

the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5277

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 442 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 442. Government Publishing Office

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the terms ‘diversified’, ‘employee benefit plan’, ‘holdings’, ‘mutual fund’, and ‘unit investment trust’ have the meanings given those terms under section 2640.102 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto; and

“(2) the term ‘printing-related interest’ means an interest, direct or indirect, in—

“(A) the publication of any newspaper or periodical;

“(B) any printing, binding, engraving, or lithographing of any kind; or

“(C) any contract for furnishing paper or other material connected with the public printing, binding, lithographing, or engraving.

“(b) OFFENSE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Director of the Government Publishing Office, Deputy Director of the Government Publishing Office, nor any of their assistants as determined by the Director of the Government Publishing Office shall not, during his or her continuance in office, have any printing-related interest.

“(2) EXCEPTION FOR MUTUAL FUNDS, UNIT INVESTMENT TRUSTS, EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS, AND RETIREMENT PLANS.—It shall not be a violation of paragraph (1) for an individual who is described in such paragraph to have an interest in a diversified mutual fund, diversified unit investment trust, employee benefit plan, investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan under subchapter III of chapter 84 of title 5, or pension plan established or maintained by a State government or any political subdivision of a State government for its employees that has 1 or more holdings that are printing-related interests if the fund, trust, or plan does not exhibit a practice of concentrating in printing-related interests.

“(3) AUTHORITY OF SUPERVISING ETHICS OFFICE.—The supervising ethics office for the Government Publishing Office under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App) shall have the authority to issue rules and promulgate regulations governing the implementation of this subsection.

“(c) PENALTY.—Whoever violates subsection (b)(1) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 23 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 442 and inserting the following:

“442. Government Publishing Office.”.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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HONORING THE VANGUARD THEATER COMPANY

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a small group of artists with big dreams, the Vanguard Theater Company.

The company began in Maplewood, New Jersey, 4 years ago with one goal: It wanted to increase diversity in theater acting, directing, and training. The company is based on a dream of diversity, reciprocity, education, awareness, and mentorship, with a strong emphasis on mentorship.

Vanguard has run several programs and camps to connect young artists with skilled performers. Recently, it received a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. The grant will fund acting lessons for 40 students. Then these new actors will put on shows for hospital patients, senior citizens, and children across the area.

I am proud of the Vanguard for encouraging youth of color to pursue their dreams in theater, and I wish them all the best.

MEDICARE ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5262, the Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Patient-Centered Care Act, a bill I am happy to cosponsor with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON of California.

After being seriously injured, the last thing any individual should be worried about is further hardships like financial stress or fraud. I have seen these challenges firsthand, having served many years as a therapist and a licensed nursing home administrator.

I am proud to cosponsor this bipartisan bill to help mitigate these burdens in the O&P sector and ensure these individuals have access to quality, affordable orthotics and prosthetics.

The Orthotics and Prosthetics Patient-Centered Care Act aims to:

Ensure truly off-the-shelf orthotics are eligible for competitive bidding;

Prohibit the practice of drop shipping prostheses and custom orthoses to Medicare beneficiaries;

Create requirements that better distinguish orthotists and prosthetists from suppliers; and

Standardize the definition of orthotics and prosthetics.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5262 to ensure quality orthotic and prosthetic care for Medicare patients and better protect these individuals from fraud.

LOWER DRUG COSTS NOW

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

Too many hardworking families and seniors in Illinois can't afford the rising costs of prescription drugs. We must rein in these outrageous prices. That is why I am proud to cosponsor this bill.

When I walk the supermarket aisles and I talk with folks back home, who also write me notes and send them to my office, the stories about the high cost of drugs are absolutely shocking. Let me share a couple of them with you.

In Stronghurst, one woman's medication spiked from \$23 to \$98, more than a 300 percent increase, for no apparent reason.

In Andalusia, another person's insulin jumped from \$365 to \$538 every single month, more than \$2,100 increase over the year.

And several counties away, in Pekin, Illinois, a senior saw his insulin skyrocket from \$333 to \$830 per month, a 250 percent increase—again, no explanation.

We must do more to make prescription drug prices more affordable and lift this unfair burden on families. This bill would do just that. I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF JAMES BERRONG

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize our Blount County Sheriff, James Berrong, who is celebrating his 30th year in office.

Since 1989, Sheriff Berrong and his deputies have served the community by maintaining safe neighborhoods, providing outstanding emergency service, and busting lawbreakers.

Sheriff Berrong successfully advocated better pay for his deputies and has prioritized hiring and retaining an excellent deputy force. Under his leadership, Blount County continues to be a safe place to live and raise a family.

Sheriff Berrong and his deputies remain focused on guaranteeing safety at religious institutions and schools, increasing the Sheriff's Office's presence when necessary.

Additionally, he ensures that sex offenders and human traffickers are held accountable. Sheriff Berrong has effectively led the crackdown on these dirtbags, and the Blount County Sheriff's Office has gained a reputation as one of the best law enforcement agencies, if not in the State of Tennessee, in the entire United States of America, for dealing with sex-related crimes.

It is my honor to recognize Sheriff Berrong for his outstanding career as Blount County Sheriff. I know I speak for many in east Tennessee when I