

I want to close by acknowledging that on public radio this morning, National Public Radio, they talked about a State Senator in Alabama who said that "Slavery was good for black people. Slavery was good, and slavery was a form of States rights at its best. It is the best form of States' rights." That is a good example of what we are talking about. Slavery is praised as a form of States rights at its best. The States had the power to do what they wanted to do. Of course, beyond the States you had the planters and plantation owners, and anybody who owned the slave had the power to do whatever they wanted to do with a human life.

What you have, if you push the power of life and death down to the State level, is the beginning of what I call decentralized genocide. Health care is a life and death matter. If you put that in the hands of people who cannot be watched, who are not held to any Federal standard, if you put it in the hands of people who are making decisions to save money instead of providing maximum health care, if you put it into a situation where every State will be trying to outdo the other in terms of lowering its benefits, they are ratcheted down. The State with the lowest benefits will be the guide for all the other States. No State will want to have higher health care benefits than another, because if you have better health care benefits in one State than you do in another, they will say that people are going to tend to move into the State with the better health care benefits, so everybody is going to go down to the level of the lowest common denominator.

A lot of lives will be lost in the process of going down to the level of the lowest common denominator. We will have the beginning of decentralized genocide.

There is a story in the paper about Brazil having put on trial policemen who went out and shot poor kids in the streets every night. They kept finding bodies of children. This is Mother's Day coming up. Mothers always make you think of children. Mothers and children are inseparable. Think of this, as a closing thought. In Brazil the policemen were going out to shoot down the children because the children were poor children who ran around the city all day long picking pockets, making havoc. The store owners did not like them, nobody liked them. Policemen started killing them. Now you have the policemen on trial, and the policemen are saying that they were doing what the public wanted them to do by shooting down poor children.

These are poor children who have no health care. These are poor children who have no welfare, because there is no welfare system. There is no Aid to Families with Dependent Children. When you take these steps by changing public policy so there is no aid to people who are in desperate straits, you throw them onto the streets, you create a situation where, in the end, the

apparatus of the State, the police, will begin to be used to destroy people. It is a very serious matter.

As we go into Mother's Day, and really care about mothers and really care about children, we ought to resolve that we ought to take another look at the policies that are being generated on the floor of this House. We ought to take a hard look at the proposals in next week's budget that are going to cut Medicaid and Medicare. We ought to take a hard look at the effort to get rid of Medicaid as an entitlement. If Medicaid goes as an entitlement, it is the first step into systematic decentralized genocide in America.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HOLDEN (at the request for Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. GEJDENSON (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. BENTSEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BENTSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KANJORSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes each day on May 13, 14, 15, and 16.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BENTSEN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. HALL of Ohio.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. DINGELL.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Mr. BARRETT of North Carolina.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. MCHALE.

Mrs. MALONEY in two instances.

Mr. MENENDEZ in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BURTON of Indiana) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. LINDER.

Mr. DORNAN in two instances.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. BAKER of California.

Mr. ZELIFF.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. TIAHRT.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. OWENS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. DORNAN.

Mr. LATOURETTE.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. MCHALE.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan in 10 instances.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2137. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to require the release of relevant information to protect the public from sexually violent offenders.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly, under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 14, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2938. A letter from the Chair, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, transmitting the 24th annual report of the activities of the Commission covering the period October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1504; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2939. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Valuation of Plan Benefits in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Plan Benefits and Plan Assets Following Mass Withdrawal; Amendments Adopting Additional PHGC Rates (29 CFR Parts 2619 and 2676) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2940. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting

the Commission's final rule—Use of Electronic Media by Broker-Dealers, Transfer Agents, and Investment Advisers for Delivery of Information; Additional Examples Under the Securities Act of 1933, Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Investment Company Act of 1940—received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2941. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Use of Electronic Media for Delivery Purposes (RIN: 3235-AG67) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2942. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization [INTELSAT] (Transmittal No. DTC-25-96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2943. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 96-22: Determination Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as amended, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(3); to the Committee on International Relations.

2944. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period October 1, 1995, through March 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2945. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Relocation Benefits Reinvention Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2946. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Federal Employment Reduction Assistance Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2947. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting notification of the Secretary's intention to award specific watershed restoration contracts on National Forest System lands outside the standard full and open competition procedures required by the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2948. A letter from the Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Marine Mammal Special Exception Permits to Take, Import and Export Marine Mammals; Update of Office of Management and Budget (RIN: 0648-AD11) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2949. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Final Guidelines for the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration (RIN: 1105-AA36) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2950. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace, Hollister, CA—Docket No. 95-AWP-13 (RIN: 2120-AA66) (1996-0017) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2951. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Weather Service Modernization Streamlining Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Science.

2952. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Ocean Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Ocean Thermal Energy Conservation Licensing Program (RIN: 0648-A142) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

2953. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medical; VA Health Professional Scholarship Program, Correction (RIN: 2900-AH99) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2954. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Technical Amendments—received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2955. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Information Reporting and Backup Withholding (RIN: 1545-AL99) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2956. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide authorization of appropriations for the U.S. International Trade Commission for fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2957. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting copies of the fiscal year 1997 budget requests of the Federal Aviation Administration to the Department, including requests for facilities and equipment and research, engineering, and development, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 2205(f); jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science.

2958. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for the participation of the United States in the Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development in the Middle East and North Africa; jointly, to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, the Judiciary, and Commerce.

2959. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Department of Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel Reform Act"; jointly, to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), National Security, and Government Reform and Oversight.

2960. A letter from the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997," pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; jointly, to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), National Security, the Judiciary, and Government Reform and Oversight.

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. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1483. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error (Rept. 104-571). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3373. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain veterans' benefits programs, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-572). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3107. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than May 17, 1996.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 3433. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from authorizing payment under defense contracts for restructuring costs of a merger or acquisition; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. CANADY (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ZIMMER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3434. A bill to amend section 207 of title 18, United States Code, to further restrict Federal officers and employees from representing or advising foreign entities after leaving Government service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CANADY (for himself and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 3435. A bill to make technical amendments to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H.R. 3436. A bill to protect the health of mothers and newborns against the premature termination of inpatient care based on denial of health coverage; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, 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. HOEKSTRA:

H.R. 3437. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to exempt subcontracts for dredging activities from local buy requirements under the business development program authorized by section 8(a) of the Act; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA:

H.R. 3438. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on desmedipham; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 3439. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phenmedipham; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 3440. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ethofumesate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. GOSS, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. GRAHAM,