

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, approximately 3,000 cases of meningococcal disease occur each year in the United States. Of those infected, 10–13 percent die despite receiving early treatments of antibiotics for the illness. Those who survive the illness, about 10 percent, have severe aftereffects of the disease, such as mental retardation, hearing loss or loss of limbs.

Meningitis is one of the least understood infectious diseases existing in the United States today. Two forms of meningitis, bacterial and viral meningitis, quietly threaten children, and increasingly, adolescents. Bacterial meningitis, the deadlier of the two varieties, causes an inflammation of the lining that surrounds the brain. Approximately 20 percent of the population carries the bacteria in the back of the nose or throat without contracting the disease. If, however, the bacteria move into the bloodstream, the carrier quickly become endangered. Data suggests certain social behaviors such as, exposure to passive and active smoking, bar patronage and excessive alcohol consumption may increase students' risk for contracting the disease. In addition, data also shows that students living in dormitories, particularly freshman, are at increased risk.

Early diagnosis is the key to successful treatment and public awareness is crucial in order to expedite an accurate and timely diagnosis. The vaccines that are available are effective, but are rarely administered before there is an outbreak. The recent outbreaks in Northern California, and nation-wide, have increasingly occurred on high school, college, and university campuses as opposed to occurring in infants, which once had the highest occurrence rate.

As we go on to promote Meningitis Awareness month, we must keep in mind that many of the people who suffer from meningitis are seniors. The most deadly form of meningitis is caused by bacteria, which must be treated immediately with prescription antibiotics. Unfortunately, we still have no prescription drug benefit for our medicare population. It is ironic, and must be addressed.

Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 340 and let us become more aware of meningitis.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 340.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within

which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 340.

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

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on the Speaker's approval of the Journal and motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The Speaker's approval of the Journal, de novo;.

House Concurrent Resolution 415, by the yeas and nays; and

House Concurrent Resolution 340, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. NORWOOD. Madam 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 at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 307, nays 45, not voting 82, as follows:

[Roll No. 230]

YEAS—307

Abercrombie	Frost	Miller, Gary
Ackerman	Ganske	Miller, Jeff
Akin	Gekas	Mink
Allen	Gibbons	Mollohan
Andrews	Gilchrest	Moore
Armey	Gonzalez	Moran (VA)
Baca	Goode	Morella
Baird	Goodlatte	Murtha
Baldacci	Gordon	Myrick
Ballenger	Goss	Napolitano
Barcia	Graham	Nethercutt
Barr	Granger	Ney
Barrett	Graves	Northup
Bartlett	Green (TX)	Norwood
Bass	Green (WI)	Nussle
Bentsen	Greenwood	Obey
Bereuter	Grucci	Ortiz
Berkley	Hall (OH)	Osborne
Berry	Hall (TX)	Ose
Biggert	Hansen	Otter
Bilirakis	Harman	Owens
Bishop	Hart	Oxley
Blumenauer	Hastings (WA)	Pallone
Blunt	Hayes	Pascrell
Boehner	Hayworth	Pastor
Bonilla	Hill	Paul
Bono	Hinojosa	Pence
Boozman	Hobson	Peterson (PA)
Boswell	Hoefel	Petri
Boyd	Hoekstra	Pickering
Brady (TX)	Holden	Pitts
Brown (OH)	Holt	Platts
Brown (SC)	Hooley	Pomeroy
Bryant	Horn	Price (NC)
Burr	Hostettler	Radanovich
Burton	Houghton	Rahall
Buyer	Hoyer	Regula
Calvert	Hunter	Rehberg
Camp	Hyde	Reyes
Cantor	Inslee	Reynolds
Capito	Isakson	Rivers
Capps	Issa	Rodriguez
Cardin	Istook	Roemer
Carson (IN)	Jackson (IL)	Rogers (KY)
Castle	Jackson-Lee	Rogers (MI)
Chabot	(TX)	Rohrabacher
Chambliss	Jefferson	Ros-Lehtinen
Clay	John	Ross
Clayton	Johnson (IL)	Roybal-Allard
Clyburn	Johnson, Sam	Royce
Coble	Jones (NC)	Ryan (WI)
Combest	Kanjorski	Sawyer
Cox	Keller	Saxton
Coyne	Kelly	Schakowsky
Cramer	Kennedy (RI)	Schiff
Crenshaw	Kerns	Schrock
Cubin	Kildee	Scott
Culberson	Kind (WI)	Sensenbrenner
Cummings	Kirk	Shaw
Cunningham	Kleczka	Sherman
Davis (CA)	Knollenberg	Sherwood
Davis (FL)	Kolbe	Shimkus
Davis (IL)	LaHood	Shows
Davis, Jo Ann	Lampson	Shuster
Davis, Tom	Langevin	Simmons
Deal	LaTourette	Simpson
DeGette	Leach	Skean
Delahunt	Lee	Skelton
DeLay	Levin	Slaughter
DeMint	Lewis (CA)	Smith (MI)
Deutsch	Lewis (KY)	Smith (NJ)
Diaz-Balart	Linder	Smith (TX)
Dicks	Lofgren	Smith (WA)
Dingell	Lowe	Snyder
Doggett	Lucas (KY)	Solis
Doolittle	Lucas (OK)	Souder
Doyle	Luther	Spratt
Dreier	Maloney (CT)	Stark
Duncan	Maloney (NY)	Stearns
Dunn	Manzullo	Stump
Edwards	Markey	Sullivan
Ehlers	Mascara	Sununu
Ehrlich	Matheson	Sweeney
Emerson	McCarthy (MO)	Tancredo
Engel	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
Eshoo	McCollum	Tauscher
Etheridge	McCrery	Tauzin
Evans	McGovern	Terry
Everett	McHugh	Thomas
Farr	McIntyre	Thornberry
Flake	McKinney	Thune
Foley	Meehan	Thurman
Forbes	Meek (FL)	Tiahrt
Fossella	Meeks (NY)	Tiberi
Frank	Mica	Tierney
Frelinghuysen	Miller, Dan	Toomey