

genuine bipartisan discussion in hearings, as we have proposed with extended hearings, there is no reason for this House to meet. It ought to adjourn until the Republicans begin a real bipartisan discussion of how to reform Medicare.

□ 1045

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE GAMBLING IN AMERICA

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I have a bill in now on which we have 53 cosponsors, bipartisan, which would set up a national commission to study the impact of gambling on the country.

Gambling is beginning to corrupt this country. It is spreading from two States 20 years ago to 48 States, and it is destroying the American family. Also the gambling interests are now hiring prominent political people of both parties to represent their interests.

We now have 53 cosponsors on this bill. The gentleman from Illinois, HENRY HYDE, has promised us hearings next week. I would ask and urge all Members of the Congress, Republican, Democrat, liberal, and conservative, to cosponsor this bill, so we can pass a bill that studies the impact of gambling, so when local boards of supervisors look, they know what the impact will be.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOLF. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my colleague for raising this issue, and I want to ask him to put me on this resolution. I think this is far overdue.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I will put the gentleman on, and urge all other Members to sign on.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, since we are not able to bring up the resolution with respect to hearings on Medicare, and we have no other choice on this side, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KNOLLENBERG). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. BONIOR moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR].

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

Mr. BONIOR. 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 of Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 167, nays 237, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 672]

YEAS—167

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Becerra
Beilenson
Bentsen
Berman
Bevill
Bishop
Bonior
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant (TX)
Cardin
Clay
Clement
Clyburn
Coleman
Collins (MI)
Condit
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Danner
de la Garza
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Durbin
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Evans
Farr
Fazio
Fields (LA)
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)

Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Geren
Gibbons
Gonzalez
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchey
Holden
Hoyer
Jackson-Lee
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnston
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (RI)
Kennedy
Kildee
Klink
LaFalce
Lantos
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowe
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Markey
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McDermott
McHale
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Miller (CA)
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Mollohan
Nadler
Neal
Ney

Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Orton
Pallone
Pastor
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Rangel
Reed
Richardson
Rivers
Rose
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanders
Sawyer
Schroeder
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Spratt
Stark
Stenholm
Studds
Stupak
Tejeda
Thornton
Thurman
Torres
Townes
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmer
Ward
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wilson
Wise
Woolsey
Wyden
Wynn
Yates

NAYS—237

Allard
Archer
Army
Bachus
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blute
Boehert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton

Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clinger
Coble
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Combust
Cooley
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Creameans
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis
Deal
DeLay
Dickey
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan

Graham
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutknecht
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Heineman
Henger
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jacobs
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King
Kingston
Klecza
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Lincoln
Linder

Livingston
LoBiondo
Longley
Lucas
Manzullo
Martini
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Menendez
Metcalf
Meyers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Montgomery
Moorhead
Morella
Myers
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Norwood
Nussle
Packard
Parker
Paxon
Petri
Pombo
Portman
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Regula
Riggs
Roberts
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roth
Roukema
Royce

Salmon
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stockman
Stump
Talent
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torrice
Traficant
Upton
Vucanovich
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

NOT VOTING—30

Callahan
Chapman
Clayton
Collins (IL)
DeFazio
Diaz-Balart
Dornan
Fattah
Fields (TX)
Jefferson

Kennedy (MA)
Martinez
Meek
Mfume
Moakley
Moran
Murtha
Owens
Oxley
Payne (NJ)

Porter
Reynolds
Sisisky
Smith (WA)
Stokes
Thompson
Tucker
Waldholtz
Williams
Young (AK)

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Messrs. FLANAGAN, MILLER of Florida, and STOCKMAN changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. NEY and Mr. HILLEARY changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 672 on the motion to adjourn, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule. VerDate 20-SEP-9

Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss

The Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I might note that all of these committees are sitting. We would like to actually have them sitting a little more and holding hearings on Medicare and Medicaid rather than the one hearing on Medicare they will be getting and the no hearings on Medicaid. Apparently, they are not going to sit. We are not going to delay that process, but everyone should know the train is rolling here. We think it is a sad day when you cannot have hearings on health matters that affect 70 million Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I may object, I think it is a legislative sin and a shame that you have been in control of this House for 10 months, you have been promising a Medicare bill for 10 months, and today nobody has seen a copy of that bill. That is the most complicated piece of legislation that this Congress will take up this year.

You are trying to sneak it past us, very cleverly, very stealthily, without any hearings. No one will understand it. No one will understand it.

Look at me now, how can you do such a thing and then come here and ask unanimous consent that people can work while other things are going on? That is the most ridiculous argument I have ever heard.

The silence, the silence of the Republican side is typical of the silence that they have had all along on this Medicare proposal. They are going to take \$270 billion out of the pockets of Medicare people and put it into the hands of the very rich constituents. You know that is what you are doing, and you will not give us any hearings, 1 day, and we do not even have a bill to have a hearing on. What a joke. What a joke.

We are going to have a Medicare hearing on Thursday, and we do not even have a bill. Shame.

Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard. The Chair will state that it requires 10 Members to object.

Mr. GIBBONS. Will the gentleman from Texas tell us where the bill is?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is out of order.

(Messrs. WISE, WAXMAN, GIBBONS, FAZIO of California, FROST, LEVIN, BONIOR, HEFNER, OBEY, and SABO also objected.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A sufficient number has objected. Objection is heard.

MOTION FOR PERMISSION FOR ALL COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY AND THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Pursuant to clause 2(I) of rule XI, Mr. ARMEY moves that all committees and subcommittees of the House be permitted to sit today and for the remainder of the week while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. ARMEY. I am sorry. It has been necessary—

Mr. WISE. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from West Virginia will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I do not yield for that purpose.

Mr. WISE. For a parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman does not yield.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. The Chair makes that decision. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Let us have order.

Mr. WISE. The gentleman does not yield for a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GIBBONS. In other words, we have been gagged, we have been stonewalled, and now we are being gagged. Is that it? Is that it, I ask the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], stonewalling us? You have been stonewalling us for 10 months.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I believe I control the time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is ready to rule. The parliamentary inquiry was sought before the time was given to the majority leader.

Mr. WISE. I thank the Chair. Parliamentary inquiry, is the Chair or is the gentleman going to, or does this side receive the customary 30 minutes in debate on this matter?

Mr. LINDER. That is not a parliamentary inquiry. Furthermore, the gentleman from Texas did not yield for that.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is up to the majority leader.

Does the majority leader yield?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the inquiry made by the gentleman from West Virginia, and for whatever time I speak on my privileged

motion, I will see to it that the gentleman from West Virginia is given twice as much time as I take.

Mr. Speaker, am I recognized to speak on my motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] is recognized for 1 hour.

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Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me again reiterate the fact that whatever time I spend speaking on this motion I will grant to the gentleman from West Virginia twice as much time as I take. This is an important motion. I am sorry it has become necessary to do so. We do want to, at least when we are operating within the Chamber, do so in an orderly fashion while we allow the remainder of work of Congress to go forward.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time with the reservation that the timekeeper report to me such time as I used to this point, and I will yield that amount of time to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE] for purposes of debate only.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DICKEY). The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] consumed 30 seconds.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE].

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, what is at issue here and what the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GIBBONS] has raised is the fact that we are just going to approve a number of committees sitting. Now they are sitting on some important matters, some not as important. None of them is as important as health care that affects 70 million Americans. Thirty-seven million Americans affected by Medicare, that receives one hearing on Thursday, Medicaid, which is being marked up, as I understand, today by the Committee on Commerce; the bill dropped on the floor yesterday affects roughly 31 to 32 million Americans.

Mr. Speaker, clearly it is outrageous that we can have 6 days of hearings on the National Highway System that we will take up in a minute, we can only have 1 day of hearings on Medicare, and none on Medicaid, and both make the National Highway System, as important as I think it is, pale by significance in dollars and in impact.

So, I would just urge Members to reflect on this and urge that we go ahead with the Dingell resolution, which will provide 4 weeks of hearings. I think, if we are going to change the health programs that affect the largest number of Americans, have been in place for 30 years, we should get more than 1 day of hearings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE] has expired.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question. VerDate 20-SEP-95 07:02 Sep