

Mr. Speaker, there are other issues that are just as important to us as funding, though, and which actually costs us nothing but our commitment to reduce the disparities that exist for communities of color in this country.

They include the funding of the offices of minority health in the agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services, such as CDC, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, SAMHSA, and to Health and Substance Abuse, HRSA, and the Agency for Health Care Research, where although they are established, they are not funded.

It has been directed that up to 0.5 percent of the agencies' budget be allocated to fund them, and we want the committee to direct that this be done. With the best of intentions, the issue of people of color will not be adequately addressed unless these offices are empowered and are given some authority within their individual agencies.

The other important area is the Office of Minority Health Research at the National Institutes of Health which we are asking to be raised to the level of a center. That office, to be effective, and to fulfill its important role in ending a two-tiered system of health care in this country must have budget sign off. It must have accountability for the funds and the research it has done on behalf of the people it represents. We in the Caucus will fight for this as we will fight on the other issues until this becomes a reality.

We have many other challenges before this country, insuring the uninsured to name a major one. We can make a major step towards better health care in this country by supporting the initiatives of the Congressional Black Caucus. They are undertaken, not just on behalf of African Americans or Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans, Asian or Pacific Islanders, or Native Hawaiians or Native Alaskans, although those are our priority populations, but they are undertaken on behalf of all Americans.

Just like justice, health care delayed is health care denied. We have an obligation as the Representatives of all of the people of this country to bring health care, not just to some, but to each and every American.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) at 4 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2910, NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1999

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-342) on the resolution (H. Res. 312) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2910) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2436, UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT OF 1999

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-348) on the resolution (H. Res. 313) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2436) to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today;
Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today;

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, October 6;
Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today;

Mr. ISAKSON, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. EHLERS, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

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

H.J. Res. 34. Joint resolution congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

On September 28, 1999:

H.R. 2605. Making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 68. Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 30, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4557. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV99-905-3 IFR] received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4558. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting notification that the Commander of Air Education and Training Command is initiating a Multiple Support Function comparison of the base operating support functions at Kessler Air Force Base (AFB), Mississippi, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4559. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the Effectiveness and Cost of the Civilian Separation Incentive Program for Fiscal Year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4560. A letter from the Departments of the Army and the Air Force, transmitting a report on Enhancing the National Guard's Readiness to Support Emergency Responders in Domestic Chemical and Biological Terrorism Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4561. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a determination that it