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begun to establish demonstration projects around the country to be conducted over the next three years, which would allow Medicare to reimburse the Department of Defense for the costs of providing military retirees and their dependent health care; this project would allow a limited number of Medicare eligible beneficiaries to enroll in the Department of Defense's TRICARE Prime Program and receive all of their health care under that program.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to reaffirm the necessity in enacting legislation for military retirees health coverage over the age of 65. These individuals are entitled to fair and equitable access of health care. The principle resources for this to be done would be through proper military treatment facilities supplemented with a choice in a network of health care providers. Opening the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, which already applies to retired federal civilian employees, should be offered to uniformed services beneficiaries in order to ensure equitable benefits for all federal employees.

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A CONSUMER PROTECTION  
PROPOSAL

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague and friend, Rep. ANNA ESHOO, in introducing important consumer protection legislation. This legislation addresses the safety of medical devices which are designed to be used once but which are reprocessed for further use.

In correspondence to Rep. ESHOO, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) "agrees that the reuse of disposable medical devices and devices labeled for a single use is a very important public health issue." The agency further indicates that cleaning and sterilizing these devices can be very difficult and that material properties and device performance can be affected by reesterilization. Yet single use device reprocessors, which may be companies specializing in this practice or hospitals or other health care facilities, are unregulated. They are not required to register with the FDA or to provide convincing evidence that the processes they use are appropriate and that the reprocessed devices are safe and effective.

Our legislation would correct this loophole in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act by requiring single use device reprocessors to register with the FDA and to demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of reprocessed devices. The bill will also require device users to obtain informed patient consent for the use of the device and establish a system whereby the safety and effectiveness of the devices when actually used in patient care may be tracked.

I urge my colleagues to join me supporting this important consumer protection measure.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
DR. CHARLES STANISLAW

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a tragic accident in Macedonia October 16 took the life of Dr. Charles Stanislaw, a North Carolina State University agriculture professor and cherished volunteer with the Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance, an international agriculture extension service organization. His passing has been met with an outpouring of love and admiration for his life's contributions.

Charles Stanislaw, 65, grew up on a cattle farm in Pennsylvania, and managed a purebred beef cattle farm for three years before entering graduate school at Penn State University (M.S., 1962) and Oklahoma State University (Ph.D., 1966). Following graduate school, Dr. Stanislaw worked as a state Extension Swine Specialist with North Carolina State University. He developed and delivered educational programs in swine production for county agents in the areas of genetics and breeding, nutrition and feeding, building design, health management, and general production. He also managed the North Carolina Swine Demonstration Farm, supervised swine research units, and served in the National Swine Improvement Federation. Over 40 years of agriculture experience prepared him for his remarkable service in the Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (VOCA).

His work for VOCA in Macedonia and other countries reflected his commitment to service and to improving the lives of farmers around the world. The expertise and care he provided were extremely valuable to the people and places that needed them most. It was clear, as his wife Edythe has expressed, that Charles was doing something very important to him in a country he loved. An extremely popular volunteer, Charles was working on his tenth assignment for VOCA.

His colleagues have described him as a teacher, diplomat, and beloved friend. Upon learning of Dr. Stanislaw's death, those he served in Macedonia came to the VOCA office to express their sympathy and grief. One Macedonian said that her entire farm was based on Charles's work, and in a way was a monument to him.

Dr. Stanislaw had great interest in his Carpatho-Rusyn ancestry, helped establish a website for Porac, Slovakia, the birthplace of his parents, and was presented with the city's flag by the Mayor of Porac. In collaboration with Dr. Jan Babik of Kosice, Slovakia, he was writing a history of Porac. At home in North Carolina, Dr. Stanislaw was presented a Hall of Fame Award by the N.C. Pork Council "in appreciation of outstanding contributions and leadership to the pork industry and the North Carolina Pork Council."

Mr. Speaker, we mourn the passing of Dr. Charles Stanislaw with prayers for his wife, Edythe, two daughters, Christine Lynn and Leigh, their family and his many friends and admirers from Pennsylvania and North Carolina to Slovakia and Macedonia.

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SALUTING THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER  
JOHN MCGUIRE

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my Colleagues today to join me in recognizing the public service record of one of our own—a recently-retired employee of the House of Representatives, a member of my staff, John McGuire.

Although John has left public service and gone on to another stage of life in which he now focuses his energy entirely on family and friendly pursuits, he has left behind a record of admirable service.

Over the course of his professional career, and in addition to his time on my staff, he has brought great credit to the federal government. He has helped me understand the importance of our debt to veterans and he has excelled at constituent service in general.

A combat U.S. Marine veteran, John was indeed a very special liaison for me with the community of veterans who live in Central New York. But his camaraderie with those who have served our nation never limited his reach. For many in Central New York, John has been the federal government's helping hand.

We who count ourselves among his many friends are proud of his natural tendency to open his door to others in hours of need. His empathy has been matched only by his skills, his concern matched only by his optimism, and his values as an employee matched only by the good he does for others who are his friends.

The United States of America, the greatest country on earth, is strengthened by patriots and civil servants like John McGuire. Thank God for that. I join others of his admirers in recognizing his contributions and thanking him for his selfless dedication to principle and public service.

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SUPPORT FOR CUSTOMS  
OPERATIONS

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 26, 1999*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a request made by the Texas State Legislature asking that Members of Congress provide funding for infrastructure improvements, more customs inspection lanes and customs officials, and a 24 hour customs operation at border crossing between Texas and Mexico.

Bottlenecks at customs inspection lanes have contributed to traffic congestion at Texas-Mexico border crossing areas slowing the flow of commerce and detracting from the economic potential of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Smuggling of drugs inside truck parts and cargo containers compounds the problem, necessitating lengthy vehicle searches that put