

THE PLIGHT OF DR. STANISLAW BURZYNSKI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on May 28 of this year a Federal jury found Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski of Houston, TX, innocent of all charges stemming from an FDA inspired indictment and criminal investigation. We have heard of Dr. Burzynski in this Congress and also in the last Congress from his 400-plus cancer patients who brought their own plight as well as his plight to our attention.

The Government's conduct in this case was disturbing to me and to many of my colleagues in the House of Representatives. I know that the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BARTON] and other Members have raised the issue of Dr. Burzynski's case in past hearings of the Committee on Commerce.

It would appear that the Government's handling of this case placed cancer patients at jeopardy at one point, and the treatment of Dr. Burzynski by the Government was, at times, reprehensible. Taxpayer money and resources were badly utilized on two Federal trials.

I look forward to working with the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BARTON] and my other colleagues to get accountability from those involved in this situation. What happened, Mr. Speaker, to Dr. Burzynski and his patients should never be allowed to happen to any other doctor or any other patient. This is another reason why I support the Access to Medical Treatment Act, H.R. 746, which I have cosponsored with the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFazio], so that Americans can have their legal right to pursue the medical treatment of their choice without fear that their Government will impede their access or, in certain cases, even jail their doctor.

I urge my colleagues to support this needed legislation. Perhaps with Dr. Burzynski's vindication, the FDA will now focus all of its attention and resources to work with his cancer patients and his drug discovery. I hope that is the outcome of this ill-fated and these two ill-fated trials.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official 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. SAWYER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, on July 16.

Mr. HERGER, for 5 minutes, today.
(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, 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. SAWYER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous matter:)

Mr. PICKETT.
Mr. SANDLIN.
Mr. BLUMENAUER.
Mr. EVANS.
Mr. STOKES.
Mr. OBERSTAR.
Mr. BERRY.

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

Mrs. KELLY.
Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
Mr. SOLOMON.
Mr. CASTLE.
Mr. BASS.

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

Mr. BLUNT.
Mr. HEFLEY.
Mr. GINGRICH.
Ms. DELAURO.
Mr. MINGE.
Mr. BASS.
Mr. BERRY.
Mr. BLUMENAUER.
Mr. FARR of California.
Mr. LEVIN.
Mr. SOLOMON.
Mr. EVANS.
Mr. STOKES.
Mr. CASTLE.

ENROLLED BILL 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. 1901. An act to clarify that the protections of the Federal Tort Claims Act apply to the members and personnel of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 29. A joint resolution to direct the Secretary of the Interior to design and construct a permanent addition to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 14, 1997, at 3 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4177. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Maritime Security Program (Maritime Administration) [Docket No. R-163] (RIN: 2133-AB24) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

4178. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Commercial Driver's License Program and Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing; Conforming and Technical Amendments (Federal Highway Administration) (RIN: 2125-AE16) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4179. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Qualifications for Tankermen, and for Persons in Charge of Transfers of Dangerous Liquids and Liquefied Gases (Coast Guard) [CGD 79-116] (RIN: 2115-AA03) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4180. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Charlestown Navy Yard Salute Gun Fire, Boston Inner Harbor, Boston, Massachusetts (Coast Guard) [CGD01-97-033] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4181. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: New Haven Harborfest Fireworks Display, New Haven, CT (Coast Guard) [CGD01-97-047] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4182. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Yampol Family Fireworks Display, Cove Neck, NY (Coast Guard) [CGD01-97-048] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4183. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone Regulations; Savannah, GA (Coast Guard) [COTP Savannah 97-004] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.