

Ramstad	Shaw	Thomas (CA)
Ragala	Shays	Thomas (WT)
Ridge	Shuster	Torkildsen
Roberts	Skeen	Upton
Rogers	Smith (MD)	Vucanovich
Rohrabacher	Smith (NJ)	Walker
Roe-Lehtinen	Smith (OR)	Walsh
Roth	Smith (TX)	Waldon
Roukema	Solomon	Wolf
Santorum	Spence	Young (AK)
Sarton	Stearns	Young (FL)
Schaefer	Stump	Zelliff
Schiff	Sundquist	Zimmer
Schroeder	Talent	
Sensenbrenner	Taylor (MS)	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Hayes

NOT VOTING—30

Bateman	Dornan	Rangel
Bentley	Edwards (TX)	Royce
Berman	Eoyer	Sanders
Bibray	Kennedy	Schumer
Bonior	Lancaster	Skelton
Brown (CA)	Livingston	Tanaka
Chapman	McNulty	Taylor (NO)
Collins (IL)	Mendes	Torres
Crane	Myers	Washington
Deluzio	Pickett	Whitten

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So the Journal was approved.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MAZZOLI). Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOLDEN) please come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HOLDEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1308. An act to protect the free exercise of religion.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill earlier today:

H.R. 3403, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair wishes to announce that pursuant to instructions of the Speaker the 1-minute will be limited to 15 per side.

THE HEALTH SECURITY ACT

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today is a historic day—President and Mrs. Clinton came to the Congress to present the details of their plan to overhaul our Nation's health care system. The Health Security Act is the most detailed, comprehensive, and responsible health care reform proposal ever offered. It is a historic piece of legislation and it may be the most important piece of legislation any of us will ever work on. Let us get it right.

The President has already demonstrated that he welcomes new ideas to improve this plan. The legislation introduced today includes significant changes from the original plan that will increase confidence in the plan and increase public support.

To answer concerns of small business owners about costs of employer-based insurance, the President has expanded the health package to offer more small business discounts. The President has also reshaped the plan to allow for greater choice of health care plans by every American.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to an enlightened debate here in Congress, not a partisan debate. And, while it is natural that we will not agree on every detail of this legislation, one primary goal should guide our debate—to guarantee every single American comprehensive health benefits that can never be taken away. Let us get to work.

WHERE IS THE BILL?

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

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I just double-checked with my staff who talked with the White House staff and, as I understand it, after all of the circus fanfare of this morning, there is no bill being introduced today. And while there is various legislative language, it is not yet in a form which the Democratic leadership is comfortable putting into bill form.

Now, come on. We have now had a major speech to the entire country. We have had 5 weeks of testimony about a nonexistent bill by people who do not know what they are talking about. We have had a White House task force that broke the law in a way which would put every small business in America in jail, if they did it. And the defense was that they were too busy to fill out the technical, legal forms required by the U.S. Government, a defense which I hope every small business will try out when it has a problem with the IRS.

Now we are told, after this morning's circus, there is still no bill. The serious business of government should require genuine legislative effort with a spe-

cific written document, because this is not about personality. This is not about quality of testimony. This is not about effectiveness of speech. This is about a written legislative bill that would become law.

WHAT HAPPENED TO BIPARTISANSHIP?

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

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I just simply could not resist commenting on what a departure that last speech was from the decorum and the bipartisanship that existed in Statuary Hall.

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MICHEL) and Mr. DOLs joined bipartisan Members of both Houses in setting a goal, not a partisan goal, specifically not a partisan goal, to put in place by the end of this Congress a comprehensive national health care bill that all of us hopefully will be able to support. I get the impression there are some Members who simply cannot imagine that they could support a bipartisan product.

I think the evidence of those who turned out today to join with the President and the First Lady to put something together that all of us want to see accomplished, I thought, for the American people, is really the message that ought to be taken home by the American people. I really find it very regrettable that our leadership on the Republican side would put a discordant note into what otherwise has been a very effective beginning today.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. BARLOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. BARLOW. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman should not be reading a newspaper.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That point of order is not sustained.

ACT NOW ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, we do have an historic opportunity this Congress. We can take action to reform our Nation's health care system and improve the lives of millions of Americans. Or, we can just continue to do what our critics say we do best—talk, argue, and pontificate or we can rush to adjournment and forget about health care reform until next year.

But Mr. Speaker, there is another option on health care reform. Let us act now on consensus health reform.

There is no objective reason why Congress cannot take action this year