minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, Mrs. Margaret Barnett has a distinction no other woman in Illinois has. She was the first female high school band director in Illinois. Mrs. Barnett studied piano and received her Bachelor's Degree from Shurtleff College in 1930. She played trombone with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and earned a Master of Arts Degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

In addition, Mrs. Barnett studied clarinet at the Western Military Academy. Fortunately, Mrs. Barnett did not keep all her musical talent to herself. She taught every child the proper techniques on his or her instrument, leading her bands at Alhambra High School and Bethalto High School to win many contests and awards.

However, music was not the only subject Mrs. Barnett could teach. She taught English, mathematics and Latin at both Alhambra and Bethalto High Schools. She even served as librarian and assistant to the superintendent at Bethalto. Earlier in her career in 1932 she was Vice President of the Illinois State Teachers Association.

I applaud Mrs. Barnett for her dedication to teaching young people. She is definitely a pioneer and an inspiration for women in high school band positions. Most importantly, Mrs. Barnett is a role model for all teachers to follow.

RESULTS OF MANAGED CARE REFORM

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the success of a forum I hosted in my district on managed care reform. Since I came to Congress, I have listened closely to the managed care reform debate. I have also read the newspapers, I have seen the polls, and I have heard the horror stories.

This past weekend I did what every Member of this Congress should do, I heard from my communities. I learned that my communities do want reform and do want some type of Patients' Bill of Rights. They want Congress to initiate reform and to keep the interest of the patients in mind.

My constituents believe that HMOs are the future of health care, but they want to make sure that care is put above profits. Any bill that we pass is going to affect each one of these people, millions of Americans and thousands of Orange County residents.

Now, we may have to take some votes this week on the managed care bill offered by the Republicans. Let me tell you, they are not very happy about that bill. But before you decide to vote for any bill, I want to encourage my colleagues to host similar forums in their districts. By listening to your constituents, you will learn what changes are really needed. It is time that we give our constituents a voice before their choice is taken away.

2000 CENSUS

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, today on the House floor we plan to debate the Commerce, State and Justice appropriations bill. Funding for the constitutionally mandated census in the year 2000 is an issue that the American people will soon be hearing a lot more about.

First let me remind my Democratic colleagues of a provision in the U.S. Constitution that they routinely ignore in their discussions of the census. Because I know that Democrats are not in the habit of carrying around the Constitution with them, I will make their life easier by quoting Article I, Section 2 from the document to which you swore an oath:

> The actual enumeration shall be made within 3 years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of 10 years, in such manner as they shall by law direct.

Now, despite the liberal Democrat habit of finding things in the Constitution, there is no getting around the words that are there for all to see. ''Actual enumeration'' no matter how you slice it means exactly what it says. Congress shall by law direct an actual count, not an approximate guess, poll or sample. Period.

DEMOCRATIC PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS VERSUS REPUBLICAN INSURERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

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

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, this week we will be voting on a Patients' Bill of Rights, something that all our constituents want. The Republican plan as put forth in the House does not do anything, does not protect people, and I think it is time to take a look at the difference between the Democratic plan and the Republican plan.

The Republican plan fails to protect every American in a private insurance plan. Their plan only applies to 50 million people and leaves everyone else out in the cold. The Democratic Patients' Bill of Rights protects at least 140 million people, every American who is covered by a private insurance plan.

The Republican plan does not return health care decisions to health care professionals and their patients. The Democratic Patients' Bill of Rights does. The Republican plan does not guarantee patients the right to see a specialist when they need to do so. The Democratic Patients' Bill of Rights does. The Republican plan does not allow for access to OB-GYN for all women or emergency room coverage for all patients. The Democratic Patients' Bill of Rights does. The Republican plan does not hold insurance companies responsible for their actions denying patients the care they need. The Democratic Patients' Bill of Rights does.

When you stack the two up, Madam Speaker, there is no comparison. The Democratic Patients' Bill of Rights protects the American people, guarantees access to health care, and guarantees that this coverage will be there for all Americans. The Republican plan is just a public relations gimmick and a sham.

VOTE TO OVERRIDE VETO OF BAN ON PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, today is the day that the House will vote to override the veto of the partial-birth abortion ban. I want to illustrate here why President Clinton's position is the extremist position. This is a baby that could be born. But let me show you what happens. The doctor reaches in and turns this baby around so that the baby is born breech first. The head is still within the birth canal. Then at this time, the doctor inserts scissors into the back of the neck of the baby and then puts a suction tube in to suck out the brains of a live baby. Do you think this baby does not have pain and feel pain? This is a baby that could be delivered as a live baby boy or girl.

We need to vote to override this veto of the partial-birth abortion ban which is a horrific procedure in America.

SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

(Mr. FAZIO of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues about the real priorities of managed care reform. A woman from the Sacramento community I represent has waged a 4-year battle with her former employer and its self-insured ERISA plan. This woman is in court because her firm denied her care for her 7-year-old son born with a spinal cord injury facing many of the same challenges as actor Christopher Reeves. The law that shields employers who self-insure from accepting responsibility for denied medical services leaves this family with no health care for their son. When the plan started to refuse coverage, this woman had to choose between a job she was good at and enjoyed and the well-being of her child. So she quit her job to give her child nursing care 24 hours a day. But without this income, the family was forced into bankruptcy and lost its business.

While this case has dragged on in the courts, the brave little boy at the center of this tragedy has learned to walk and ride a bike. But his medical needs are still not being met. This debate is about helping hard-working families like this one get the best health care possible for their families. Nothing more, nothing less. To obtain this we need to support the Patients' Bill of Rights and oppose the unenforceable Republican plan.

MANAGED CARE REFORM

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

Mr. EWING. Madam Speaker, it is much easier to be a liberal than to be a conservative. Just consider for a moment what has been said by our colleagues on the other side during the debate on managed care over the past 2 weeks. The pattern here, you can see on almost every public policy issue. First, declare a crisis. Really? Although we know there are problems with legitimate managed care, the polls show 90 percent of the people with this care are satisfied. Second, propose a solution that will make the problem worse, thus giving the Democrats more opportunity to declare a crisis. The solution for the other side is always the same, more mandates, more lawyers, and, let us not forget, more government. This will raise the price, making health care less affordable than it was before. The final step is to deny that their proposal will do anything of the sort. Then in a few years when the problem is even worse, they will declare their outrage again, just as they are doing now.

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MANAGED CARE REFORM

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, last week a very good friend of mine went to the hospital to have a malignant tumor removed from his bladder. It was extensive surgery. It was outpatient surgery. He was sent home 5 hours after the surgery with a catheter and a bag at his waist line. This is outrageous. Later in the week, he did get a fever from an infection.

We cannot let this happen to the people in our country. We must have real patient reform. We have to protect the patients in our health care system. Do not vote today for a faux reform, or tomorrow, faux Republican reform. We need the Dingell-Ganske bill. We need to let doctors and patients decide when to send a cancer patient home from the hospital after extensive surgery.

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN

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

Mr. RYUN. Madam Speaker, no civilized society should condone or even tolerate a heinous procedure such as partial birth abortion. Congress will again pass a ban on partial birth abortion and this time the President should sign the ban.

By his past veto, the President has demonstrated that he is out of step with 85 percent of the American people who support an end to this heinous procedure. With this in mind, I want to tell you about a miracle baby girl named Sarah.

Sarah appeared last year on CBS's ''Mysteries and Miracles.'' When she was only four inches long, Sarah was taken briefly from her mother's womb to remove a growing tumor.

Sarah's heart stopped beating during the surgery, and the surgeon performed CPR for 20 minutes to revive her. In July of 1996, Sarah was delivered by C-section and is now a healthy toddler.

Unfortunately, even as lives like Sarah's are being saved by scientific breakthroughs, others are being extinguished through abortion. The care Sarah received from her surgeons provides a stark contrast to the treatment her mother might legally have chosen: a partial birth abortion.

MANAGED CARE REFORM

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, everyone is talking about patients' rights. It is simple to talk about wanting patients to have rights and access to care. It is another thing, however, to provide for that in legislation.

There are two contending bills. Let me go through them. Access to enforcement in State courts: The Democratic bill, yes; the Republican bill, no. Protection for women after mastectomy: Democratic bill, yes; Republican bill, no. Choice of doctors within the plan: Democratic bill, yes; Republican bill, no. Access to specialty care: Democratic bill, yes; Republican bill, no. Direct access to OB/GYNs: Democratic bill, yes; Republican bill, no.

There are other provisions that I will not be able to cover in this 1 minute. But as we hear this debate and people talk about patients' rights, hold them to the criteria of not just talking about patients' rights, but ensuring patients' rights.

VETO OF EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT BILL

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, once again, the counterfeit logic of the Democrats and this President have put the children of America at risk.

I am not talking about the sale of classified military technology to China. I am talking about the President's veto of the Education Savings Account bill. Put aside for the moment that this bill would have allowed parents to save for the future education of their children. The bill he just vetoed would have given schools greater leeway to expel and discipline students who bring guns or other weapons to school.

The bill he vetoed would have permitted school officials to implement safety measures to protect innocent children. How many times have we all heard the President state that safety at schools was one of his top priorities?

Madam Speaker, we can no longer sit idly by while the violence in schools continues to rise. Congress must override his veto and pass legislation that will enable our schools to develop local policies that end school violence.

Parents, teachers, and especially students all across America should not have to wait one more hour, one more day, or one more week for safer schools. Our children should be working on their education, not worrying about their safety.

I urge the President to reconsider and retract his veto and start protecting our children.

MANAGED CARE REFORM

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, make no mistake, the differences between the Democrats' Patients' Bill of Rights and the Republican HMO proposal are major. The Republican bill excludes key provisions that are essential for consumer protection and includes provisions that would reduce current consumer protections.

The Republican HMO plan seeks to give the appearance of reform without the reality. Among other gaps, the Republican plan still leaves medical decisions in the hands of insurance company accountants instead of doctors. It does not limit HMOs' and insurance companies' use of improper financial incentives to limit needed care. It allows drive-through mastectomies and fails to contain a requirement for coverage for reconstructive surgery after mastectomy. It does not give access to specialty care where needed.

The Republican bill does not guarantee patients access to needed drugs or clinical trials. And most important, the Republican bill provides no effective mechanism to hold plans accountable when plan abuse kills or injures someone.

Democrats will insist on a bill that contains guarantees that are a significant gain for health care consumers. The Republican plan is basically a sham.

CENSUS DEBATE

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House