

greater portability and choice, broader product options, and improved customer service to residents of the District of Columbia, northern Virginia, and Maryland who work in one area and reside in another.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill which will enable GHMSI to face the abundant challenges of the fast-changing health care marketplace and to compete and serve its customers on a fair and equal footing.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. SHAYS]. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 479.

The question was taken.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 479, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule 1, the Chair will now resume proceedings on approval of the Journal and put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained, and then on the motion to suspend the rules postponed from Tuesday, February 25, 1997.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Approval of the Journal de novo; H.R. 624, by the yeas and nays; H.R. 497, by the yeas and nays; H.R. 668 by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. 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 378, nays 36, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 24]  
YEAS—378

Ackerman	DeLauro	Inglis
Aderholt	DeLay	Istook
Allen	Dellums	Jackson (IL)
Andrews	Deutsch	Jackson-Lee
Archer	Diaz-Balart	(TX)
Armey	Dickey	Jefferson
Bachus	Dicks	Jenkins
Baesler	Dingell	John
Baker	Dixon	Johnson (CT)
Baldacci	Doggett	Johnson (WI)
Ballenger	Dooley	Johnson, E. B.
Barcia	Doyle	Johnson, Sam
Barr	Dreier	Jones
Barrett (NE)	Duncan	Kanjorski
Barrett (WI)	Dunn	Kasich
Bartlett	Edwards	Kelly
Barton	Ehlers	Kennedy (MA)
Bass	Ehrlich	Kennedy (RI)
Bateman	Emerson	Kennelly
Becerra	Eshoo	Kildee
Bentsen	Etheridge	Kilpatrick
Bereuter	Evans	Kim
Berman	Everett	Kind (WI)
Berry	Ewing	King (NY)
Bilbray	Farr	Kingston
Bishop	Fattah	Kleczka
Blagojevich	Fawell	Klink
Bliley	Flake	Klug
Blumenauer	Foglietta	Knollenberg
Blunt	Foley	Kolbe
Boehlert	Forbes	LaFalce
Boehner	Ford	LaHood
Bonilla	Fowler	Lampson
Bonior	Fox	Latham
Bono	Frank (MA)	LaTourette
Boswell	Franks (NJ)	Lazio
Boucher	Frelinghuysen	Leach
Boyd	Frost	Levin
Brady	Furse	Lewis (CA)
Brown (FL)	Galleghy	Lewis (KY)
Brown (OH)	Ganske	Lipinski
Bryant	Gejdenson	Livingston
Bunning	Gekas	LoBiondo
Burr	Gibbons	Lofgren
Burton	Gilchrest	Lowey
Callahan	Gilman	Lucas
Calvert	Gonzalez	Luther
Camp	Goode	Maloney (CT)
Campbell	Goodlatte	Maloney (NY)
Canady	Goodling	Manton
Cannon	Gordon	Manzullo
Capps	Goss	Markey
Cardin	Graham	Martinez
Castle	Granger	Mascara
Chabot	Green	Matsui
Chambliss	Greenwood	McCarthy (NY)
Christensen	Hall (OH)	McCollum
Clayton	Hall (TX)	McCrary
Clement	Hamilton	McDade
Coble	Hansen	McDermott
Coburn	Harman	McGovern
Collins	Hastert	McHale
Combest	Hastings (WA)	McHugh
Condit	Hayworth	McInnis
Conyers	Hefner	McIntosh
Cook	Herger	McIntyre
Cooksey	Hill	McKeon
Costello	Hilleary	McKinney
Cox	Hinchee	McNulty
Coyne	Hinojosa	Meehan
Cramer	Hobson	Meek
Crapo	Hoekstra	Metcalf
Cubin	Holden	Mica
Cummings	Hooley	Miller (FL)
Cunningham	Horn	Minge
Davis (FL)	Houghton	Mink
Davis (IL)	Hoyer	Moakley
Davis (VA)	Hulshof	Molinaro
Deal	Hunter	Mollohan
DeGette	Hutchinson	Moran (KS)
Delahunt	Hyde	Moran (VA)

Murtha	Rogers	Stabenow
Myrick	Rohrabacher	Stark
Nadler	Ros-Lehtinen	Stenholm
Neal	Rothman	Stokes
Nethercutt	Roukema	Strickland
Neumann	Roybal-Allard	Stump
Ney	Royce	Stupak
Northup	Ryun	Sununu
Norwood	Salmon	Talent
Nussle	Sanchez	Tanner
Obey	Sanders	Tauscher
Olver	Sandlin	Tauzin
Ortiz	Sanford	Taylor (NC)
Owens	Sawyer	Thomas
Oxley	Saxton	Thornberry
Packard	Scarborough	Thune
Pallone	Schaefer, Dan	Thurman
Pappas	Schaffer, Bob	Tiahrt
Parker	Schiff	Tierney
Pastor	Schumer	Torres
Paul	Scott	Towns
Paxon	Sensenbrenner	Traficant
Payne	Serrano	Turner
Pease	Sessions	Upton
Pelosi	Shadegg	Velázquez
Peterson (MN)	Shaw	Vento
Peterson (PA)	Shays	Walsh
Petri	Sherman	Wamp
Pickering	Shimkus	Watkins
Pitts	Shuster	Watt (NC)
Pomeroy	Siskis	Watts (OK)
Porter	Skaggs	Waxman
Portman	Skeen	Weldon (FL)
Poshard	Skelton	Weldon (PA)
Price (NC)	Slaughter	Wexler
Pryce (OH)	Smith (MI)	Weygand
Quinn	Smith (NJ)	Whitfield
Radanovich	Smith (TX)	Wicker
Rahall	Smith, Adam	Wise
Rangel	Smith, Linda	Wolf
Regula	Snowbarger	Woolsey
Riggs	Snyder	Wynn
Riley	Solomon	Young (AK)
Rivers	Souder	Young (FL)
Roemer	Spence	
Rogan	Spratt	

NAYS—36

Abercrombie	Gutierrez	Pickett
Borski	Gutknecht	Pombo
Brown (CA)	Hastings (FL)	Ramstad
Chenoweth	Hefley	Rush
Clyburn	Hilliard	Sabo
Crane	Kucinich	Stearns
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Thompson
English	Menendez	Visclosky
Ensign	Millender	Waters
Fazio	McDonald	Weller
Filner	Miller (CA)	Yates
Gephardt	Oberstar	
Gillmor	Pascarell	

NOT VOTING—18

Bilirakis	Engel	McCarthy (MO)
Buyer	Hostettler	Morella
Carson	Kaptur	Reyes
Clay	Lantos	Smith (OR)
Danner	Largent	Taylor (MS)
Doolittle	Linder	White

Mr. HILLIARD, and Mr. RUSH changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. DELAHUNT changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. SHAYS]. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.