

going to end up not only dramatically increasing the price of drugs for the government but those people outside the government, younger people, the price of their drugs will dramatically go up.

No, we cannot just simply handle this Medicare system, of course, by dramatically increasing the price of drugs, which will happen, will make sure the Medicare goes bankrupt much earlier than is scheduled. Right now, in the outyears, we can try to do something to keep Medicare solvent. If we are just going to take responsibility for everyone, even the people who can take care of themselves in terms of a drug benefit, it is going to bankrupt the system; and we will all be worse off, and the price of drugs will soar for ordinary families who are not seniors.

We ignore half the problem if we only try to spend money. We need to free up the supply end of the medical care system, the supply of people who will be producing more health care for America. Yet we also have to be, of course, concerned about the escalating costs; but we cannot be stamped into easy answers, quick fixes, because those just spending more money without creating any innovation in the system or any reforms in the system, it will make all of our problems worse. Backing up the Federal dump truck and just pouring in a mammoth load of tax money is not a quick fix. It will not work; and with new expenditures, it is going to bankrupt the system and cause the price of drugs to go sky high for all the American people, not just the seniors.

No, the tooth fairy is not going to leave the money that is going to be spent on health care and improving our health care system under our pillow. Each and every one of us will pay. So it is irresponsible not to try to make the system more competitive, less bureaucratic, more innovative as we are talk about expanding Medicare and trying to take care of those people who need prescription drugs but cannot afford it.

Our focus should be on those who cannot afford it rather than coopting this whole field and trying to take care of everybody. A government that tries to do everything for everybody is not going to be able to do anything for anybody in the long run as this economic insanity takes hold and has its effect on our society. We are going to make our problems for insurance worse if we do not try to make our system more effective and cost effective.

One last note about health care in America. In recent years, Americans have witnessed an explosion of alternative health care health-related nutrition, acupuncture, chiropractic, vitamins, exercise, mental health programs that are based on self-help and individual responsibility. These are exciting, new alternatives; and most of them are not even covered by insurance, much less being paid for by the tax dollars. The American people need to have these available to them, these

and other vehicles for a good healthy life; and we must use mass communications and the Internet to make sure our people know what their alternatives are, but instead, now what are we focusing on here in the Federal Government, instead we are just trying to focus on spending more money.

New opportunities are needed. We do not need to just regulate these new approaches and these new things that people can do for health care. We do not need to regulate it, control it or ration it. We need, like my legislation will do, is to open up new opportunities. My legislation is based on the principles of freedom and the incentives of the market. This at least will have to be part of the solution, if not the entire solution, we seek to the challenges we face today.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of medical reasons.

#### 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. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. KILPATRICK, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. HOEFFEL, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. WATSON, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mrs. CAPPS, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. WEXLER, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. BERRY, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. BALLANCE, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. SANDLIN, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. HONDA, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. ROSS, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. TURNER of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. TANNER, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. STENHOLM, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. KING of Iowa, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHUSTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NUSSLE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 239. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 1157. An act to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration; in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 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.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 25, 2003, 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:

2800. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, FSA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—2002 Marketing Quota and Price Support for Flue-Cured Tobacco (RIN: 0560-AC60) received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2801. A letter from the Secretary, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (RIN: 3084-AA74) received June 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2802. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the bi-monthly report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question covering the period April 1, 2003 through May 31, 2003, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2803. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Export Administration Regulations—Encryption Clarifications and Revisions [Docket No. 030529136-3136-01] (RIN: 0694-AC78) received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

2804. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of