

in the House of Representatives. Why? Well because it is not clear that another HMO protection bill could make it through committee. Too many Republicans and Democrats of each committee want to see some real reform to prevent this type of tragedy, real reform, not a fig-leaf piece of legislation.

I think there are even majority votes in both the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Commerce for strong medical necessity and enforcement measures. Maybe that is the reason why the committee chairmen are not moving ahead. Maybe that is why the leadership of this House is not telling them to get their act in order, get this to the floor.

Well, the Senate is debating HMO reform this week. So let us see what happens there.

I think today the Washington Post called it about right when it referenced the GOP Senate bill. It said, "The Republican bill professes to provide many of the same protections, but the fine print often belies its claims. Among much else, it turns out to apply only to some plans and to only about one-fourth as many people as the Democratic bill would cover."

The Post then talked about the GOP criticisms of the Democratic bill, "Critics say that the Democratic bill, by weakening the cost-containment industry, would drive up costs." The Post continues, "Our contrary sense is that, in the long run, it would strengthen cost containment by requiring that it be done in a balanced way", exactly the sentiments that I expressed a few minutes ago.

Today the Washington Post closed that editorial by saying, "The risks of increased costs tend to be exaggerated in debate. The managed care industry says that, by and large, it already does most of the modest amount this bill would require of it. If so, the added cost can hardly be as great as the critics contend."

Mr. Speaker, when we are talking about the cost for a strong Patients' Bill of Rights, we are talking about something in the range of \$36 per year for a family of four. Is that not worth it to prevent an HMO tragedy like happened to this little boy?

Mr. Speaker, please keep your promise. By next week, we should have debated HMO reform in full committee, and we should be headed to the floor. Is that going to be the situation? Or is it the Speaker's intention to try to limit debate on this important issue by putting it right up against August recess, when Members have planned vacations with their families, in order to limit debate.

Well, Mr. Speaker, if that is so, it will be seen for what it really is, a cynical abuse of scheduling because the leadership of this House really does not want a full debate on protecting patients. Mr. Speaker, I hope that is not the case. The victims of managed care and their families are watching.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARY MILLER of California). The Chair will remind all Members to refrain from references to the Senate including the characterization of Senate action and the urging of the Senate to take certain action.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. BALDWIN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, July 14 when on account of illness in the family.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mrs. THURMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of illness in the family.

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:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes on July 20.

Mr. DEMINT, for 5 minutes on July 14.

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOSSELLA, for 5 minutes on July 14.

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

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On July 12, 1999:

H.R. 4. To declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 14, 1999, 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:

2984. A letter from the Under Secretary, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Community Facilities Grant Program (RIN: 0575-AC10) received June 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2985. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification that the Secretary has approved the retirement of Lieutenant General George A. Fisher, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2986. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Single Family Mortgage Insurance; Informed Consumer Choice Disclosure Notice [Docket No. FR-4411-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AH30) received June 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2987. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 1999 for New Awards under the Assistive Technology Act Technical Assistance Program, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2988. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Off-Site Waste and Recovery Operations [FRL-6377-5] (RIN: 2060-AH96) received July 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2989. A letter from the Special Assistant to the 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. (Zapata, Texas) [MM Docket No. 98-133 RM-9314] received June 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2990. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Guides for the Watch Industry—received June 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2991. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for defense articles and defense services to Greece [Transmittal No. DTC 111-98], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2992. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement for the export of defense services to the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 5-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2993. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing and Technical Assistance Agreement for the export of defense services under a contract to the Netherlands and Germany, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2994. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that effective May 23, 1999, the danger pay rate for Sierra Leone is designated at the 25% level, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5928; to the Committee on International Relations.

2995. A letter from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting notification that since a report on February 25, 1999, the U.S. Department of Commerce has issued additional export licenses for commercial communications satellites and related items under the Department's jurisdiction; to the Committee on International Relations.

2996. A letter from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting the semi-annual report of the Inspector General of the Peace Corps for the period beginning October 1, 1998 and ending March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2997. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's 1998 CIOA Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2998. A letter from the Director, Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report of vacancy; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2999. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the twentieth Semi-annual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-Up, covering the period from October 1, 1998, to March 31, 1999, pursuant to Public Law 100-504, section 106(b) (102 Stat. 2526); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3000. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indiana Regulatory Program [SPATS No. IN-145-FOR; State Program Amendment No. 98-1] received June 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3001. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the 1997 annual report on the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and reporting on the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 529; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3002. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants—Passport and Visa Waivers; Deletion of Obsolete Visa Procedures and other Minor Corrections [Public Notice 3048] received May 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3003. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled "Report of Denial of Visas to Confiscators of American Property"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3004. A letter from the Executive Director, Special Designee of the Governor, State Properties Commission, transmitting notification that the States of Georgia and South Carolina have agreed upon the location of the Georgia-South Carolina boundary from Savannah to the lateral seaward boundary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3005. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Virginia Beach Weekly Fireworks Display, Rudee Inlet, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Waters, between 17th and 20th Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia [CGD 05-99-041] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3006. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Salvage of Sunken Fishing Vessel CAPE FEAR, Buzzards Bay, MA [CGD01 99-078] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3007. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Bayou Des Allemands, LA [CGD08-99-040] received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3008. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Regulations: Hackensack River, NJ [CGD01-99-059] received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3009. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Hackensack River, NJ [CGD01-99-084] received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3010. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Glen Cove, New York Fireworks, Hempstead Harbor, NY [CGD01-99-042] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3011. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Regulations: Skull Creek, Hilton Head, SC [CGD07-99-037] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3012. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Cocos Lagoon, Guam [COTP GUAM 99-011] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3013. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Clamfest Fireworks, Sandy Hook Bay, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey [CGD01-99-071] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3014. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: 4th of July Celebration Ohio

River Mile 469.2-470.5, Cincinnati, OH [CGD08-99-041] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3015. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Sag Harbor Fireworks Display, Sag Harbor Bay, Sag Harbor, NY [CGD01-99-072] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3016. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Heritage of Pride Fireworks, Hudson River, New York [CGD01-99-056] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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:

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 245. Resolutions Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1691) to protect religious liberty (Rept. 106-229). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 535. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (Rept. 106-230). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. KOLBE: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2490. A bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-231). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ARCHER:

H.R. 2488. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Mr. HOUGHTON):

H.R. 2489. A bill to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KOLBE:

H.R. 2490. A bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the