tenants for privately owned apartments at the Department of Housing and Urban Development was kept in check and used in other Federal programs. In fact, $11 billion was used for additional spending in other programs that we did not even know where it went. This kind of management is simply outrageous.

Mr. President, we need you to come home. We can find one penny’s worth of much waste fraud and abuse in every dollar we spend around here in Washington.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded that they are to address their remarks to the Chair.

WALKING PAST THE GRAVEYARD OF GOOD LEGISLATION

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

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, today the Republicans and the Republican leadership are moving toward the last days of the session. They are on their way out of town. Unfortunately, on their way out of town they are going to have to walk past the graveyard of good legislation. Therein lies prescription drug coverage for seniors, much-needed, much-worked on, but killed by the Republicans. In the graveyard of good legislation also lies HMO reform. Our desire on the Democratic side to pass a real Patients’ Bill of Rights which would give citizens the right to sue, medical malpractice, is all it will take to stop the 30-year financial crisis which makes this hurricane an even more serious threat to us.

HURRICANE LENNY

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, as we meet this morning, my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands, is awaiting a direct hit in the unexpected and unpredictable Hurricane Lenny, now a category 4 storm with 135 mile per hour winds.

The major storm winds will first hit St. Croix at around 12 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time, and is expected to have a direct impact on the Hess Oil refinery, the largest in this hemisphere, which is based on St. Croix. It has closed and is taking the necessary precautions to prevent major damages, as is the nearby alumina plant.

While the Virgin Islands has been declared one of the most prepared districts under FEMA’s project Impact preparedness program, we are still asking for our colleagues’ prayers at this time, especially the neighborhood surrounding these two plants.

Mr. Speaker, the unfortunate fate of the U.S. Virgin Islands is overshadowed during hurricane coverage, but we have been affected to some measure by most major storms in recent years. We ask everyone to keep us in their thoughts and prayers during this time, and we ask in advance for your support for our recovery and for our ongoing efforts to address the ongoing financial crisis which makes this hurricane an even more serious threat to us.

THE KIND OF RELIEF AMERICA NEEDS

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, call me a skinflint, but I think a million dollars is a little too much to spend on building an outhouse. But, apparently, the National Park Service disagrees, because that is just how much it spent to build an outhouse at Glacier National Park in Montana.

That is $1 million of the taxpayers’ hard-earned dollars.

To get to this outhouse, should one need relief, one need only hike 6½ miles from the nearest road and climb 7,000 feet. It took more than 800 helicopter drops and hundreds of horse trips to get the construction materials to the site. That is a lot of hassle; but, hey, it does have a complete septic system.

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly the kind of waste that needs to be trimmed out of the Federal budget and is an example of how easy it will be for agencies to cut a penny from every dollar. That is all it will take to stop the 30-year raid on Social Security.

Mr. Speaker, now that is the kind of relief America needs.

CONGRESS STILL HAS UNADDRESSED ISSUES TO CONFRONT

(Ms. DELAURAU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURAU. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership is packing its bags. It is heading for the exits without addressing the most critical needs of American families. This summer, they tried to spend a historic surplus on an irresponsible tax plan that would have benefited only the wealthy. Now they are planning to leave town without taking meaningful steps to make our communities safer and our families stronger.

The list of items killed by the Republican leadership is long. The Patients’ Bill of Rights, campaign finance reform, and Medicare prescription drug benefits, extending the life of Medicare and Social Security, sensible gun safety, minimum wage.

Time and again, the Republican leadership has joined with special interests to bury important legislation that, in fact, would have improved the lot of