

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I might ask my colleague, when does he expect the Patients' Bill of Rights bill to come up next week?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I thank the gentleman for the inquiry. I would expect us to see that bill on the floor on Thursday of next week, probably late in the day.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, how about the energy bill? When can we expect to see the energy bill?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will again yield, I think the committees have completed their work on that. We will probably work with the Committee on Rules and the other committees on that, and we would expect it the week following next.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, is Fast Track coming up before the recess, and does the gentleman expect a markup in the Committee on Ways and Means next week on Fast Track?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, I do expect that markup to take place; and we do anticipate that being on the floor before we retire for the August recess.

Mr. BONIOR. Finally, I would ask my colleague from Texas if he has any plans, or if the leadership has discussed, bringing up the railroad retirement bill to the floor. As the gentleman may recall, it had very strong bipartisan support in the previous Congress.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for asking, and I thank the gentleman for continuing to yield.

Mr. Speaker, the Railroad Retirement Act that the gentleman from Michigan asked about is important legislation; and we have had extensive discussions about it in our leadership meetings and in our planning meetings. While I am confident that we will have this bill under consideration before we complete our work for the year, we have no immediate plans for its schedule.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 23, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday

rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ON THE DEATH OF FORMER WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHER KATHARINE GRAHAM

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

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, the city of Washington, the Nation, and the people around the world who appreciate an independent and vigorous free press lost a true pioneer this week when Katharine Graham, former publisher of The Washington Post, died at age 84.

Much has been said over the past 3 days in praise of Katharine Graham. It is appropriate that we in Congress honor her passing, as well. But just as her legacy remains evident in the pages of the newspaper she dedicated her life to, her mark will long stand in the corridors of Congress and in the neighborhoods of the District of Columbia, her beloved hometown.

Actually, she avoided the glare of celebrity status so often, but her listed charitable works, particularly in the realms of education and of the arts, helping to build a student center at Gallaudet University, giving an FM radio station to Howard University, helping to fund an auditorium for the Freer Gallery, establishing day care centers in otherwise neglected parts of the District of Columbia, and strongly supporting the Shakespeare Theater, and the arts, to name just a few, is long and impressive.

She proved, first by her actions and then in her own words, that a woman could be a mother, a leader of industry, a friend, a philanthropist, and an artist, and all at the same time.

Quite simply, Katharine Graham made The Washington Post what it is today: a wildly successful business and a powerful check on those of us in government. Her leadership enabled Kay Graham to evolve into the woman, the philanthropist, the patriot, the pioneer, whom we honor today.

Her legacy remains, but Washington will not be the same without Kay Graham the person. She will be sorely missed.

AMERICA NEEDS A BALANCED APPROACH TO ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING SEEKING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

(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, the United States has about 2

percent of the known reserves of oil in the world. We use 25 percent of the world's oil, and we now import 56 percent of the oil that we use. This is up from 34 percent that we imported at the time of the Arab oil embargo.

Since 1970, except for a short blip produced by Prudhoe Bay, every year in the United States we have found less oil and pumped less oil.

Mr. Speaker, it does not make good sense to me that if we have only 2 percent of the known reserves of oil in the world, that we should rush out and find it and pump it. If we were able to do that tomorrow, what would we do the day after tomorrow?

Mr. Speaker, we need a balanced approach, which means we need to rely very heavily on alternatives, and we need to start moving in that direction.

VOTE FOR EXPANSION OF MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS TO HELP THE WORKING UNINSURED

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, with all this talk about a patients' bill of rights, the most important thing we should talk about, I think, is the working uninsured, those who have gone without, because none of these rights mean a thing if one does not have health insurance.

I want to help the 43 million uninsured Americans, primarily small-business owners, their families, their employees, their loved ones, help them join the ranks of the insured. The goal of a patients' bill of rights should be to help these people. These are the people who need access to affordable health care.

One good way to do that is to expand the Medical Savings Accounts, or MSAs. Medical Savings Accounts help people get the care they need from the doctor they choose.

The GOP House bill, the Fletcher bill, is the only bill that totally opens up Medical Savings Accounts. Vote to increase the number of insured. Vote for our bill. It is the right thing to do.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

FAST TRACK LEGISLATION SHOULD BE DEFEATED IN CONGRESS AGAIN THIS YEAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.