

the taxes, they are not doing it on 40 hours a week anymore. They are running around doing all kinds of things. Sixty hours a week for a prisoner, that is nothing.

Another case, heart breaker, a man calls me at home. His daughter, 12 years old, was spending the night at a friend's house and was raped by the friend's older brother who was 19 years old. He called me, Mr. Speaker, because it had been 3 or 4 weeks and the police had yet to pick up the rapist.

When the daughter was raped, they took her to the hospital. They got the fluid samples and all the necessary identifications for this horrible experience. Yet it was 3 weeks. The reason why it was 3 weeks, I talked to the authorities about this, is that the police were so afraid of messing the case up because of all the loopholes that we now have in our court system that allows trial lawyers to bend and manipulate the system to get rapists, 19-year-old rapists who rape 12-year-olds, get them off because a police officer did not dot an I or cross a T, or the arrest papers.

So in the meanwhile, while the police are out very carefully, meticulously building up a case on this, guess what? The 19-year-old is still driving by the house every day. The little 12-year-old who is now in trauma, who is now in therapy, she still sees this guy out walking the streets.

We have an absurd court system right now, Mr. Speaker. We have got to get common sense back in it. We have got to say common sense is that we want to give everybody a fair trial, but it has got to be one that is governed by common sense, not by technicalities and loopholes.

Justice should not be determined by money and whoever is the cleverest. It should be determined by what is right. So in this Congress, we have worked hard to crack down on criminal thugs and in lawsuits.

Another problem, Mr. Speaker, that is adding to the stress of the middle class has to do with the fact that drugs are just going crazy on our streets. Earlier tonight the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MICA] had a chart that showed how drug usage has been going up in the last 3 or 4 years. One of the reasons is because we had cut funding on drug awareness programs.

Mr. Speaker, I have been in a lot of schools in my district, the First District of Georgia. I have spoken to the DARE classes, drug education for eighth graders and seventh graders and sixth graders and fifth graders, telling them what illegal drugs are all about, what the consequences are about.

Do you know, Mr. Speaker, that the average age right now nationwide for trying marijuana is 13 years old? That is the bad news. The good news is, if we can keep a child drug-free until he or she is 19 years old, then, Mr. Speaker, they have a 95-percent chance of being drug-free the rest of their life. So what we have got to do as families, as edu-

cators and as government officials and as a society is keep our kids drug-free until they are 19. If we can do that, they are 95-percent home free, and that is one of the things we have got to do.

I believe drug education is extremely important for the youth of today.

Now, in terms of the pushers, we have got to be very tough on sentencing for pushers. Let us get them off the street. Let us protect our families again.

Health care is one more security issue that we have got to deal with as a society. We right now are trying to pass a bill that gets portability on health care. Very important for people who have job lock because of some situation that they can switch from job to job. My wife, Libby, her college roommate, a young lady named Kathy Haggard, was working for a bank when she discovered that she had cancer. And God rest her, she lost the battle. But during the period that she was fighting it, she went into remission for a short period of time. She was engaged. She, I think, was living in Atlanta and her fiance was living in Birmingham.

They, Mr. Speaker, could not get married because Kathy could not quit working for her bank in Atlanta because, if she did, she could not get insurance through her fiance's insurer in Birmingham. So this young lady sadly lost the battle to cancer. She went to her grave without ever being able to marry, which is, as you know, probably one of the most wonderful things that anybody can experience.

And if we had portability on health care, people like that would be helped by it, Mr. Speaker. That is something very important.

Medical savings accounts. Something that I am very big on, and I know you have worked hard on it. Medical savings accounts would allow middle-class people to take health care with a high deduction and with that deduction it would be funded through a special account, kind of an escrow account. And out of that escrow, middle-class people would pay for their kids stitches, for pediatric shots, for their glasses, the small things.

And at the end of the year, the middle-class families would get the money out of the account and get to keep it. They could use it for a college education account, if they wanted to, or they could put it in their pocket. They could spend it for Christmas money. This is a tool that middle-class families need all over America, Mr. Speaker. It is something that we are working on, and we have got to keep working for.

The breast cancer situation. Breast cancer now gets, I believe, it was a couple years ago the statistic was one out of every nine women. Now it is even higher than that. And we have increased funding on breast cancer research in this Congress. We have also expanded Medicare coverage to include breast cancer. It is something that we have to do to make sure that our moth-

ers and our sisters are well protected, because so much of it, if detected early, we could prevent.

Our colleagues, JOHN MYERS and BARBARA VUCANOVICH, have been great champions on this because of personal family situations. JOHN MYERS brought to the Committee on Agriculture, the ag subcommittee that oversees FDA, this plastic looking device. It was a circle about this big. And he put a grain of salt on the committee table and he put this on it and he said, find the salt with your hands. And you could feel the spec.

This was a device that would not substitute for a medical exam, but it is something that in their own houses women could use for just kind of a home breast cancer analysis. And, Mr. Speaker, the FDA fought us on that. They did not want to approve the device.

I believe that American women would know that a home analysis is no substitute for a doctor's analysis. But give them the tool. Because not only could the tool detect it, but it would raise the interest level, raise the awareness level. And you and I know, as men, when we are over 40, we have to start testing for prostate cancer and so forth. Preventative medicine has got to be part of the health care planning. I truly support the efforts to increase awareness of health in the school systems and so forth, because if we can get our kids exercising and eating right early, we will have less problems down the road.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to just close with this. Another thing we can do for the middle class is to have good education systems. We have increased student loans from \$24 to \$36 billion in this Congress in our budget. That is going to expand the availability of a college education for many middle-class kids. I think that that would be good. But to the classrooms back home, Mr. Speaker, we want to get the bureaucracy out.

A school teacher in Darien, GA, told me at a town meeting recently that she spends 2 to 3 hours a day each day on paperwork. That is 10 hours a week that she cannot spend teaching children in her own class reading, writing, and arithmetic.

We want to take the bureaucracy in Washington out of the American classroom and let the parents and the teachers teach their own children. And we believe that that local control will help us compete in the world market.

Mr. Speaker, these are some of the things that we are working on and have worked on and have accomplished in this Congress. We need to keep the commitment for the American family and for the American middle class.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. SLAUGHTER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal business.

Mr. WOLF (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 2 p.m., on account of attending a funeral.

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. FARR of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MANZULLO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BONILLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DORNAN, for 5 minutes, each day on today and July 22 and 23.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. HOLDEN.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. BORSKI.

Mr. FROST.

Mr. ENGEL.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. MCINTOSH.

Mr. ROS-LEHTINEN.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

Mr. SAXTON.

Mr. RADANOVICH, in two instances.

Mr. BAKER of California.

Mr. DUNCAN, in two instances.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. HAYWORTH.

Mr. FLANAGAN.

ENROLLED BILL 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. 248. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the conduct of expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that

committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 248. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the conduct of expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 18, 1996, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4166. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that the President has determined that it is in the national interest for the Export-Import Bank to make a loan of approximately \$56 million to the People's Republic of China (Presidential Determination Nos. 96-38 and 96-37), pursuant to section 2(b)(2)(D)(ii) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4167. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of H.R. 2437, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-582); to the Committee on the Budget.

4168. A letter from the Director, Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Elementary-Secondary Staff Information Report EEO-5 (29 CFR Part 1602) received July 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

4169. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal-Aid Project Authorization (Federal Highway Administration) [FHWA Docket No. 94-30] (RIN: 2125-AD43) received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4170. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Procedures for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Products (RIN: 1904-AA83) received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4171. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dihydroazadirachtin; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [FRL-5381-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4172. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, trans-

mitting the Commission's final rule—policy regarding the release of 888 toll free numbers corresponding to 800 toll free numbers [CC Docket No. 95-155] received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4173. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—implementing the statutory requirement that local exchange carriers [LEC's] provide number portability as set forth in Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 [CC Docket No. 95-116] received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4174. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administrations final rule—Antibiotic Drugs; Clarithromycin Granules for Oral Suspension [Docket No. 96N-0117] received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4175. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Change Notice No. 2, NRC Enforcement Manual, NUREG/BR-0195, Rev. 1—received July 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4176. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Secretary's determination and justification for authorizing the use of \$3.1 million in funds made available for fiscal year 96 to carry out chapter 4 of part II of the FAA and \$3.9 million in funds to carry out chapter 6 of part II of the FAA for States participating in the ECOMOG peacekeeping mission in Liberia, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2261(a)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

4177. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4178. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to the List of Proscribed Destinations [Public Notice 2407] received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4179. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 071096B] received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4180. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area [Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 071096D] received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4181. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Regulatory Area [Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 071096H] received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4182. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service,