

economic summit in New Zealand last week to chat with President Clinton.”

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The White House will not talk about it, but the Indonesians say Riady did not discuss anything sensitive with the President.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Clinton is the head law enforcement officer of the United States. He and Janet Reno have once again made a mockery of the Congress and the American people.

PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues today and tomorrow to vote only for the Norwood-Dingell managed care reform, the Patients' Bill of Rights.

Every effort is being made with the rule that we will adopt today in the House to try to mess up the Patients' Bill of Rights and make sure that it is ultimately defeated and does not go on to the Senate.

The Patients' Bill of Rights, the Norwood-Dingell bill, would change the way medical care is provided by guaranteeing that the doctor and the patients make the decisions about what kind of care they get rather than the insurance company and it would provide for enforcement through an external independent review process if their medical care has been denied and ultimately to the federal courts.

The phony access bill that the Republican leadership will put up on the floor today does nothing for the uninsured. It does not help the uninsured at all. All it does is to make it more difficult to pass the Norwood-Dingell Patients' Bill of Rights.

The substitutes that are going to be proposed tomorrow as alternatives to the Norwood-Dingell bill, all they do is basically water down their ability to get adequate patient protections and to enforce what kind of care they should get either in a court of law or through external review.

Vote for Norwood-Dingell. Vote against all the substitutes tomorrow.

MANAGED CARE REFORM IS LONG OVERDUE

(Mr. SHAYS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I am for malpractice reform. I am for product liability reform. I think we have too many lawsuits. But I do not believe HMOs should cause the injury or death of someone and escape liability, and neither do any or most of my constituents.

I have been having community meetings the last few weeks. I asked Repub-

licans. I asked Democrats. I asked the young. I asked the old. I asked conservatives. I asked moderates. I asked liberals. And almost everyone says HMOs should not escape liability.

I believe we need a patients' health care bill of rights, and I am going to support one. I think it is long overdue that we are addressing this issue.

REJECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

(Mr. BECERRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, today we see the injustice that the majority party is doing with regard to America's right to be able to go to a hospital and get decent health care.

But yesterday was a further injustice, this time in the other body, the Senate, where the Senate, in the first time for some 20 years, decided to reject the nomination of the President of the United States of a court nomination.

The gentleman in this case was a gentleman named Ronny White, a sitting Supreme Court justice in the State of Missouri. He also happened to be African American, the first African American in that State to sit on the Supreme Court in that State.

He was rejected despite the fact that in committee in the Senate he passed with Republican support. Yet, when his vote came to the Senate floor, the Senators rejected him on the Republican side, including those who had voted for him in committee.

Outrageous because this is the first time in some 20 years that we have seen this happen, but outrageous because it is the first time in my memory that someone has been rejected for reasons other than his qualifications.

We have seen this happen now yesterday. I am afraid it may happen again when we have other judges of minority background who may face the same consequences by this Republican Senate. It is outrageous and we need to stop that. Hopefully the outrage will stop by the year 2000.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA). The Speaker would remind Members not to characterize actions taken by the other body or to encourage that they take specific action.

PRESIDENT IS GOING TO VETO FOREIGN AID BILL

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I am still confused. The President said in January, let us put Social Security first. So, taking him for his word, the Republican conference says, we agree. We will reserve House Resolution 1, the first bill of the legislative session, for consideration for the President's Social Security reform package.

Well, that was in January. Here we are in October. No bill, no legislation, nothing from the President on Social Security protection.

Here is what we do have. He said he wanted to protect 62 percent of the Social Security Trust Fund. Republicans want to protect 100 percent. He said he is against the lockbox. The lockbox works the same way as a security deposit box in the bank works. They put the money in there and then nothing can get out. But the President is against that.

Now we find out he is going to veto the foreign aid bill because he wants to spend more money but the only surplus that is left is Social Security.

So I am really confused now. The President is going to veto foreign aid so he can spend at its current level, so he can spend Social Security dollars in foreign countries. It does not make sense, Mr. Speaker.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 340, nays 68, answered “present” 1, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 481]
YEAS—340

Ackerman	Bateman	Boswell
Allen	Bentsen	Boyd
Andrews	Bereuter	Brady (TX)
Archer	Berkley	Brown (FL)
Armey	Berman	Bryant
Bachus	Berry	Burr
Baker	Biggert	Burton
Baldacci	Billirakis	Buyer
Baldwin	Bishop	Callahan
Ballenger	Bliley	Calvert
Barcia	Blumenauer	Camp
Barr	Blunt	Campbell
Barrett (NE)	Boehrlert	Canady
Barrett (WI)	Boehner	Cannon
Bartlett	Bonilla	Capps
Barton	Bonior	Cardin
Bass	Bono	Carson

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Coyne
Cramer
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeGette
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dicks
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hyde
Insee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)

Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kuykendall
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Larson
Latham
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
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Luther
Maloney (CT)
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Manzullo
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Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
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McCollum
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
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Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Nussle
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Ose
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pascrell
Paul
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pitts

Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Reynolds
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Sánchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tierney
Toomey
Traficant
Turner
Upton
Velazquez
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Wexler
Weygand
Whitfield
Wilson

Wise
Wolf

Woolsey
Wu

Wynn
Young (FL)

NAYS—68

Aderholt
Baird
Becerra
Bilbray
Blagojevich
Borski
Brady (PA)
Capuano
Clay
Clyburn
Costello
Crane
Crowley
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dickey
Dingell
Doggett
Etheridge
Filner
Ford
Frost
Gibbons

Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hastings (FL)
Hefley
Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchev
Holt
Hooley
Jones (OH)
Klink
Kucinich
LaFalce
Levin
LoBiondo
McDermott
McNulty
Moore
Moran (KS)
Oberstar
Pallone
Pastor

Payne
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pombo
Ramstad
Riley
Sabo
Schaffer
Schakowsky
Strickland
Stupak
Sweeney
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Towns
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Weller

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—24

Abercrombie
Boucher
Brown (OH)
Chenoweth-Hage
Conyers
Cox
Delahunt
Dixon

English
Gephardt
Hansen
Hutchinson
LaTourette
Markey
McCreery
McKinney

Meeks (NY)
Norwood
Rogan
Salmon
Scarborough
Waxman
Wicker
Young (AK)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2990, QUALITY CARE FOR THE UNINSURED ACT OF 1999, AND H.R. 2723, BIPARTISAN CONSENSUS MANAGED CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 323 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 323

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2990) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals greater access to health insurance through a health care tax deduction, a long-term care deduction, and other health-related tax incentives, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to and choice in health care through association health plans, to amend the Public Health Service Act to create new pooling opportunities for small employers to obtain greater access to health coverage through HealthMarts, and for other purposes. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) two hours of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Education and

the Workforce, and the Committee on Ways and Means; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. At any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2723) to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed three hours equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the Committee on Ways and Means. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. No further amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. All points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report are waived except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 3. (a) In the engrossment of H.R. 2990, the Clerk shall—

- (1) await the disposition of H.R. 2723;
 - (2) add the text of H.R. 2723, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 2990;
 - (3) conform the title of H.R. 2990 to reflect the addition of the text of H.R. 2723 to the engrossment;
 - (4) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and
 - (5) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.
- (b) Upon the addition of the text of H.R. 2723 to the engrossment of H.R. 2990, H.R. 2723 shall be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA). The gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS) is recognized for 1 hour.