

We are entering a new phase in our battle against the virus. A recent article in the New York Times discussed the arrival of a new class of drugs known as protease inhibitors, which, taken in combination with standard older drugs, provide the most potent therapy against HIV to date. These new treatments are unfortunately very expensive. Where Medicare and private insurance defer some of the cost, many patients are depending on the AIDS drug reimbursement program of the CARE Act as a means of easing their suffering. I strongly believe that it is especially critical as we are on the brink of medically treating this disease, that we do not withdraw our funding support.

Fighting against this killer virus is the universal charge of all Americans. AIDS is no longer a disease of a select few, but instead touches the lives of more and more people in our society. The epidemic has spread into suburban and rural areas in every State of this country and entered the ranks of sports heroes and movie stars. AIDS is currently the No. 1 killer of all Americans between the ages of 25 and 44. It does not discriminate between gender or sexual orientation. It cuts across all races and socio-economic classes. As of July 1994, 5,000 children had received an AIDS diagnosis. It is our collective social responsibility to provide for our most vulnerable citizens the best that we can, and I urge my colleagues to support this conference report.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The question is on the conference report.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GUNDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 4, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 145]

YEAS—402

Abercrombie	Bereuter	Burr
Ackerman	Bevill	Burton
Allard	Bilbray	Buyer
Andrews	Bilirakis	Callahan
Archer	Bishop	Calvert
Armey	Blute	Camp
Bachus	Boehlert	Campbell
Baesler	Boehner	Canady
Baker (CA)	Bonior	Cardin
Baker (LA)	Bono	Castle
Baldacci	Borski	Chabot
Barcia	Brewster	Chambliss
Barr	Browder	Chapman
Barrett (NE)	Brown (CA)	Chenoweth
Barrett (WI)	Brown (FL)	Christensen
Bartlett	Brown (OH)	Chrysler
Bass	Brownback	Clayton
Bateman	Bryant (TN)	Clement
Becerra	Bunn	Clinger
Bentsen	Bunning	Clyburn

Coble	Hastings (FL)	Moakley
Coburn	Hastings (WA)	Mollohan
Coleman	Hayworth	Montgomery
Collins (GA)	Hefley	Moorhead
Collins (IL)	Hefner	Moran
Collins (MI)	Heineman	Morella
Combest	Herger	Murtha
Condit	Hilleary	Myers
Conyers	Hilliard	Myrick
Cooley	Hinchev	Nadler
Costello	Hoekstra	Neal
Cox	Hoke	Nethercatt
Coyne	Holden	Neumann
Cramer	Horn	Ney
Crane	Hostettler	Norwood
Crapo	Hoyer	Nussle
Creameans	Hunter	Oberstar
Cubin	Hutchinson	Obey
Cummings	Hyde	Olver
Cunningham	Inglis	Ortiz
Danner	Jackson (IL)	Orton
Davis	Jackson-Lee	Owens
Deal	(TX)	Oxley
DeFazio	Jacobs	Packard
DeLauro	Jefferson	Pallone
DeLay	Johnson (CT)	Parker
Dellums	Johnson (SD)	Pastor
Deutsch	Johnson, E. B.	Paxon
Diaz-Balart	Johnson, Sam	Payne (NJ)
Dickey	Johnston	Payne (VA)
Dixon	Jones	Pelosi
Doggett	Kanjorski	Peterson (FL)
Dooley	Kasich	Peterson (MN)
Doolittle	Kelly	Petri
Dornan	Kennedy (MA)	Pickett
Doyle	Kennedy (RI)	Pombo
Dreier	Kennelly	Pomeroy
Duncan	Kildee	Porter
Dunn	Kim	Portman
Durbin	King	Poshard
Edwards	Kingston	Pryce
Ehlers	Klecza	Quillen
Ehrlich	Klink	Quinn
Emerson	Klug	Radanovich
English	Knollenberg	Rahall
Ensign	Kolbe	Ramstad
Eshoo	LaFalce	Rangel
Evans	LaHood	Reed
Everett	Lantos	Regula
Ewing	Largent	Richardson
Farr	Latham	Riggs
Fattah	LaTourrette	Rivers
Fawell	Laughlin	Roberts
Fazio	Lazio	Roemer
Fields (LA)	Leach	Rogers
Fields (TX)	Levin	Rohrabacher
Filner	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Flake	Lewis (GA)	Rose
Flanagan	Lewis (KY)	Roth
Foglietta	Lightfoot	Roukema
Foley	Lincoln	Roybal-Allard
Forbes	Linder	Royce
Ford	Lipinski	Rush
Fowler	LoBiondo	Sabo
Fox	Lofgren	Salmon
Frank (MA)	Longley	Sanders
Franks (CT)	Lowey	Sanford
Franks (NJ)	Lucas	Sawyer
Frelinghuysen	Luther	Saxton
Frisa	Maloney	Schaefer
Frost	Manton	Schiff
Furse	Manzullo	Schroeder
Gallegly	Markey	Schumer
Ganske	Martinez	Scott
Gejdenson	Martini	Seastrand
Gekas	Mascara	Sensenbrenner
Gephardt	Matsui	Serrano
Geren	McCarthy	Shadegg
Gilchrist	McCollum	Shays
Gillmor	McCrery	Shuster
Gilman	McDermott	Sisisky
Gonzalez	McHale	Skaggs
Goodlatte	McHugh	Skeen
Goodling	McInnis	Skelton
Gordon	McIntosh	Slaughter
Graham	McKeon	Smith (MI)
Green (TX)	McKinney	Smith (NJ)
Greene (UT)	McNulty	Smith (TX)
Greenwood	Meehan	Smith (WA)
Gunderson	Meek	Solomon
Gutierrez	Menendez	Souder
Gutknecht	Metcalf	Spence
Hall (OH)	Meyers	Spratt
Hall (TX)	Mica	Stark
Hamilton	Millender-	Stearns
Hancock	McDonald	Stenholm
Hansen	Miller (CA)	Stockman
Harman	Minge	Stokes
Hastert	Mink	Studds

Stupak	Towns	Weldon (PA)
Talent	Traficant	Weller
Tanner	Upton	White
Tate	Velazquez	Whitfield
Tauzin	Vento	Wicker
Taylor (MS)	Viscosky	Williams
Taylor (NC)	Volkmer	Wise
Tejeda	Vucanovich	Wolf
Thomas	Walker	Woolsey
Thompson	Walsh	Wynn
Thornberry	Wamp	Yates
Thornton	Ward	Young (AK)
Thurman	Waters	Young (FL)
Tiahrt	Watt (NC)	Zeliff
Torkildsen	Watts (OK)	Zimmer
Torres	Waxman	

NAYS—4

Funderburk	Scarborough
Istook	Stump

NOT VOTING—27

Ballenger	de la Garza	Kaptur
Barton	Dicks	Livingston
Beilenson	Dingell	McDade
Berman	Engel	Miller (FL)
Bliley	Gibbons	Molinari
Bonilla	Goss	Shaw
Boucher	Hayes	Torricelli
Bryant (TX)	Hobson	Weldon (FL)
Clay	Houghton	Wilson

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Messrs. MARKEY, DIXON, and COBLE changed their votes from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 145, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous material on the conference report to S. 641.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was granted permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Ryan White Care Act reauthorization conference report. This legislation is needed to continue the vital services provided under the Ryan White Program. I commend the conferees for their hard work in reaching agreements on many difficult issues.

The final agreement revises formulas for distribution of funds for the emergency assistance program for cities and for the grants to States for AIDS-related health care. The conferees have balanced their approach to maximize fairness to all involved.