

comfortable with it. She was disappointed and she said "I know that people do not like it." I said, "You come to Bridgeport and we will get on Tim Quinn's program and I will let him get the troops all riled up."

We got there a half an hour after he started the program. The first call, I noticed that the Time reporter was very excited. The first call was, "Mr. SHAYS, I have a problem with my heart and I have Dr. So-and-so. I have a problem with my kidney, and I have Dr. So-and-so. My regular doctor is So-and-so." And they said, "Am I going to be denied the ability to have those doctors?" The answer was a simple, "No."

Just to reiterate the point, the calls from that point on, when people understood the plan was, "Tell me more about the plan." We can talk a long time about Medicare. The bottom line is that it is an exciting program that we are doing with MedicarePlus. Participants can keep the old system or get a new system.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. We can go back to how we started this special order. We went through a process in designing this new Medicare program of listening to seniors; listening to providers; listening to doctors; taking a look; listening; learning.

We are now in a process, we are still listening and learning as we roll out this program, but we are helping people understand what we are doing and we are leading which is our responsibility. We have gone through the steps. Listen, learn, help, lead.

Mr. LONGLEY. Something else, and this is important, we are daring to shatter the stereotypes that Washington will not respond to the problems that the average Americans are experiencing. It is demonstrating to me how entrenched many of the vested interests are in this city and how absolutely desperate they are to avoid any type of change whatsoever.

I think it is exciting that we are willing to stand up to the special interests and make the kinds of changes that we need to make; not only improve these programs to strengthen them for the future, but candidly on a positive basis to provide the kinds of choices that up to now Americans will not have ever had.

Mr. SHAYS. The concept of listening, learning, helping. We helped to make this program a better program and now we are going through the process of leading, and leading takes some heat. I am more than eager, because I believe so strongly in what we are doing, to take that heat.

Mr. Speaker, I give my colleague the minute left to close up this discussion.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I think we told the staff that has been so gracious in staying that we are going to let them out early. We will do this in the Republican way. We will not take the full hour; we will take 59½ minutes.

Mr. LONGLEY. I say to my colleagues, I appreciate the opportunity to be on the floor with you tonight.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back and I hope, Mr. Speaker, I have the opportunity to be at the dais and have you have a special order. It is a quarter of 12. You have been here a very long time and we thank you from the bottom of our heart.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for yesterday and today, November 13 and 14, on account of illness.

Mr. TUCKER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for the week of November 13, on account of official business.

Mr. VOLKMER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) after 3:30 p.m. today, 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. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HILLIARD, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MILLER of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes each day, on November 14 and 15.

Mr. LEACH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BISHOP, 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. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
Mr. NEAL in two instances.
Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.
Mr. STOKES.
Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.
Mr. JACOBS.
Mr. LIPINSKI.
Mr. MILLER of California.

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

Mr. OXLEY.
Mr. CALVERT.
Mr. GILMAN.
Mr. SMITH of Texas.
Mr. ALLARD.
Mr. SOLOMON.
Mr. HORN.

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

Mr. STARK.
Mr. PACKARD.
Mr. COSTELLO.
Mr. PETERSON of Florida.
Mr. WHITE.
Mr. OBERSTAR.
Mr. REED.
Mr. STOKES.
Mr. JACOBS.
Mr. HAYES.

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:

On November 13, 1995:
H.J. Res. 115. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 15, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1674. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to Trinidad and Tobago, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1675. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistant Agency; transmitting notification that the Department of Defense has completed delivery of defense articles, services, and training on the attached list to Jamaica, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2318(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.