

then it is their responsibility to get a job.

Responsibility has been a big word on this Republican side. But where do I see that type of responsibility being applied to HMOs? If it is not addressed by the conference committee, then that bill will not pass this House and we will end up with a big goose egg, a big zero, for addressing this major problem.

I started out this talk by saying I have been working on this for 4 years, 5 years. So has the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Norwood), and many others on both the Republican and the Democratic sides. In the meantime, a lot of patients have been denied necessary care; a lot of patients who have ended up like that little boy from Atlanta, Georgia, with some significant deficits, if not loss of their life, as has been outlined by major magazines such as Time Magazine on feature cover stories.

It really is time, Mr. Speaker, that we addressed this issue; that we do not load up a conference report with bad ideas; that we take the bill that passed this House, a bill that could be signed into law tomorrow by President Clinton, a bill that tomorrow could be giving people around this country a fair shake by their HMOs. We ought to do it soon, and I sincerely hope that the motives of the members of the conference committee are to actually accomplish a piece of legislation and are not simply a face-saving measure because they know that this is an election year and the public is demanding that Congress take action.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MCNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of illness.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness.

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today and February 9.

Mr. HERGER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COLLINS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, February 9 and 15.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes, February 9 and 10.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today and February 14 and 15.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, February 9.

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

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1503. An Act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Government Reform; in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary 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.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 418, I move that the House do now adjourn in memory of the late Hon. Carl B. Albert.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 418, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 9, 2000, at 10 a.m., in memory of the late Hon. Carl B. Albert.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6062. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request to make available appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster relief program; (H. Doc. No. 106-193); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6063. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the final report on the results of the Department of Defense demonstration project for uniform funding of morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) activities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6064. A letter from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting the Office's final rule—Rules of Practice and Procedure (RIN: 2550-AA04) received January 5, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6065. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids and Sanitizers [Docket No. 98F-1201] received January 5, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6066. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 99F-1421] received January 5, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6067. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Title V Operating Permit Deferrals for Area Sources: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Chromium Emissions from Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks; Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations; Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaning Facilities; Halogenated Solvent Cleaning Machines; and Secondary Lead Smelting [AD-FRL-6508-7] (RIN: 2060-A158) received December 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6068. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to Guidelines for the Storage and Collection of Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Solid Waste [FRL-6505-6] (RIN: 2050-AE66) received December 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6069. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approvals Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Technical Amendment [FRL-6505-8] received December 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6070. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Part 70 Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri [MO 090-1090; 6508-4] received December 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6071. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan; Indiana Volatile Organic Compound Rules [IN114-1a; FRL-6500-9] received December 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6072. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District, El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District [CA 031-0202; FRL-6508-5] received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6073. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Kern County Air Pollution Control District [CA172-0203, FRL-6513-9] received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6074. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of VOCs from Paper, Fabric, Vinyl, and Other Plastic Parts Coating [MD090-3041; FRL-6506-9] received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.