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SPEECH OF

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OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1982

● Mr. PEYSER. Mr. Speaker, while I am very sympathetic with the problems confronting pharmaceutical companies in the loss of patent protection time due to the delays in final approvals by the FDA, I think that this bill, in its present form where it cannot be amended, is not in the best interest of the public and particularly the elderly.

I would be willing to support an amendment to this legislation, such as the Frank amendment which would limit the extension time to the time elapsed between the actual filing for drug approval and final approval by the FDA. Drug research is obviously of great importance, and companies should not be penalized by needless loss of protection under their patent by delays over which they have no control.

It is certainly my intention to support this legislation with the type of amendment I have spoken of when it comes to the floor in the next Congress. In the meantime, it is certainly my hope that pharmaceutical companies, both for their good and for the good of the American public, will continue their active research work that has done so much good in improving the health of all Americans.●