

I want to close by acknowledging that on public radio this morning, National Public Radio, they talked about a State Senator in Alabama who said that "Slavery was good for black people. Slavery was good, and slavery was a form of States rights at its best. It is the best form of States' rights." That is a good example of what we are talking about. Slavery is praised as a form of States rights at its best. The States had the power to do what they wanted to do. Of course, beyond the States you had the planters and plantation owners, and anybody who owned the slave had the power to do whatever they wanted to do with a human life.

What you have, if you push the power of life and death down to the State level, is the beginning of what I call decentralized genocide. Health care is a life and death matter. If you put that in the hands of people who cannot be watched, who are not held to any Federal standard, if you put it in the hands of people who are making decisions to save money instead of providing maximum health care, if you put it into a situation where every State will be trying to outdo the other in terms of lowering its benefits, they are ratcheted down. The State with the lowest benefits will be the guide for all the other States. No State will want to have higher health care benefits than another, because if you have better health care benefits in one State than you do in another, they will say that people are going to tend to move into the State with the better health care benefits, so everybody is going to go down to the level of the lowest common denominator.

A lot of lives will be lost in the process of going down to the level of the lowest common denominator. We will have the beginning of decentralized genocide.

There is a story in the paper about Brazil having put on trial policemen who went out and shot poor kids in the streets every night. They kept finding bodies of children. This is Mother's Day coming up. Mothers always make you think of children. Mothers and children are inseparable. Think of this, as a closing thought. In Brazil the policemen were going out to shoot down the children because the children were poor children who ran around the city all day long picking pockets, making havoc. The store owners did not like them, nobody liked them. Policemen started killing them. Now you have the policemen on trial, and the policemen are saying that they were doing what the public wanted them to do by shooting down poor children.

These are poor children who have no health care. These are poor children who have no welfare, because there is no welfare system. There is no Aid to Families with Dependent Children. When you take these steps by changing public policy so there is no aid to people who are in desperate straits, you throw them onto the streets, you create a situation where, in the end, the

apparatus of the State, the police, will begin to be used to destroy people. It is a very serious matter.

As we go into Mother's Day, and really care about mothers and really care about children, we ought to resolve that we ought to take another look at the policies that are being generated on the floor of this House. We ought to take a hard look at the proposals in next week's budget that are going to cut Medicaid and Medicare. We ought to take a hard look at the effort to get rid of Medicaid as an entitlement. If Medicaid goes as an entitlement, it is the first step into systematic decentralized genocide in America.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HOLDEN (at the request for Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. GEJDENSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

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

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BENTSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KANJORSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes each day on May 13, 14, 15, and 16.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. HALL of Ohio.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. DINGELL.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Mr. BARRETT of North Carolina.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. MCHALE.

Mrs. MALONEY in two instances.

Mr. MENENDEZ in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BURTON of Indiana) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. LINDER.

Mr. DORNAN in two instances.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. BAKER of California.

Mr. ZELIFF.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. TIAHRT.

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

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. DORNAN.

Mr. LATOURETTE.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. MCHALE.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan in 10 instances.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2137. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to require the release of relevant information to protect the public from sexually violent offenders.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly, under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 14, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2938. A letter from the Chair, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, transmitting the 24th annual report of the activities of the Commission covering the period October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1504; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2939. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Valuation of Plan Benefits in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Plan Benefits and Plan Assets Following Mass Withdrawal; Amendments Adopting Additional PHGC Rates (29 CFR Parts 2619 and 2676) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2940. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting