

(Rept. No. 108-267) on the resolution (H. Res. 360) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2622) to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT ON H.R. 1588, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, subject to rule XX, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. EDWARDS moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1588 be instructed to agree to the provisions contained in sections 606 and 619 of the Senate amendment (relating to the rates of pay for the family separation allowance and imminent danger pay).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT ON H.R. 1, MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, subject to rule XX, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. MICHAUD moves:
1. To reject the provisions of subtitle C of title II of the House bill.
2. The House recede to the Senate on the provisions to guarantee access to prescription drug coverage under section 1860D-13(e) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 101(a) of the Senate amendment.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT ON H.R. 1308, TAX RELIEF, SIMPLIFICATION, AND EQUITY ACT OF 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, subject to rule XX, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act. The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee moves that the managers on the part of the House in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1308 be instructed as follows:

1. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report the provi-

sion of the Senate amendment (not included in the House amendment) that provides immediate payments to taxpayers receiving an additional credit by reason of the bill in the same manner as other taxpayers were entitled to immediate payments under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.

2. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report the provision of the Senate amendment (not included in the House amendment) that provides families of military personnel serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones a child credit based on the earnings of the individuals serving in the combat zone.

3. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report all of the other provisions of the Senate amendment and shall not report back a conference report that includes additional tax benefits not offset by other provisions.

4. To the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference, the House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report other tax benefits for military personnel and the families of the astronauts who died in the Columbia disaster.

5. The House conferees shall, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this motion, meet in open session with the Senate conferees and the House conferees shall file a conference report consistent with the preceding provisions of this instruction, not later than the second legislative day after adoption of this motion.

LIMITING NONECONOMIC MEDICAL LIABILITY DAMAGES

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday voters in my district will go to the polls and vote on an amendment to the Texas State Constitution to limit noneconomic damages in medical liability lawsuits.

Here in the House of Representatives, we passed H.R. 5 in the hopes of accomplishing the same goal last March, but the other body so far has failed to act. Texas voters will most likely approve this Constitutional amendment. I will be among the group voting in favor of this amendment.

So is a national solution still necessary? The answer is a very firm yes.

Mr. Speaker, this summer I was in Nome, Alaska, and I talked to the doctors of the hospital there. They are unable to have an anesthesiologist on their medical staff because they cannot afford the liability insurance policy for an anesthesiologist. This means that the doctors in that hospital who practice obstetrics must send their patients to Anchorage, Alaska, for C-sections. Mr. Speaker, that is a 90-minute plane ride, and I am given to understand the weather in Nome, Alaska, is occasionally disagreeable.

At Columbia University, the head of the residency program told me she had far fewer candidates for OB-GYN residencies than in years past, largely because of the liability crisis throughout the country. In fact, the head of that program went on to say they are now making candidates that they

would not have even considered for an interview 5 years ago.

While some States may have had the foresight and found a solution to the crisis, this remains a national problem requiring a national solution. The House has acted. The other body has not. Mr. Speaker, how can they do that.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

AMERICAN CRITICISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I hope all of my colleagues are paying attention to this 5-minute Special Order because there are a couple of things that should be brought to Members' attention in this body and the other body. The first one is the Saudi Arabian government has been and continues to be, in my opinion, complicitous in terrorist activities involving Americans abroad and here at home. The Saudi Royal Family, according to reports I have been made aware of, have been conduits or had conduits give money to terrorists and funded terrorist activities. And I think everybody in America knows that 15 of the 17 terrorists that attacked the World Trade Center were Saudis.

It seems to me incumbent upon our government to put pressure on the Saudi government to be a friend of the United States instead of an enemy. We should do everything we can to stop the Saudis from funding terrorist activities on the West Bank and Gaza in Israel. Toward that end, I hope that our Secretary of State, Colin Powell, might be paying attention to what I am saying tonight because it is important that our State Department deal with that on an every day, ongoing basis, to keep pressure on the Saudis to bring about positive change.

I know that we get an awful lot of our energy supplies from that part of the world, and Saudi Arabia supplies a lot of that, but that does not give them the right to support terrorism that threatens our friends in Israel or the people of the United States.

The second thing I would like to say is that there was a story, an editorial comment printed in Al Akhram, the official Egyptian daily newspaper this last week, and I would like to read what was said by the Egyptians toward the United States about the United States, and this is the official organ of the Egyptian government, their newspaper. This piece attacks the Americans over Iraq calling Americans cannibals. This is the government of Egypt speaking, prehistoric animals who feel