

broadcast today over WHFD in Archbold, Ohio. This contains a marvelous suggestion and I urge other stations across the Nation to adopt it. The editorial reads as follows:

For the past several days all Americans have seen, heard, and read of the growing tension in Iran. As of today there are still 49 Americans being held hostage in the American Embassy in Tehran. President Carter has appealed to Americans to demand the release of the American hostages by writing to the Iranian UN mission. President Carter also suggested that church bells be rung at noon each day until the 49 Americans being held in the U.S. Embassy are freed.

America is a land of proud people and it is our belief that all Americans share in their hearts the deep concern and hope that the hostages are freed and that this conflict can be resolved peaceably and quickly. Beginning today WHFD—Someplace Special—will play at least one patriotic or American musical selection every three hours until all 49 Americans being held hostage in Tehran are freed. We are asking that broadcast stations throughout the U.S. join with WHFD in this musical proclamation of freedom, democracy and determination that as Americans the world will know that all of America is someplace special and that no power, dictator, or alliance in the world can ever hope to extinguish the American flame of freedom and democracy. So let this musical proclamation begin now and continue until such time as our hostages are free.

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, but I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHISHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4962, CHILD HEALTH ASSURANCE ACT OF 1979

Mrs. CHISHOLM. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 487 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 487

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to move, sections 303(a)(4) and 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344) to the contrary notwithstanding, that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 4962) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to strengthen and improve medical services to low-income children and pregnant women, and for other purposes, the first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with, and all points of order against the bill for failure to comply with the provisions of clause 5, rule XXI are hereby waived. After general debate, which shall be confined to the bill and shall continue not to exceed one hour, to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, the bill shall be read for amendment under the five-minute rule. At the conclusion of the consideration of the bill for amendment, the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted, and the previous question

shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CHISHOLM) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. CHISHOLM. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BAUMAN) pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 487 makes in order the consideration of H.R. 4692, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to strengthen and improve medical services to low-income children and pregnant women.

This is an open rule granting 1 hour of general debate with the time equally divided and controlled by the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The rule also provides for one motion to recommit upon completion of the bill.

The rule provides two Budget Act waivers so that the bill might be considered. These waivers refer specifically to sections 402(a) and 303(a)(4) of the Budget Act.

Section 402(a) of the Budget Act prohibits consideration of any bill which directly or indirectly authorizes the enactment of new budget authority for a fiscal year unless the bill was reported by May 15, preceding the beginning of the fiscal year. Various sections of the introduced bill would authorize the enactment of the new budget authority which could become effective during fiscal year 1980, and thus should have been reported by May 15, 1979.

Section 303(a)(4) of the Budget Act prohibits the consideration of a bill which provides new entitlement authority to become effective during a fiscal year before the first budget resolution for that year has been adopted. Several provisions of H.R. 4962 provide new entitlement authority which is to become effective in fiscal year 1981. The first concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1981 has not yet been adopted, the bill would be subject to a point of order under section 303(a)(4) of the Budget Act.

The Budget Committee has no objections to granting these waivers of sections 402(a) and 303(a)(4) to permit consideration of this bill.

In addition to the Budget Act waivers, the rule waives all points of order against the bill for failure to comply with clause 5, rule XXI, prohibiting an appropriation in a legislative bill.

Mr. Speaker, this is an extremely important piece of legislation to millions of poor and near poor children across the country. This bill would make crucial programmatic improvements for children in the medicaid program. It would substantially strengthen the preventive focus for approximately 15 million needy children who depend on medicaid for their health care. By emphasizing preventive and primary care, CHAP reaffirms

the principle of health care cost reduction. Studies show savings of roughly 40 percent in health bills for children who receive preventive and primary care. In addition, early detection and treatment of health problems can often make a difference between life or death, a healthy and productive child against a disabled or chronically ill child who may grow up to be less than a fully productive citizen in need of public assistance.

One important aspect of CHAP extends coverage to needy women during pregnancy. Appropriate prenatal and postnatal care is extremely important during and after pregnancy, and I am very pleased that this bill places emphasis on the importance of providing pregnant women with needed medical services, care and treatment during a time when preventive care is vital. The failure to obtain these obstetrical services places a special hardship on pregnant women who are in need of these services, but very often cannot afford them.

I hope and trust that those of us who believe so strongly in Federal efforts to alleviate a condition of poor health in our communities, will support the efforts of this legislation to make this essential program an integral step in identifying and alleviating health problems that plague millions of low-income children of this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to adopt House Resolution 487 so that we might proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4962.

Mr. BAUMAN. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from New York has more than adequately described the rule.

Mr. Speaker, I have no requests for time. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHISHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 871, EXTENSION OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House granted yesterday, I call up the conference report on the Senate bill (S. 871) to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to extend for 2 years certain authorities relating to the international energy program, and for other purposes, and ask unanimous consent that the statement of the managers be read in lieu of the report.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the statement.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of November 28, 1979.)