

McInnis	Ramstad	Smith (WA)
McIntyre	Rangel	Snyder
McKeon	Regula	Souder
McKinney	Rehberg	Stearns
Meehan	Reyes	Stenholm
Meeke (NY)	Reynolds	Strickland
Mica	Riley	Stump
Millender-	Rivers	Stupak
McDonald	Rodriguez	Sununu
Miller (FL)	Roemer	Sweeney
Miller, Gary	Rogers (KY)	Tancredo
Mollohan	Rogers (MI)	Tanner
Moore	Rohrabacher	Tauzin
Moran (KS)	Ros-Lehtinen	Taylor (MS)
Moran (VA)	Ross	Taylor (NC)
Morella	Rothman	Terry
Murtha	Roekema	Thomas
Myrick	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (CA)
Nadler	Royce	Thompson (MS)
Napolitano	Rush	Thornberry
Neal	Ryan (WI)	Thune
Nethercutt	Ryun (KS)	Thurman
Ney	Sanchez	Tiahrt
Northup	Sanders	Tiberi
Ortiz	Sawyer	Toomey
Osborne	Saxton	Trafficant
Ose	Scarborough	Turner
Otter	Schaffer	Udall (CO)
Oxley	Schakowsky	Udall (NM)
Pallone	Schiff	Upton
Pascarell	Schrock	Visclosky
Pastor	Scott	Vitter
Paul	Sensenbrenner	Walden
Payne	Serrano	Walsh
Pelosi	Sessions	Wamp
Pence	Shadegg	Watkins (OK)
Peterson (MN)	Shaw	Watt (NC)
Peterson (PA)	Shays	Watts (OK)
Petri	Sherman	Weldon (FL)
Phelps	Sherwood	Weldon (PA)
Pickering	Shimkus	Weller
Pitts	Shows	Wexler
Platts	Shuster	Whitfield
Pombo	Simmons	Wicker
Pomeroy	Simpson	Wilson
Portman	Skeen	Wolf
Price (NC)	Skelton	Woolsey
Pryce (OH)	Slaughter	Wu
Putnam	Smith (MI)	Wynn
Quinn	Smith (NJ)	Young (FL)
Rahall	Smith (TX)	

NOT VOTING—15

Cummings	Larsen (WA)	Radanovich
Gilchrest	Linder	Spence
Gordon	Lipinski	Spratt
Hutchinson	Norwood	Stark
Johnson (CT)	Nussle	Young (AK)

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So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOSSELLA). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches per side.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 770

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor from H.R. 770.

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

There was no objection.

PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, throughout the past several months I have been listening to my constituents during town hall meetings and other listening sessions to hear just exactly what it is we need to do and what we need to change. I believe we do need a Patients' Bill of Rights, not a lawyers' right to bill.

I support increasing access to health care for all Americans and ensuring that all patients can receive health care and hold HMOs accountable. The Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2001 is comprehensive, bipartisan legislation that will increase the quality of health care for all Americans and small businesses will be better able to offer health insurance for employees through association health plans and expanded medical savings accounts.

Mr. Speaker, patients need to be protected and this plan gives patients access, access to emergency room and specialties care, direct access to obstetricians, gynecologists, and pediatricians; access to needed prescription drugs and approved clinical trials and access to health plan information. It also ensures that patients have the right to choose their doctor with continuity of care and protection that allows patients to definitely see their own doctors even when they are terminally ill, pregnant, or awaiting critical surgery. Let us pass the Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2001.

PASS THE REAL PATIENTS' BILL
OF RIGHTS

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

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, this is a sad day for patients and their doctors. A good bipartisan bill, the Patients' Bill of Rights, went down to the White House yesterday and came back as the insurance companies' bill of rights. It went down to the White House as the patient protection act and came back the insurance company protection act.

The President took a bill that has passed the Senate, the same bill that received almost two-thirds of the votes of this Chamber last year, and he negotiated away the rights of patients to secure the health care their doctors prescribe.

The Patients' Bill of Rights was negotiated away by the President to giving a special deal to the insurance company, a deal that has never been granted to any individual or any business in the history of this country. If we vote for this bill, we will be rolling back the rights of patients for every State in the union.

In Texas, we have had a Patients' Bill of Rights since 1997. It is working. It has not resulted in a flood of litiga-

tion. It has not resulted in higher health insurance premiums. We have had only 17 lawsuits. The President's proposal will repeal this good law that is working. I urge my colleagues to stand up for States' rights, stand up for patients and their doctors and pass the real patients' bill of rights.

SOUTH FLORIDA MILITARY
MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to share the unique history of the South Florida military museum and memorial. The town of Surfside, led by Mayor Paul Novack, as well as Chief Petty Officer John Smith and Christine Ruup, rallied together to save the historic Building 25 to its original 1942 condition and establish a museum and veterans' memorial.

Building 25 is the last original structure of the former Naval Air Station Richmond, which was a World War II Navy blimp base.

During World War II, just off the waters of South Florida, a battle occurred between a U.S. Navy blimp and a Nazi submarine.

Isadore Stessel, a Machinists Mate, lost his life in the only blimp-submarine battle in history.

Building 25 served as the base headquarters to the Naval Air Station and blimp base, and it has been prominent in the history of our South Florida community.

The CIA used this facility as its center for anti-Castro operations during the 1960's and it was home to the Marine Corps Reserve during Operation Desert Storm. Mr. Speaker, let us preserve it.

PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS
FAVORS HMOs

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we finally have a debate today on the Patients' Bill of Rights but it is not a good deal. In the dark of night we have an agreement that is masquerading as a Patients' Bill of Rights, but it is a patients' bill of wrongs. For example, one proposal gives rebuttable presumption to HMOs, placing the burden on the patients to get the care they need. This provision stacks the decks against patients and makes it nearly impossible to prove that the HMO, when they are denied care, was negligent.

Additionally, the compromise would change State law. Even in my home State of Texas and we have had a law for 4 years, federal law will change our Texas law. Texas has a meaningful patients' bill of rights on the books since