

arrest, his decreased circulation, he ends up with loss of circulation in his hands and his feet, and gangrene sets in. Both his hands and both his feet have to be amputated.

Here is James after his HMO treatment, without his hands and without his feet. I brought him to the floor of Congress when we had our debate. He can put on his leg prostheses with his arm stumps, and he gets around pretty good, and he is a great kid. He will take a pencil, and he will hold it with his stumps, and he can draw and write like that. But I would submit to my colleagues that this little boy will never play basketball or sports.

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This little boy when he grows up will never be able to caress the cheek of the woman he loves with his hand. Do you know that under Federal law the HMO which made that medical determination that he had to go to that hospital that caused this to happen is liable for the cost of his amputations?

Mr. Speaker, if he died, then they would not have been liable for anything. Is that justice? Is that fair? Is that the type of system we ought to have that covers 75 percent of the people in this country who receive their insurance from their employer? I think not.

Let me give you another example of the problem with HMOs being able to determine "medical necessity" in any way that they want. Here is a little baby born with a defect, the type of which I fix; this is a cleft lip and a cleft palate. It is a birth defect. This is not a, quote, "cosmetic defect." This is a functional defect.

This little boy when he eats has food come out of his nose. This little boy, because he does not have a roof of his mouth or a palate, will never be able to learn to speak normally.

So what is the standard treatment for this? Surgical correction. We can go a long ways towards making these kids whole again and able to go out in public and able to speak and able to eat normally by a surgical correction of their palate.

You know what? There are some HMOs that are defining medical necessity as the "cheapest least expensive care," "the cheapest least expensive care."

Mr. Speaker, you may say in this age of cost containment, what is wrong with that? I will tell you what is wrong with that: the standard of care for this little baby born with this birth defect is surgical correction of his palate using his own tissues so that he is able to eat and speak normally.

Under that bizarre definition of an HMO, they can give his parents a little piece of plastic to shove up in the roof of his mouth, what is called an obturator, a plastic obturator. It would be like an upper denture. Yes, that would

keep food some of the time from going up his nose. He might be able to garble out some type of speech. But you know what? It would not be an optimal result.

Under Federal law as it currently exists today, that HMO can put that definition into their health plans, something in the fine print that none of you would ever know about. They could totally justify this, and you would have no recourse, other than maybe going to your newspaper and exposing them. That is wrong.

Mr. Speaker, this House passed by a vote of 275 to 151 a strong patient protection piece of legislation called the Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Act. The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD), a very conservative Republican, and I, and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) wrote that bill. We have had two motions to instruct for our conferees on this managed care patient reform bill to follow the House bill.

This House voted on the Senate bill, which is a do-nothing fig leaf bill, where the fine print is worse than the status quo. This House voted on that. You know what? This House voted by a vote of 145 for the Senate bill to 284 against the Senate bill.

We have a chairman of this conference who says we are going to stick to that Senate bill. Mr. Speaker, we can do better. We can do better for this little baby. We can do better for James Adams. We can do better for this lady and her family. We can do better for a woman who falls off a 40-foot cliff and is told by her HMO, sorry, you did not notify us before your fall.

We have waited on this legislation too long. It is time to fix it. The President has said put that bipartisan consensus Managed Care Reform Act, the one that passed this House with 275 votes, put it on my desk, and I will sign it. We should do that tomorrow, because I can guarantee you, Mr. Speaker, there are people out there at this very moment that are being harmed by HMOs that are being denied necessary medical care, who may lose their hands and feet or their life because of arbitrary decisions.

I call upon Members of both side of the aisle to work hard to bring a real patient protection bill out of conference to this floor and put it on the President's desk. If the conference brings back that unsatisfactory Senate bill, then I am just afraid we are all going to say no. Let us fix this problem, and let us fix it now. People need their care.

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. RILEY) to revise and ex-

tend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

H.R. 2130. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to direct the emergency scheduling of gamma hydroxybutyric acid, to provide for a national awareness campaign, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 10, 2000, 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:

6089. A letter from the Under Secretary of Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RIN: 0570-AA05) received December 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6090. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Distribution Programs: Implementation of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Welfare Reform) received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6091. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Authority and Issuance—received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6092. A letter from the Associate Solicitor for Legislation and Legal Counsel, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Labor (RIN: 1290-AA15, 3209-AA15) received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6093. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits—received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6094. A letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irradiation of Meat Food Products [Docket No. 97-076F] received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6095. 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; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Oxygenated Gasoline Program [PA074-4094a; FRL-6501-2] received December 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6096. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Protection of Stratospheric Ozone [FRL-6503-7] received December 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6097. 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 State Operating Permits Programs; State of Missouri [MO 082-1082; FRL-6506-2] received December 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6098. A letter from the Secretary, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rescission of the Guides for the Law Book Industry—received January 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6099. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework 31 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan [Docket No. 991217342-9342-01 I.D. 120199D] (RIN: 0648-AN15) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6100. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Retirement Eligibility for Nuclear Materials Couriers Under CSRS and FERS (RIN: 3206-AI66) received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6101. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for Two Larkspurs from Coastal Northern California (RIN: 1018-AE23) received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6102. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Arkansas Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan [SPATS No. AR-035-FOR] received January 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6103. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revision of the Commission's Rules To Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems [CC Docket No. 94-102 RM-8143] received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6104. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 991223348-9348-01; I.D. 012700D] received February 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6105. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 991223348-9348-01; I.D. 012700C] received February 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6106. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aircraft Belts, Inc. Model CS, CT, FM, FN, GK, GL, JD, JE, 4JT, JU, MD, ME, MM, MN, NB, PM, PN, RG, and RH Seat Restraint Systems [Docket No. 98-SW-33-AD; Amendment 39-11460; AD 98-25-10 R1] (RIN: 2020-AA64) received December 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6107. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Mystere-Falcon 50 and 900 Series Airplanes, Falcon 900EX Series Airplanes, and Falcon 2000 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-266-AD; Amendment 39-11452; AD 99-25-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6108. A letter from the Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rules of Practice in Proceedings [Docket No. OST-97-2090] (RIN: 2105-AC48) received December 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6109. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Implementing Foreign Proposals to NASA Research Announcements on a No-Exchange-of-Funds Basis—received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

6110. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Deductions for Transfers for Public, Charitable, and Religious Uses; In General Marital Deduction; Valuation of Interest Passing to Surviving Spouse [TD 8846] (RIN: 1545-AV45) received December 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6111. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Subtitle S Subsidiaries (RIN: 1545-AU77) [TD 8869] received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6112. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous Cash or Deferred Arrangements; Nondiscrimination [Notice 2000-3] received January 7, 2000, pur-

suant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6113. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Section 162-Trade or Business Expenses—received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6114. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Recharacterizing Financing Arrangements Involving Fast-pay Stock [TD 8853] (RIN: 1545-AV07) received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6115. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Section 1. Purpose and Nature of Changes [Rev. Proc. 2000-3] received January 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6116. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Purchase Price Allocations in Deemed and Actual Asset Acquisitions [TD 8858] (RIN: 1545-AZ58) received January 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CANNON (for himself and Mr. HANSEN):

H.R. 3605. A bill to establish the San Rafael Western Legacy District in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. KELLY:

H.R. 3606. A bill to authorize appropriations to reimburse State and local police and sheriff's departments in the State of New York for certain security-related expenses arising out of the new residency of the President and First Lady in that State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAFALCE:

H.R. 3607. A bill to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to waive the up-front premiums otherwise payable by elderly homeowners for insurance of home equity conversion mortgages the proceeds of which are used to purchase long-term care insurance; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. LARSON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. DELAULO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. BALDACCY, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SWEENEY, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD):

H.R. 3608. A bill to provide the Secretary of Energy with authority to create a Fuel Oil Product Reserve to be available for use when fuel oil prices in the United States rise sharply because of anticompetitive activity, during a fuel oil shortage, or during periods of extreme winter weather; to the Committee on Commerce.