

healthy people in their plan who are not utilizing the plan.

I mean, does anyone think, when they saw that movie "As Good As It Gets" and saw the response to Helen Hunt's descriptor of her HMO that the public is not aware of this?

A recent public opinion survey found that most Americans believed problems with managed care have not improved, 74 percent. Most think that legislative action is either more urgent or equally as urgent as when this debate began, 88 percent. A 1999 survey of physicians and nurses reported that 72 percent of physicians and 78 percent of nurses believed that managed care has decreased the quality of care for people who are sick.

In addition, Republican pollster, Linda Divall, did a post-election poll right after this last election of issues that the new President and the newly elected Congress should work together on to accomplish for the good of the country. In every group, men, stay-at-home moms, working women, a Patients' Bill of Rights was at the top of the list.

Madam Speaker, the American public wants and deserves a strong patient Bill of Rights now, this year. It is time for us to put on the President's desk a bill like the Ganske-Dingell bill or the McCain-Edwards bill. We need to get it signed into law, Madam Speaker.

Millions of people are having decisions that HMOs are making today. To go back to what I started about at the beginning of the speech, for anyone to say that people are not having any problems with HMO, I would just have to say, what world are they living in?

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ACKERMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness.

Mr. POMEROY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of attending the funeral of a former legislative leader.

Mr. KELLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of the hospitalization of his daughter.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

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. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, March 14.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, March 20.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, March 15.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 14, 2001, 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:

1191. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987; Prescription Drug Amendments of 1992; Policies, Requirements, and Administrative Procedures; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No. 92N-0297] (RIN: 0905-AC81) received March 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1192. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations (Rapid City, South Dakota) [MM Docket No. 00-177; RM-9954] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1193. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Woodville and Wells, Texas) [MM Docket No. 00-171; RM-9926] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1194. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Window Rock, Arizona) [MM Docket No. 00-237; RM-10006] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1195. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) [MM Docket No. 00-200; RM-9967] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1196. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Aspen, Colorado) [MM Docket No. 00-215; RM-9994] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1197. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 107-50); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

1198. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the Iran emergency is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2001, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 107-51); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

1199. A letter from the Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the listing of all outstanding Letters of Offer to sell any major defense equipment for \$1 million or more; the listing of all Letters of Offer that were accepted, as of December 31, 2000, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 741. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-19). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TAUZIN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 496. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the Nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-20). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TAUZIN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 725. A bill to establish a toll free number under the Federal Trade Commission to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made (Rept. 107-21). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.