

on his arms and his legs, they put skin grafts on after they amputated his hands and his feet.

I talked to his mom about a month ago. Jimmy is now learning to put on his bilateral leg prosthesis. But he still needs a lot of help on getting on his bilateral hook prosthesis.

This little boy will never play basketball. I will tell the Speaker of the House that that little boy will never wrestle. When this little boy grows up and marries the woman that he loves, he will never be able to caress her cheek with his hand.

Do my colleagues know what the opponents of this patient protection legislation say? They say this is just an anecdote; we should not legislate on the basis of anecdotes.

I would say to them, this little anecdote, if he had a finger and you pricked it, it would bleed. And do my colleagues know that, under Federal law, that HMO which made that medical decision is liable for nothing.

Is that justice? Is that fair? We need to change that law to encourage HMOs not to cut corners like this so that we do not end up having to cut off hands and feet.

A judge reviewed this case and the HMO's decision and came to the determination that that HMO's margin of safety was "razor thin." I would add to that, as razor thin as the scalpel that had to amputate little Jimmy's hands and feet.

My colleagues, as my colleague from New Jersey pointed out, for years now we have been trying to get this to the floor for a fair debate. We had a rigged debate last year with a fig leaf bill.

I am telling my friends on both sides of the aisle that there are Republicans and there are Democrats that have come together and we are working on a bipartisan bill. We will introduce that soon, and we will do everything we can with more than a majority of the Members of this House to bring this to the floor and to correct these types of abuses.

I would encourage my friends on the Republican side of the aisle to contact myself or the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD), the Georgia bulldog, who has done as much as anyone to advance this, or my friends on the Democratic side of the aisle, to contact the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) or the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) and get on board this bipartisan effort.

The only way we are going to solve this is to work together, both Republicans and Democrats, put aside partisan differences, and fix this for the people in our country.

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#### REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1467, EXTENSION OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 1467) and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is not able to entertain the gentleman's request at this time.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), I understand, is reserving the right to object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) is not recognized for that purpose.

Mr. SHUSTER. May I ask why the gentleman is objecting? Is it in order, Mr. Speaker, for me to ask why the gentleman is objecting?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's guidelines, the Chair is not recognizing the gentleman from Pennsylvania for that purpose at this time.

#### 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. HOYER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MANZULLO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DELAY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 335. An act to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonavailability of certain deceptive matter relating to sweepstakes, skill contests, facsimile checks, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 880. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, August 4, 1999, 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:

3381. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual Animal Welfare Enforcement Report for fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2155; to the Committee on Agriculture.

3382. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Decreased Assessment Rates [Docket No. FV99-930-3 IFR] received July 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3383. A letter from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Limited Ports; Memphis, TN Sec.Docket No. 98-102-2] received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3384. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Revision in Minimum Grade, Container, and Pack Requirements [Docket No. FV98-925-3 FIR] received July 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3385. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Licensing Requirements for Dogs and Cats [Docket No. 97-018-4] (RIN: 0579-AA95) received July 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3386. A letter from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Noxious Weeds; Permits and Interstate Movement [Docket No. 98-091-1] (RIN: 0579-AB08) received July 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3387. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cut Flowers [Docket No. 98-021-2] received July 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.