

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.

1676. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the bi-monthly report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question, including any relevant reports from the Secretary General of the United Nations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1677. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the fiscal years 1994 and 1995 report entitled "International Exchange and Training Activities of the U.S. Government," prepared by the U.S. Information Agency [USIA] in coordination with the Vice President's National Performance Review, pursuant to section 229(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, fiscal years 1994 and 1995; to the Committee on International Relations.

1678. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Board's fiscal year 1995 report on the status of internal audit and investigative activities; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1679. A letter from the Chairman, Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1680. A letter from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting a report entitled "Sexual Harassment in the Federal Workplace: Trends, Progress, and Continuing Challenges," pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1204(a)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1681. A letter from the Vice Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting proposed regulations at 11 CFR parts 9034 and 9038 governing public financing of Presidential primary and general election candidates, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9039(c); to the Committee on House Oversight.

1682. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

1683. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

1684. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting the Council's report entitled "Disability Perspectives and Recommendations on Proposals to Reform the Medicaid and Medicare Programs," pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 781(a)(8); jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2525. A bill to modify the operation of the antitrust laws, and of State laws similar to the antitrust laws, with respect to charitable gift annuities (Rept. 104-336). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 250. Resolution to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for gift reform; with amendments

(Rept. 104-337). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 267. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2020) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-338). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. CANADY: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2564. A bill to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-339, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SOLOMON. Committee on Rules. House Resolution 254. Resolution making technical corrections in the Rules of the House of Representatives: with amendments (Rept. 104-340). Referred to the House Calendar.

BILLS PLACED ON THE CORRECTIONS CALENDAR

Under clause 4 of rule XIII, the Speaker filed with the Clerk a notice requesting that the following bills be placed upon the Corrections Calendar:

H.R. 2519. A bill to facilitate contributions to charitable organizations by codifying certain exemptions from the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2525. A bill to modify the operation of the antitrust laws, and of State laws similar to the antitrust laws, with respect to charitable gift annuities.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2564. The Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, Rules, and Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2564. Referral to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, Rules and Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than November 14, 1995.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. LIVINGSTON (for himself and Mr. SAM JOHNSON):

H.R. 2627. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. GEPHARDT (for himself, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TORRES, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr.

STUDDS, Mr. YATES, Mr. STARK, Mr. VOLKMER, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. DANNER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. THORNTON, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MFUME, Mr. VENTO, Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. POSHARD, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. WISE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. KLINK, Ms. MCCARTHY, Mr. REED, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SISISKY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. WILSON, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. TANNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. VIS-CLOSKY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. MINGE, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. FARR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. RUSH, Mr. OBEY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. CONDIT):

H.R. 2628. A bill to confirm the President's commitment that the Social Security trust funds will not be used other than for payment of benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DEFAZIO:

H.R. 2629. A bill to require Members of the House of Representatives to keep a public record of visits by lobbyists; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. COSTELLO:

H.R. 2630. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GALLEGLY:

H.R. 2631. A bill to amend the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 to transfer certain authorities to the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

H.R. 2632. A bill to ensure that payments during fiscal year 1996 of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and payments of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans are made regardless of Government financial shortfalls; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 2633. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Alameda County wastewater reuse project; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. HANCOCK, and Mr. HOSTETTLER):

H.R. 2634. A bill to allow persons to carry concealed firearms in every State if they have been issued a license to do so by any State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITE:

H.R. 2635. A bill to establish a temporary commission to recommend reforms in the laws relating to elections for congress; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. OBEY:

H.J. Res. 119. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal