEY.  
Mr. STENHOLM.  
Ms. DANNER.  
Mr. MCGINNIS.  
Mr. EVANS.  
Mr. RICHARDSON.  
Mrs. FOWLER.  
Mr. ORTON.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 268. An act to authorize the collection of fees for expenses for triploid grass carp certification inspections, and for other purposes.

S. 1111. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes.

S. 227. An act to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide an exclusive right to perform sound recordings publicly by means of digital transmissions, and for other purposes.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1976. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, rural development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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