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6 MARKUP OF H.R. 7655, PIPELINE SAFETY, MODERNIZATION, AND
7 EXPANSION ACT OF 2024;

8 H.R. 7673, LIBERTY IN LAUNDRY ACT;

9 H.R. 7645, CLOTHES DRYERS RELIABILITY ACT;

10 H.R. 7637, REFRIGERATOR FREEDOM ACT;

11 H.R. 7626, AFFORDABLE AIR CONDITIONING ACT;

12 H.R. 7700, STOP UNAFFORDABLE DISHWASHER STANDARDS (SUDS) ACT;

13 H.R. 7650, AIR QUALITY STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2024;

14 H.R. 619, NAPA REAUTHORIZATION ACT;

15 H.R. 620, ALZHEIMER'S ACCOUNTABILITY AND INVESTMENT ACT;

16 H.R. 7218, BUILDING OUR LARGEST DEMENTIA (BOLD)

17 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALZHEIMER'S ACT OF 2024;

18 H.R. 4581, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH STILLBIRTH PREVENTION
19 ACT OF 2024;

20 H.R. 2706, CHARLOTTE WOODWARD ORGAN TRANSPLANT DISCRIMINATION
21 PREVENTION ACT;

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22 H.R. 4646, SIREN REAUTHORIZATION ACT;

23 H.R. 6160, TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT TO
24 REAUTHORIZE A LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE PROGRAM;

25 H.R. 6960, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
26 REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024;

27 H.R. 7153, DR. LORNA BREEN HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PROTECTION
28 REAUTHORIZATION ACT;

29 H.R. 7251, POISON CONTROL CENTERS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF
30 2024;

31 H.R. 7224, TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT TO
32 REAUTHORIZE THE STOP, OBSERVE, ASK, AND RESPOND TO HEALTH AND
33 WELLNESS TRAINING PROGRAM;

34 H.R. 7208, DENNIS JOHN BENINGO TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROGRAM
35 REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024;

36 H.R. 6829, CARDIOMYOPATHY HEALTH EDUCATION, AWARENESS, AND
37 RESEARCH, AND AED TRAINING IN THE SCHOOLS (HEARTS) ACT OF
38 2024;

39 H.R. 7189, CONGENITAL HEART FUTURES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF
40 2024;

41 H.R. 7406, DEONDRA DIXON INCLUDE PROJECT ACT OF 2024;

42 H.R. 3916, SCREENS FOR CANCER ACT OF 2024;

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43 H.R. 5074, KIDNEY PATIENT ACT;
44 H.R. 2864, COUNTERING CCP DRONES ACT;
45 H.R. 820, FOREIGN ADVERSARY COMMUNICATIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT;
46 H.R. 1513, FUTURE USES OF TECHNOLOGY UPHOLDING RELIABLE AND
47 ENHANCING (FUTURE) NETWORKS ACT; AND
48 H.R. 7589, REMOVING OUR UNSECURE TECHNOLOGIES TO ENSURE
49 RELIABILITY AND SECURITY (ROUTERS) ACT
50 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024
51 House of Representatives,
52 Committee on Energy and Commerce,
53 Washington, D.C.

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56 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:05 a.m. in
57 Room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Cathy McMorris
58 Rodgers [chair of the committee] presiding.

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60 Present: Representatives Rodgers, Burgess, Latta,
61 Guthrie, Griffith, Bilirakis, Bucshon, Hudson, Walberg,
62 Carter, Duncan, Palmer, Dunn, Curtis, Lesko, Pence, Crenshaw,
63 Joyce, Armstrong, Weber, Allen, Balderson, Fulcher, Pfluger,

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64 Harshbarger, Miller-Meeks, Cammack, Obernolte; Pallone,
65 Eshoo, DeGette, Schakowsky, Matsui, Castor, Sarbanes, Tonko,
66 Clarke, Cardenas, Ruiz, Peters, Dingell, Veasey, Kuster,
67 Kelly, Barragan, Soto, Craig, Schrier, Trahan, and Fletcher.
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69 Staff Present: Alec Aramanda, Professional Staff
70 Member, Health; Kristen Ashford, Fellow, Health; Kate Arey,
71 Content Manager and Digital Assistant; Sean Brebbia, Chief
72 Counsel, Oversight & Investigations; Sarah Burke, Deputy
73 Staff Director; Michael Cameron, Professional Staff Member,
74 CPC; Marjorie Connell, Director of Archives; Jerry Couri,
75 Deputy Chief Counsel for Environment; Corey Ensslin, Senior
76 Policy Advisor, Health; Lauren Eriksen, Clerk, O&I; Kristin
77 Flukey, Professional Staff Member, Health; Theresa Gambo,
78 Financial & Office Administrator; Seth Gold, Professional
79 Staff Member, Health; Grace Graham, Chief Counsel, Health;
80 Christen Harsha, Senior Counsel, O&I; Jack Heretik, Press
81 Secretary; Jessica Herron, Clerk, CPAC; Nate Hodson, Staff
82 Director; Tara Hupman, Chief Counsel; Noah Jackson, Clerk,
83 C&T; Sean Kelly, Press Secretary; Peter Kielty, General
84 Counsel; Emily King, Member Services Director; Elise
85 Krekorian, Professional Staff Member, Energy; Chris Krepich,
86 Press Secretary; Tim Kurth, Chief Counsel, CPAC; Giulia
87 Leganski, Professional Staff Member, C&T; Molly Lolli,
88 Counsel, Health; Mary Martin, Chief Counsel, Energy &
89 Environment; Jacob McCurdy, Professional Staff Member,

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90 Energy; Brandon Mooney, Deputy Chief Counsel for Energy; Kate
91 O'Connor, Chief Counsel, C&T; Clare Paoletta, Professional
92 Staff Member, Health; Kaitlyn Peterson, Clerk, Energy &
93 Environment; Carla Rafael, Staff Assistant; Brannon Rains,
94 Professional Staff Member, CPAC; Kristin Seum, Counsel,
95 Health; Olivia Shields, Communications Director; Alan
96 Slobodin, Chief Investigative Counsel, O&I; Peter Spencer,
97 Senior Professional Staff Member, Energy; Lacey Strahm,
98 Fellow, CPAC; John Strom, Counsel, O&I; Michael Taggart,
99 Policy Director; Teddy Tanzer, Senior Counsel, CPAC; Joanne
100 Thomas, Counsel, O&I; Dray Throne, Director of Information
101 Technology; Evan Viau, Professional Staff Member, C&T; Lydia
102 Abma, Minority Policy Analyst, Hannah Anton, Minority Staff
103 Assistant; Keegan Cardman, Minority Staff Assistant; Timia
104 Crisp, Minority Professional Staff Member; Waverly Gordon,
105 Minority Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel; Tiffany
106 Guarascio, Minority Staff Director; Caitlin Haberman,
107 Minority Staff Director, Environment, Manufacturing, and
108 Critical Materials; Brian Hall, Minority Energy Fellow; Perry
109 Hamilton, Minority Member Services and Outreach Manager; Saha
110 Khaterzai, Minority Professional Staff Member; Una Lee,

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111 Minority Chief Health Counsel; Dan Miller, Minority
112 Professional Staff Member; Katarina Morgan, Minority Health
113 Fellow; Emma Roehrig, Minority Staff Assistant; Kylea Rogers,
114 Minority Policy Analyst; Michael Scurato, Minority FCC
115 Detailee; Andrew Souvall, Minority Director of
116 Communications, Outreach, and Member Services; Medha
117 Surampudy, Minority Professional Staff Member; Johanna
118 Thomas, Minority Counsel; Tuley Wright, Minority Staff
119 Director, Energy, Climate, and Grid Security; and C.J. Young,
120 Minority Deputy Communications Director.

121 33*The Chair. The Committee will come to order.

122 The chair recognizes herself for an opening statement.

123 Today the Committee on Energy and Commerce is taking
124 action on important legislation to improve the lives of the
125 American people. This includes solutions to modernize our
126 critical pipeline infrastructure, make important improvements
127 to our air quality standards process, strengthen the health
128 and well-being of patients and caregivers, and secure
129 America's communications infrastructure from foreign
130 adversaries like China.

131 The breadth of solutions we are considering is just the

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132 latest example of the Energy and Commerce Committee working
133 together to deliver real results for the American people. I
134 applaud my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their
135 hard work on all of these bills.

136 We will begin by considering legislation that will
137 protect our communications infrastructure from the threats
138 posed by the Chinese Communist Party and other foreign
139 adversaries. China poses a serious threat to America's
140 national security across the board, including to our critical
141 communications infrastructure. We know that the CCP will
142 utilize every tool at its disposal to exploit vulnerabilities
143 in our communications networks, which is why this committee
144 has taken decisive action in these areas.

145 Failure to address these exceedingly complex threats not
146 only jeopardizes our economic competitiveness and national
147 security, but also risks ceding ground to an adversarial
148 power intent on undermining American leadership. Today we
149 will continue to build on our efforts this Congress to make
150 our communications networks safer and more resilient to
151 attacks by our adversaries.

152 Next we will advance over a dozen bipartisan pieces of

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153 legislation that will strengthen the health and well-being of
154 the American people. Many of these bills reauthorize
155 important programs that are due to expire September 30. This
156 committee is doing its job to renew them in advance of that
157 deadline through regular order.

158 I am especially excited that we are considering my
159 legislation to authorize the INCLUDE Project at the National
160 Institutes of Health. The INCLUDE Project has already
161 accomplished so much, and this bill will further help people
162 with Down syndrome live their lives to the fullest potential
163 and inform research efforts for all Americans affected by
164 diseases like Alzheimer's and cancer.

165 We will include _ conclude the markup with important
166 legislation to further advance America's energy
167 infrastructure and economic and environmental leadership. To
168 meet growing domestic and international energy demands, we
169 must modernize and expand our pipeline infrastructure.

170 The Pipeline Safety, Modernization, and Expansion Act,
171 led by Chairman Duncan, will reduce energy prices for the
172 American people, strengthen pipeline and LNG facility safety,
173 and drive innovation in new technologies. It is an

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174 opportunity to lay the foundation for America's energy
175 leadership for decades to come.

176 We will also advance the Air Quality Standards
177 Implementation Act of 2024, led by Subcommittee Chair Carter.
178 This legislation ensures efficient, effective, implementation
179 of air quality standards for states that will ensure that
180 measures to implement health protections are realistic and
181 balanced in their approach.

182 Protecting public health and our economy are not
183 mutually exclusive goals, but to achieve this requires that
184 we rethink how to address pollution levels that are outside
185 our control. For decades America has been the number-one
186 place to do business while maintaining the best, highest air
187 quality in the world. This legislation is essential to
188 ensuring we continue that legacy for decades to come.

189 Throughout the 118th Congress this committee has led on
190 solutions to make life better for the American people. We
191 are doing the work the American people sent us to do. I am
192 proud of what we have done and what we continue to accomplish
193 as we plow the hard ground necessary to legislate. Today we
194 will add to those accomplishments.

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195 Thank you to all the members and staff for their hard
196 work and service. I look forward to advancing these bills to
197 the full House.

198 I now recognize the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr.
199 Pallone, for five minutes for an opening statement.

200 *Mr. Pallone. I thank the chair. Today the committee
201 will consider 28 bills, and we will begin with consideration
202 of six partisan bills that advanced out of our Energy
203 Subcommittee, one pipeline safety reauthorization bill and
204 five bills that would undermine energy efficiency standards.

205 It is unfortunate that the Republican majority is moving
206 forward on a partisan pipeline safety bill that has very
207 little to do with safety and everything to do with gutting
208 environmental reviews to build more pipelines. Ensuring the
209 safety of our nation's pipelines has long been a bipartisan
210 cause, but Republicans have refused to work with us to make
211 this a bipartisan bill. And by moving forward with a
212 partisan bill, the Republican majority has told us all we
213 need to know, that they are not interested in passing durable
214 legislation that can make it to the President's desk.
215 Meanwhile, the House Transportation Committee has moved a

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216 bipartisan pipeline safety bill that could be the basis for
217 legislation that passes the Senate and is signed by the
218 President.

219 I am also disappointed that we are considering five
220 anti-energy-efficiency bills that would raise costs for
221 American families. These bills are designed to obstruct the
222 Department of Energy's appliance efficiency program. This is
223 yet another unfortunate handout to industry at the expense of
224 everyday Americans who would be stuck with higher utility
225 bills if these were signed into law. But thankfully, for the
226 American people, these bills stand no chance of being signed
227 into law.

228 And next we are going to consider H.R. 7650, which
229 advanced out of our Environment Subcommittee. This
230 legislation undermines the backbone of the Clean Air Act. It
231 also allows corporate industry profits to override science in
232 setting air quality standards, provides amnesty to new
233 polluting facilities at the expense of existing
234 manufacturing, and removes incentives to cut pollution. And
235 this bill would guarantee that people living in areas with
236 poor air quality would continue to breathe unhealthy air for

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237 generations to come, and Democrats are simply not going to
238 support this or allow this to happen.

239 We will then consider 17 bills that advanced out of the
240 Health Subcommittee, which collectively are intended to
241 reaffirm this committee's commitment to strengthening our
242 nation's public health infrastructure, improving quality of
243 care for patients, and supporting our health care workforce.

244 And I am especially pleased that we will be considering
245 H.R. 6829, the HEARTS Act, which I introduced last year.
246 This bill was inspired by two New Jersey families who each
247 tragically lost a child to sudden cardiac arrest during high
248 school sporting events. Sadly, more than 2,000 children and
249 adolescents die this way every year. And my goal in
250 introducing this bill is to help prevent future deaths of
251 cardiac arrest by preparing schools to respond to cardiac
252 emergencies when they occur. The HEARTS Act will raise
253 awareness about the causes of sudden cardiac arrest, and
254 ensures schools are more prepared to deal with cardiac
255 emergencies in order to help save lives.

256 Now, while I support the vast majority of the bills from
257 the Health Subcommittee under consideration today, there is

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258 one bill I can't support. I continue to have significant
259 concerns with H.R. 5074. I believe it would impede seniors'
260 access to necessary medication and raise their health care
261 costs by further delaying the inclusion of oral-only drugs to
262 treat end stage renal disease into Medicare Part B. These
263 drugs are crucial for over 60 percent of patients on dialysis
264 who rely on them for necessary care, and right now about 20
265 percent of Medicare patients on dialysis do not have Part D
266 coverage.

267 Congress has delayed inclusion of these drugs into the
268 ESRD bundle for a decade now at the expense of some seniors
269 without access to prescription drug coverage. And I don't
270 agree with supporters of this legislation who argue that the
271 system is not ready for the transition. I think it is time
272 for the delays to stop, and for Congress to ensure patients
273 can access the treatments and care they need.

274 Finally, we will consider four bills that advanced out
275 of the Communications and Tech Committee _ or Subcommittee _
276 with unanimous bipartisan support. Taken together, these
277 bills will help protect American networks from security
278 threats, while also allowing our country to remain a global

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279 leader in communications technology.

280 And I am pleased that we are considering legislation in
281 particular led by Subcommittee Ranking Member Matsui, H.R.
282 1513, the FUTURE Networks Act. This bill will establish a
283 task force at the FTC _ at the FCC to study sixth-generation,
284 or 6G, technologies, and identify potential supply chain and
285 cybersecurity vulnerabilities. As the next generation of
286 tech is developed, this legislation will help us understand
287 the potential risks to best protect our networks and
288 strengthen the technology's design.

289 And with that, Madam Chair, I yield back the balance of
290 my time.

291 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. The chair
292 reminds members that, pursuant to the committee rules, all
293 members' opening statements will be made part of the record.

294 Are there further opening statements?

295 The chair recognizes Mr. Latta for three minutes for an
296 opening statement.

297 *Mr. Latta. Well, thank you, Madam Chair. Today we are
298 considering four pieces of legislation from the Subcommittee
299 on Communications and Technology that passed with bipartisan

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300 support.

301 The Chinese Communist Party poses a significant threat
302 to American communications networks. Companies with ties to
303 the CCP can be called upon to support, assist, and cooperate
304 with China's national intelligence work wherever they
305 operate. As a result, the presence of equipment from the
306 Chinese vendors in our network poses a significant threat to
307 our national security.

308 This committee, on a bipartisan basis, has prioritized
309 addressing this threat. We passed the Secure and Trusted
310 Communications Networks Act to remove Huawei and ZTE
311 equipment from our networks, and we passed the Secure
312 Equipment Act which prohibits the Federal Communications
313 Commission from authorizing equipment from untrusted vendors.
314 Today's legislation builds on this work.

315 I am pleased to lead H.R. 7589, the ROUTERS Act. This
316 legislation will require NTIA to study whether certain
317 routers and modems produced by companies with ties to our
318 adversaries pose an unacceptable risk to our national
319 security. Routers from untrusted vendors, particularly those
320 with ties to the CCP, contain vulnerabilities that could be

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321 exploited for nefarious purposes, so we need to remove them
322 from our networks. This bill was an important step towards
323 securing our networks from the core to the edge.

324 We are also considering H.R. 2864, the Countering CCP
325 Drones Act; H.R. 820, the Foreign Adversary Communications
326 Transparency Act; and H.R. 1513, the FUTURE Networks Act.
327 These bills would prohibit the FCC from authorizing DJI
328 drones to operate in the United States due to the threat they
329 pose to national security; require the FCC to annually
330 publish a list of entities with ties to China, Iran, North
331 Korea, or Russia that hold an FCC license, authorization, or
332 other authority; and establish a 6G task force to ensure the
333 U.S. maintains its wireless leadership internationally.

334 I want to thank the minority for working with us in a
335 bipartisan fashion on these bills. I look forward to
336 advancing these bills for House consideration.

337 Madam Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

338 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Are there
339 further opening statements?

340 The chair recognizes Ms. Eshoo for three minutes.

341 *Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Madam Chairwoman, and good

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342 morning, colleagues.

343 Today we are considering 28 bills, with 16 unanimously
344 advanced by the Health Subcommittee. Most of the bills
345 reauthorize critical public health programs at CDC and HRSA.
346 Several of the health bills support patients with traumatic
347 brain injuries, Alzheimer's disease, and other health
348 conditions, as well as their caregivers. Other bills
349 reauthorize Federal programs focused on improving care for
350 children in emergencies, and supporting rural emergency
351 medical services.

352 Four bills were advanced unanimously by our
353 Communications and Technology Subcommittee to maintain our
354 nation's leadership in developing sophisticated
355 telecommunications technology.

356 Seven other bills before us today are partisan attempts
357 to undermine energy efficiency, clean air standards, and
358 pipeline safety.

359 I applaud the work of members that went into the
360 bipartisan proposals before us today, and I am glad our
361 committee is not allowing critical programs Americans rely on
362 to languish. So thank you, Madam Chairwoman, all of the

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363 members and their good work, and I yield back.

364 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. I now
365 recognize Mr. Guthrie for three minutes for the purposes of
366 offering an opening statement.

367 *Mr. Guthrie. Thank you, Madam Chair, for holding
368 today's important markup hearing.

369 The legislation before us today will help detect,
370 diagnose, and treat chronic diseases and health conditions at
371 earlier stages, improve the quality of life for individuals
372 with disabilities and their families, help ensure Americans
373 in rural communities have access to lifesaving care, and
374 provide additional resources to assist in the development of
375 cutting-edge innovation.

376 Over the past few weeks we have heard from numerous
377 stakeholders about how the bills we are considered today have
378 helped improve health outcomes for patients across the
379 country, as well as each of these programs and how they can
380 be improved.

381 I thank my Health Subcommittee colleagues for their
382 tireless work to ensure these programs can continue, and
383 working hard to get our work done earlier for the programs

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384 that expire on September 30.

385 I am also proud to report that the Health Subcommittee
386 held a markup last week, and almost all the health care bills
387 we are considering today passed unanimously.

388 I look forward to our continued work today on these
389 important health care bills and getting these signed into
390 law.

391 Thank you for the time, and I yield back.

392 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. The chair
393 recognizes Ms. DeGette for three minutes.

394 *Ms. DeGette. Thank you so much, Madam Chair.

395 The PHMSA Office of Pipeline Safety is charged with
396 regulating the safety of onshore pipelines in the United
397 States. PHMSA sets the safety standards that pipelines must
398 comply with, and it inspects interstate pipelines.

399 In 2020 Congress passed the PIPES Act of 2020, which
400 reauthorized PHMSA's pipeline safety activities for three
401 years. The safety provisions included in this act are very
402 important. They mandate that the pipeline operators carry
403 out leak detection and repair programs on their own
404 pipelines, require strengthened standards for the safety of

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405 LNG facilities, and expand safety requirements and
406 regulations to nearly 500,000 miles of gathering pipelines.

407 And as we know from past occurrences, pipelines are
408 dangerous when they are neglected. And unfortunately, there
409 are fatal incidents every year. On an average, there are
410 over 600 pipeline safety incidents resulting in 31 injuries
411 and 10 deaths.

412 The Pipeline Safety Authorization bill, enacted in 2020,
413 expired last September. The committee Republicans didn't do
414 anything last year towards reauthorizing the program, and now
415 we have this draft bill full of partisan poison pill
416 provisions.

417 Ranking Member Pallone and I sent a letter to Chairs
418 Rodgers and Duncan in September, asking for an oversight
419 hearing. But this didn't happen. Unfortunately, we didn't
420 go through the regular bipartisan reauthorization process,
421 and this is the opposite approach.

422 So you know, instead of actually looking at pipeline
423 safety, this bill will allow industry to build more
424 pipelines. And the funding in this bill would be for a \$42
425 million cut below current authorized levels.

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426 The Energy and Commerce Subcommittee also marked up five
427 anti-efficiency bills that would delay and weaken popular
428 energy efficiency programs. Those bills were intended to get
429 the Department of Energy's ability to finalize and enforce
430 efficiency standard related to different household
431 appliances.

432 The bills didn't have legislative hearings. They will
433 hurt the regular consumer. And yet the Republicans are
434 standing in the way of this progress. So I want to just say
435 vote no on this.

436 But on a different note, I want to thank the chair for
437 her leadership on the Deondra Dixon INCLUDE Project. We have
438 worked together closely on this bill for many, many years.
439 And it specifically authorizes a key NIH project focusing on
440 _ that people with Down syndrome are included in medical
441 research that can help them and all of us, and I want to end
442 on that happy note.

443 I yield back.

444 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. The chair
445 recognizes Mr. Carter for three minutes for the purposes of
446 an opening statement.

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447 *Mr. Carter. Thank you, Chair Rodgers, for recognizing
448 me during today's markup.

449 One of the bills we are considering today is my
450 legislation, the Air Quality Standards Implementation Act of
451 2024. This legislation would make critical, common-sense
452 updates to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards-setting
453 process, and provide the states necessary flexibility so they
454 can proactively mitigate wildfire risk. This is an essential
455 piece of legislation that the committee must pass to place a
456 check on just one piece of the EPA's regulatory onslaught.

457 According to the American Action Forum, in 2023 alone
458 the Biden EPA finalized regulations costing Americans _
459 American industry \$70.6 billion. And that is if you take the
460 EPA's cost calculations at their word. But they did not stop
461 there. Just 3-and-a-half months into 2024, the EPA has
462 already finalized another whopping \$17.7 billion in
463 regulatory actions. And that is not counting today's
464 finalized tailpipe standards. These totals dwarf all other
465 Federal agencies.

466 Notably, the Securities and Exchange Commission clocked
467 in as the second-largest regulatory cost contributor in 2023,

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468 adding \$19.6 billion in costs on industry, more than \$50
469 billion less than the EPA's activity.

470 While our Democratic colleagues seem to think these are
471 just numbers on a sheet of paper, their costly agenda is
472 harming American families and communities across the country.
473 Just last week an aluminum manufacturing plant in Missouri
474 with enough capacity to produce as much as 30 percent of the
475 country's supply of aluminum, closed its doors and took 400
476 jobs with it. In February, a tin mill facility in West
477 Virginia that once employed 6,100 people shut its doors
478 permanently.

479 These heartbreaking stories and countless others are
480 becoming all too frequent, and in a recent survey from the
481 National Association of Manufacturers, a majority of
482 respondents stated that the Biden Administration's new
483 regulations may undermine their day-to-day business
484 operations, will be costly to implement, and will take a
485 significant amount of time to understand and comply with.

486 We can do better, capturing that American manufacturing
487 renaissance while still protecting the environment. My
488 legislation does just that, and I urge my colleagues to

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489 support it.

490 Thank you, Madam Chair, and I yield back.

491 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Are there
492 further opening statements?

493 The chair recognizes Mr. _ does Doris Matsui have any?
494 Matsui, does she have one?

495 *Mr. Pallone. Yes, she does.

496 *The Chair. The chair recognizes Ms. Matsui for three
497 minutes.

498 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

499 As both Chairman Latta and I noted in last week's
500 Communications and Technology Subcommittee markup, the stakes
501 for continued U.S. technological leadership couldn't be
502 higher. If we fall behind our global adversaries, the
503 implications for both our economy and national security will
504 be severe.

505 As we have seen across the technological landscape,
506 China, Russia, Iran, and others are stepping up efforts to
507 undermine America's interests. This is especially true for
508 the industries under our subcommittee's jurisdiction. That
509 is why I am glad we are advancing a slate of bills to counter

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510 these targeted influence campaigns and reassert American
511 leadership.

512 I am particularly glad the FUTURE Networks Act is on the
513 agenda today. To maintain our lead in wireless
514 communications, we need to be taking steps now to prepare for
515 the next generation of networks.

516 As China leans on Huawei and other companies to advance
517 its interests in international standard-setting bodies, the
518 U.S. needs to stay vigilant and engaged. This bill would
519 assemble our nation's brightest minds from industry,
520 government, and academia on a 6G task force. The task force
521 would provide vital insights on the development of 6G and the
522 strategically important standards body. The bipartisan bill
523 will make a crucial downpayment on American leadership by
524 ensuring the U.S. is taking the necessary steps to lead.

525 And our subcommittee has also advanced legislation to
526 combat the influence of adversarial governments across the
527 technological landscape. I am glad this committee will be
528 reporting them to the floor soon, and I hope they receive a
529 vote soon.

530 With that I yield back the balance of my time.

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531 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. The chair
532 recognizes Mr. Duncan for three minutes.

533 *Mr. Duncan. Thank you, Madam Chair, for recognizing
534 me. Six of the bills we are marking up today will continue
535 our work in delivering affordable and reliable energy to all
536 Americans.

537 We will be taking up my bill, H.R. 7655, the Pipeline
538 Safety and Modernization and Accountability Act of 2024.

539 We will also call up a series of bills to stop the Biden
540 Administration's war on Americans' homes through aggressive
541 and unlawful appliance standards.

542 On pipeline safety, the United States has more than 3.4
543 million miles of pipelines. To meet this country's growing
544 energy demands we must modernize and expand our pipeline
545 infrastructure. That is exactly what H.R. 7655 does. It
546 would reauthorize the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
547 Administration _ or PHMSA, as it is more commonly known, a
548 pipeline safety program _ for five years and update policies
549 to construct and operate pipelines. It will reduce energy
550 prices for Americans, strengthen the safety of pipelines and
551 LNG facilities, increase energy reliability, and encourage

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552 innovation and investment in new technologies.

553 This legislation is a product of the committee process.
554 We held a legislative hearing on the discussion draft, where
555 we heard from both PHMSA Deputy Administrator Tristan Brown,
556 as well as a stakeholder panel representing those responsible
557 for delivering liquid fuels safely and reliably to millions
558 of Americans. Based on their testimonies we incorporated
559 additional provisions to the bill, many of which were
560 included in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's
561 bill.

562 This committee has also heard testimony from energy
563 reliability experts, grid operators, state public utility
564 commissioners, and FERC commissioners that the lack of
565 pipeline capacity in this country has contributed to
566 reliability issues. This bill responds to these warnings by
567 incorporating policies focused on pipeline expansion as well
568 as safety.

569 The Energy and Commerce Committee plays a critical role
570 in reauthorizing PHMSA, and I hope my colleagues will support
571 this legislation.

572 On home appliances, another avenue by which the Biden

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573 Administration has threatened affordability for Americans is
574 through its aggressive and overreaching energy efficiency
575 mandates. This Administration is using efficiency and
576 appliance standards to pursue climate objectives over
577 consumer choice. They started last year by trying to ban gas
578 stoves, and they are now working to impose mandates on every
579 appliance in your home. These bills that we are considering
580 today will prohibit the Secretary of Energy from imposing new
581 efficiency mandates and/or enforcing existing standards for
582 washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators,
583 freezers, and room air conditioners unless the standards are
584 cost effective and technologically feasible, save the
585 consumers money, and save a significant amount of energy.

586 I hope my Democrat colleagues will join us in supporting
587 the efficiency standards that save money and energy for all
588 Americans, including their constituents, and I urge my
589 colleagues to support these measures.

590 And with that, Madam Chair, I will yield back.

591 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. The chair
592 recognizes Mr. Tonko for three minutes.

593 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Madam Chair. Unhealthy air

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594 quality is incredibly dangerous to human health. And as we
595 generate more robust and precise scientific evidence, our
596 understanding of these health effects becomes more and more
597 clear. That is why the National Ambient Air Quality
598 Standards are so important. This standard-setting process
599 requires regular reviews and updates to ensure public health
600 is adequately protected, and this process has been incredibly
601 effective. We have been able to significantly grow our
602 economy while reducing pollution and protecting Americans.

603 But today we will consider the Air Quality Standards
604 Implementation Act of 2024, which would completely undermine
605 the Clean Air Act. This bill fails to appreciate just how
606 bad unhealthy air is, and that so many Americans live with
607 unsafe air today. There is no doubt that numerous provisions
608 in this proposal will make EPA less likely to strengthen
609 standards in the future, even if the scientific evidence
610 would warrant it. So I would encourage members to oppose
611 this bill, and instead celebrate the Clean Air Act.

612 The existing process has a 50-plus-year track record of
613 success, driving innovation in pollution control technologies
614 and enabling the cost-effective reduction of pollution.

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615 There is no doubt that the progress that has been made would
616 not have been possible absent this law, and there is clearly
617 still work to be done. This bill will take us backwards, and
618 I must encourage members to oppose it.

619 Despite my disappointment with the Environment
620 Subcommittee's bill, I would like to express my appreciation
621 to Chairs Rodgers and Guthrie and Ranking Members Pallone and
622 Eshoo, and the committee members and staff who have worked to
623 advance three critical Alzheimer's bills today.

624 I also want to thank New York's capital region community
625 living with Alzheimer's, who inspired me to help lead this
626 fight. I see your pain and struggles, but also your strength
627 and your resilience.

628 I look forward to moving forward the National
629 Alzheimer's Project Act Reauthorization Act, the Alzheimer's
630 Accountability and Investment Act, and the BOLD
631 Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Reauthorization Act. These
632 are meaningful bills that will bring investments, bring
633 coordination, and bring hope to so many Americans that are
634 part of the Alzheimer's community.

635 With that I thank you again, Madam Chair, and yield

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636 back.

637 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Are there
638 further opening statements?

639 The chair calls up H.R. 2864, as amended, and asks the
640 clerk to report.

641 *The Clerk. H.R. 2864, a bill to amend the Secure and
642 Trusted Communications Network Act of 2019 to provide for the
643 addition of certain equipment and services _

644 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
645 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
646 amendment at any point.

647 So ordered.

648 [The bill follows:]

649

650 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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652 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
653 bill?

654 Seeing none, the question occurs on approving H.R. 2864,
655 as amended, and a roll call has been requested. The clerk
656 will call the roll.

657 *The Clerk. Burgess?

658 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

659 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

660 Latta?

661 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

662 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

663 Guthrie?

664 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

665 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

666 Griffith?

667 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

668 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

669 Bilirakis?

670 [No response.]

671 *The Clerk. Bucshon?

672 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.

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673 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.

674 Hudson?

675 [No response.]

676 *The Clerk. Walberg?

677 [No response.]

678 *The Clerk. Carter?

679 [No response.]

680 *The Clerk. Duncan?

681 [No response.]

682 *The Clerk. Palmer?

683 [No response.]

684 *The Clerk. Dunn?

685 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

686 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.

687 Curtis?

688 [No response.]

689 *The Clerk. Lesko?

690 [No response.]

691 *The Clerk. Pence?

692 *Mr. Pence. Aye.

693 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.

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694 Crenshaw?

695 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.

696 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.

697 Joyce?

698 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

699 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.

700 Armstrong?

701 [No response.]

702 *The Clerk. Weber?

703 *Mr. Weber. Yes.

704 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.

705 Allen?

706 *Mr. Allen. Aye.

707 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.

708 Balderson?

709 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

710 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.

711 Fulcher?

712 [No response.]

713 *The Clerk. Pfluger?

714 [No response.]

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715 *The Clerk. Harshbarger?
716 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
717 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
718 Miller-Meeks?
719 [No response.]
720 *The Clerk. Cammack?
721 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
722 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
723 Oberholte?
724 [No response.]
725 *The Clerk. Pallone?
726 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
727 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
728 Eshoo?
729 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
730 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
731 DeGette?
732 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
733 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
734 Schakowsky?
735 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.

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736 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.

737 Matsui?

738 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

739 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

740 Castor?

741 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

742 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.

743 Sarbanes?

744 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.

745 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.

746 Tonko?

747 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

748 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.

749 Clarke?

750 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

751 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.

752 Cardenas?

753 [No response.]

754 *The Clerk. Ruiz?

755 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

756 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.

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757 Peters?
758 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
759 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
760 Dingell?
761 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
762 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
763 Veasey?
764 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
765 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
766 Kuster?
767 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
768 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
769 Kelly?
770 [No response.]
771 *The Clerk. Barragan?
772 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
773 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
774 Blunt Rochester?
775 [No response.]
776 *The Clerk. Soto?
777 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

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778 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
779 Craig?
780 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
781 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
782 Schrier?
783 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
784 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
785 Trahan?
786 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
787 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
788 Fletcher?
789 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
790 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
791 Chair Rodgers?
792 *The Chair. Aye.
793 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
794 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Duncan recorded?
795 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan is not recorded.
796 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
797 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
798 *The Chair. Mr. Obernolte?

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799 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte is not recorded.
800 *Mr. Obernolte. Obernolte, aye.
801 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
802 *The Chair. Mr. Bilirakis?
803 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis is not recorded.
804 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes aye.
805 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
806 *The Chair. Mrs. Lesko?
807 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko is not recorded.
808 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
809 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
810 *The Chair. Mr. Hudson?
811 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson is not recorded.
812 *Mr. Hudson. Hudson votes aye.
813 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
814 *The Chair. Mr. Cardenas?
815 *The Clerk. Mr. Cardenas is not recorded.
816 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
817 *The Clerk. Mr. Cardenas votes aye.
818 *The Chair. Mr. Fulcher?
819 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher is not recorded.

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820 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.

821 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.

822 *The Chair. Mr. Palmer?

823 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer is not recorded.

824 *Mr. Palmer. Palmer votes aye.

825 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.

826 *The Chair. Cardenas, Cardenas.

827 The clerk will report.

828 [Pause.]

829 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 43
830 ayes and 0 nays.

831 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

832 The chair calls up H.R. 820, as amended, and asks the
833 clerk to report.

834 *The Clerk. H.R. 820, a bill to direct the Federal
835 Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that
836 hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of
837 authority _

838 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
839 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
840 at any point.

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841 So ordered.

842 [The bill follows:]

843

844 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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846 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
847 bill?

848 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
849 820, as amended, and a roll call has been requested. The
850 clerk will call the roll.

851 *The Clerk. Burgess?

852 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

853 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

854 Latta?

855 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

856 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

857 Guthrie?

858 [No response.]

859 *The Clerk. Griffith?

860 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

861 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

862 Bilirakis?

863 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

864 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

865 Bucshon?

866 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.

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867 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
868 Hudson?
869 [No response.]
870 *The Clerk. Walberg?
871 [No response.]
872 *The Clerk. Carter?
873 [No response.]
874 *The Clerk. Duncan?
875 [No response.]
876 *The Clerk. Palmer?
877 [No response.]
878 *The Clerk. Palmer?
879 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
880 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
881 Dunn?
882 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
883 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
884 Curtis?
885 [No response.]
886 *The Clerk. Lesko?
887 [No response.]

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888 *The Clerk. Pence?
889 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
890 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
891 Crenshaw?
892 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
893 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
894 Joyce?
895 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
896 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
897 Armstrong?
898 [No response.]
899 *The Clerk. Weber?
900 *Mr. Weber. Yes, ma'am.
901 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
902 Allen?
903 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
904 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
905 Balderson?
906 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
907 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
908 Fulcher?

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909 [No response.]
910 *The Clerk. Pfluger?
911 [No response.]
912 *The Clerk. Harshbarger?
913 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
914 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
915 Miller-Meeks?
916 [No response.]
917 *The Clerk. Cammack?
918 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
919 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
920 Obernolte?
921 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
922 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
923 Pallone?
924 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
925 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
926 Eshoo?
927 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
928 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
929 DeGette?

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930 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
931 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
932 Schakowsky?
933 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
934 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
935 Matsui?
936 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
937 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
938 Castor?
939 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
940 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
941 Sarbanes?
942 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
943 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
944 Tonko?
945 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
946 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
947 Clarke?
948 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
949 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
950 Cardenas?

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951 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.

952 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.

953 Ruiz?

954 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

955 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.

956 Peters?

957 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

958 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.

959 Dingell?

960 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

961 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.

962 Veasey?

963 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

964 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.

965 Kuster?

966 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.

967 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.

968 Kelly?

969 [No response.]

970 *The Clerk. Barragan?

971 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.

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972 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
973 Blunt Rochester?
974 [No response.]
975 *The Clerk. Soto?
976 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
977 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
978 Craig?
979 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
980 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
981 Schrier?
982 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
983 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
984 Trahan?
985 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
986 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
987 Fletcher?
988 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
989 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
990 Chair Rodgers?
991 *The Chair. Aye.
992 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

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993 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Duncan recorded?
994 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan is not recorded.
995 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
996 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
997 *The Chair. Mr. Guthrie?
998 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
999 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.
1000 *The Chair. Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
1001 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
1002 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
1003 *The Chair. Mr. Pfluger?
1004 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger is not recorded.
1005 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
1006 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
1007 *The Chair. Mrs. Lesko?
1008 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko is not reported.
1009 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
1010 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
1011 *The Chair. Mr. Fulcher?
1012 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher is not recorded.
1013 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.

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1014 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.

1015 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

1016 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 44
1017 ayes and 0 noes.

1018 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
1019 The chair calls up H.R. 1513, and asks the clerk to
1020 report.

1021 *The Clerk. H.R. 1513, a bill to direct the Federal
1022 Communications Commission to establish a task force to be
1023 known as the 6G Task Force, and for other _

1024 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
1025 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
1026 amendment at any point.

1027 So ordered.

1028 [The bill follows:]

1029

1030 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

1031

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1032 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1033 bill?

1034 Seeing none, the clerk will call the roll. The vote
1035 occurs on approving H.R. 1513, as amended. The clerk will
1036 call the roll.

1037 *The Clerk. Burgess?

1038 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

1039 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

1040 Latta?

1041 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

1042 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

1043 Guthrie?

1044 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

1045 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

1046 Griffith?

1047 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

1048 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

1049 Bilirakis?

1050 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1051 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

1052 Bucshon?

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1053 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
1054 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
1055 Hudson?
1056 [No response.]
1057 *The Clerk. Walberg?
1058 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1059 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
1060 Carter?
1061 [No response.]
1062 *The Clerk. Duncan?
1063 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
1064 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
1065 Palmer?
1066 [No response.]
1067 *The Clerk. Dunn?
1068 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
1069 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
1070 Curtis?
1071 [No response.]
1072 *The Clerk. Lesko?
1073 [No response.]

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1074 *The Clerk. Pence?
1075 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
1076 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
1077 Crenshaw?
1078 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
1079 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
1080 Joyce?
1081 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
1082 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
1083 Armstrong?
1084 [No response.]
1085 *The Clerk. Weber?
1086 [No response.]
1087 *The Clerk. Allen?
1088 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1089 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1090 Balderson?
1091 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
1092 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
1093 Fulcher?
1094 [No response.]

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1095 *The Clerk. Pfluger?
1096 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
1097 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
1098 Harshbarger?
1099 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
1100 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1101 Miller-Meeks?
1102 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
1103 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
1104 Cammack?
1105 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
1106 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1107 Oberholte?
1108 *Mr. Oberholte. Aye.
1109 *The Clerk. Oberholte votes aye.
1110 Pallone?
1111 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
1112 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
1113 Eshoo?
1114 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
1115 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.

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1116 DeGette?
1117 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
1118 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
1119 Schakowsky?
1120 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
1121 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
1122 Matsui?
1123 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
1124 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1125 Castor?
1126 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
1127 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
1128 Sarbanes?
1129 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
1130 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
1131 Tonko?
1132 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
1133 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
1134 Clarke?
1135 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
1136 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.

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1137 Cardenas?
1138 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
1139 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1140 Ruiz?
1141 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
1142 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
1143 Peters?
1144 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
1145 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
1146 Dingell?
1147 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
1148 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1149 Veasey?
1150 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
1151 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
1152 Kuster?
1153 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
1154 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
1155 Kelly?
1156 [No response.]
1157 *The Clerk. Barragan?

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1158 [No response.]
1159 *The Clerk. Barragan?
1160 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
1161 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
1162 Blunt Rochester?
1163 [No response.]
1164 *The Clerk. Soto?
1165 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1166 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1167 Craig?
1168 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1169 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1170 Schrier?
1171 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
1172 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
1173 Trahan?
1174 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
1175 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
1176 Fletcher?
1177 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
1178 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

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1179 Chair Rodgers?

1180 *The Chair. Aye.

1181 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

1182 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mrs. Lesko recorded?

1183 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko is not recorded.

1184 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.

1185 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.

1186 *The Chair. Mr. Palmer?

1187 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer is not recorded.

1188 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

1189 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.

1190 *The Chair. Mr. Fulcher?

1191 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher is not recorded.

1192 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.

1193 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.

1194 *The Chair. Mr. Pfluger? Oh you are fine. Okay, very
1195 good.

1196 The clerk will report.

1197 [Pause.]

1198 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 44
1199 ayes and 0 noes.

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1200 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
1201 The chair calls up H.R. 7598 _ 7589, and asks the clerk
1202 to report.

1203 *The Clerk. H.R. 7589, a bill to direct the Secretary
1204 of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of
1205 Commerce for Communications and Information, to conduct a
1206 study of the national security risks posed by consumer
1207 routers, modems, and devices _

1208 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
1209 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
1210 at any point.

1211 So ordered.

1212 [The bill follows:]

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1214 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1216 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1217 bill?

1218 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
1219 7589, and a roll call vote has been requested. The clerk
1220 will call the roll.

1221 *The Clerk. Burgess?

1222 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

1223 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

1224 Latta?

1225 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

1226 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

1227 Guthrie?

1228 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

1229 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

1230 Griffith?

1231 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

1232 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

1233 Bilirakis?

1234 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1235 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

1236 Bucshon?

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1237 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
1238 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
1239 Hudson?
1240 [No response.]
1241 *The Clerk. Walberg?
1242 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1243 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
1244 Carter?
1245 [No response.]
1246 *The Clerk. Duncan?
1247 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
1248 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
1249 Palmer?
1250 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
1251 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
1252 Dunn?
1253 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
1254 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
1255 Curtis?
1256 [No response.]
1257 *The Clerk. Lesko?

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1258 [No response.]
1259 *The Clerk. Pence?
1260 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
1261 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
1262 Crenshaw?
1263 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
1264 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
1265 Joyce?
1266 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
1267 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
1268 Armstrong?
1269 [No response.]
1270 *The Clerk. Weber?
1271 [No response.]
1272 *The Clerk. Allen?
1273 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1274 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1275 Balderson?
1276 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
1277 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
1278 Fulcher?

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1279 [No response.]
1280 *The Clerk. Pfluger?
1281 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
1282 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
1283 Harshbarger?
1284 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
1285 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1286 Miller-Meeks?
1287 [No response.]
1288 *The Clerk. Cammack?
1289 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
1290 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1291 Obernolte?
1292 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
1293 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
1294 Pallone?
1295 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
1296 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
1297 Eshoo?
1298 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
1299 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.

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1300 DeGette?
1301 [No response.]
1302 *The Clerk. Schakowsky?
1303 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
1304 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
1305 Matsui?
1306 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
1307 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1308 Castor?
1309 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
1310 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
1311 Sarbanes?
1312 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
1313 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
1314 Tonko?
1315 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
1316 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
1317 Clarke?
1318 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
1319 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
1320 Cardenas?

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1321 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
1322 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1323 Ruiz?
1324 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
1325 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
1326 Peters?
1327 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
1328 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
1329 Dingell?
1330 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
1331 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1332 Veasey?
1333 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
1334 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
1335 Kuster?
1336 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
1337 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
1338 Kelly?
1339 [No response.]
1340 *The Clerk. Barragan?
1341 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.

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1342 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
1343 Blunt Rochester?
1344 [No response.]
1345 *The Clerk. Soto?
1346 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1347 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1348 Craig?
1349 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1350 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1351 Schrier?
1352 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
1353 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
1354 Trahan?
1355 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
1356 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
1357 Fletcher?
1358 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
1359 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
1360 Chair Rodgers?
1361 *The Chair. Aye.
1362 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

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1363 *The Chair. Madam clerk, how is Mrs. Lesko recorded?
1364 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko is not recorded.
1365 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
1366 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
1367 *The Chair. Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
1368 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks is not recorded.
1369 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
1370 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
1371 *The Chair. Mr. Fulcher?
1372 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher is not recorded.
1373 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
1374 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1375 *The Chair. The clerk will report.
1376 [Pause.]
1377 *The Chair. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 43
1378 ayes and 0 noes.
1379 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
1380 The chair calls up H.R. 619, as amended, and asks the
1381 clerk to report.
1382 *The Clerk. H.R. 619, a bill to extend the National
1383 Alzheimer's Project.

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1384 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
1385 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
1386 amendment at any point.

1387 So ordered.

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1391 [The bill follows:]

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1393 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

1394

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1395 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1396 bill?

1397 Seeing none, the vote occurs on approving H.R. 619, as
1398 amended, and a vote _ a roll call vote has been requested.
1399 The clerk will call the roll.

1400 *The Clerk. Burgess?

1401 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

1402 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

1403 Latta?

1404 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

1405 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

1406 Guthrie?

1407 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

1408 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

1409 Griffith?

1410 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

1411 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

1412 Bilirakis?

1413 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1414 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

1415 Bucshon?

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1416 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
1417 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
1418 Hudson?
1419 [No response.]
1420 *The Clerk. Walberg?
1421 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1422 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
1423 Carter?
1424 [No response.]
1425 *The Clerk. Duncan?
1426 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
1427 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
1428 Palmer?
1429 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
1430 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
1431 Dunn?
1432 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
1433 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
1434 Curtis?
1435 [No response.]
1436 *The Clerk. Lesko?

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1437 [No response.]
1438 *The Clerk. Pence?
1439 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
1440 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
1441 Crenshaw?
1442 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
1443 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
1444 Joyce?
1445 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
1446 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
1447 Armstrong?
1448 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
1449 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
1450 Weber?
1451 [No response.]
1452 *The Clerk. Allen?
1453 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1454 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1455 Balderson?
1456 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
1457 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.

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1458 Fulcher?
1459 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
1460 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1461 Pfluger?
1462 [No response.]
1463 *The Clerk. Harshbarger?
1464 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
1465 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1466 Miller-Meeks?
1467 [No response.]
1468 *The Clerk. Cammack?
1469 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
1470 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1471 Obernolte?
1472 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
1473 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
1474 Pallone?
1475 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
1476 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
1477 Eshoo?
1478 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.

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1479 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
1480 DeGette?
1481 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
1482 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
1483 Schakowsky?
1484 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
1485 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
1486 Matsui?
1487 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
1488 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1489 Castor?
1490 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
1491 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
1492 Sarbanes?
1493 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
1494 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
1495 Tonko?
1496 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
1497 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
1498 Clarke?
1499 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

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1500 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
1501 Cardenas?
1502 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
1503 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1504 Ruiz?
1505 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
1506 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
1507 Peters?
1508 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
1509 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
1510 Dingell?
1511 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
1512 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1513 Veasey?
1514 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
1515 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
1516 Kuster?
1517 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
1518 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
1519 Kelly?
1520 [No response.]

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1521 *The Clerk. Barragan?
1522 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
1523 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
1524 Blunt Rochester?
1525 [No response.]
1526 *The Clerk. Soto?
1527 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1528 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1529 Craig?
1530 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1531 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1532 Schrier?
1533 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
1534 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
1535 Trahan?
1536 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
1537 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
1538 Fletcher?
1539 [No response.]
1540 *The Clerk. Fletcher?
1541 *Voice. You need to vote.

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1542 *The Clerk. Fletcher?

1543 *Mrs. Fletcher. Yes.

1544 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

1545 Chair Rodgers?

1546 *The Chair. Aye.

1547 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

1548 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mrs. Lesko recorded?

1549 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko is not recorded.

1550 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.

1551 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.

1552 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

1553 [Pause.]

1554 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 43
1555 ayes and 0 noes.

1556 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

1557 The chair calls up H.R. 620, and asks the clerk to
1558 report.

1559 *The Clerk. H.R. 620, a bill to require an annual
1560 budget estimate for the initiatives of the National
1561 Institutes of Health pursuant to _

1562 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the

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1563 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment

1564 at any point.

1565 So ordered.

1566 [The bill follows:]

1567

1568 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

1569

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1570 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1571 bill?

1572 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
1573 620, and the roll call has been requested. The clerk will
1574 call the roll.

1575 *The Clerk. Burgess?

1576 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

1577 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

1578 Latta?

1579 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

1580 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

1581 Guthrie?

1582 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

1583 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

1584 Griffith?

1585 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

1586 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

1587 Bilirakis?

1588 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1589 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

1590 Bucshon?

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1591 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
1592 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
1593 Hudson?
1594 [No response.]
1595 *The Clerk. Walberg?
1596 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1597 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
1598 Carter?
1599 [No response.]
1600 *The Clerk. Duncan?
1601 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
1602 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
1603 Palmer?
1604 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
1605 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
1606 Dunn?
1607 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
1608 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
1609 Curtis?
1610 [No response.]
1611 *The Clerk. Lesko?

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1612 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
1613 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
1614 Pence?
1615 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
1616 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
1617 Crenshaw?
1618 [No response.]
1619 *The Clerk. Joyce?
1620 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
1621 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
1622 Armstrong?
1623 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
1624 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
1625 Weber?
1626 [No response.]
1627 *The Clerk. Allen?
1628 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1629 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1630 Balderson?
1631 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
1632 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.

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1633 Fulcher?
1634 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
1635 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1636 Pfluger?
1637 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
1638 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
1639 Harshbarger?
1640 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
1641 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1642 Miller-Meeks?
1643 [No response.]
1644 *The Clerk. Cammack?
1645 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
1646 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1647 Obernolte?
1648 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
1649 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
1650 Pallone?
1651 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
1652 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
1653 Eshoo?

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1654 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
1655 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
1656 DeGette?
1657 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
1658 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
1659 Schakowsky?
1660 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
1661 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
1662 Matsui?
1663 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
1664 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1665 Castor?
1666 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
1667 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
1668 Sarbanes?
1669 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
1670 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
1671 Tonko?
1672 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
1673 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
1674 Clarke?

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1675 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
1676 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
1677 Cardenas?
1678 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
1679 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1680 Ruiz?
1681 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
1682 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
1683 Peters?
1684 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
1685 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
1686 Dingell?
1687 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
1688 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1689 Veasey?
1690 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
1691 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
1692 Kuster?
1693 [No response.]
1694 *The Clerk. Kelly?
1695 [No response.]

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1696 *The Clerk. Barragan?
1697 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
1698 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
1699 Blunt Rochester?
1700 [No response.]
1701 *The Clerk. Soto?
1702 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1703 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1704 Craig?
1705 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1706 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1707 Schrier?
1708 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
1709 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
1710 Trahan?
1711 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
1712 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
1713 Fletcher?
1714 [No response.]
1715 *The Clerk. Fletcher?
1716 *Mrs. Fletcher. Fletcher votes aye.

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1717 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

1718 Chair Rodgers?

1719 *The Chair. Aye.

1720 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

1721 *Mr. Carter. How is Carter recorded?

1722 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter is not reported.

1723 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

1724 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter votes aye.

1725 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

1726 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 43
1727 ayes and 0 noes.

1728 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

1729 The chair calls up H.R. 7218, and asks the clerk to
1730 report.

1731 *The Clerk. H.R. 7218, a bill to amend Title III of the
1732 Public Health Service Act to extend the program for Promotion
1733 of Public Health Knowledge and awareness of Alzheimer's
1734 disease and related dementias _

1735 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
1736 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
1737 at any point.

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1738 So ordered.

1739 [The bill follows:]

1740

1741 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

1742

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1743 *The Chair. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?

1744 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.

1745 7218, and a roll call vote has been requested. The clerk

1746 will call the roll.

1747 *The Clerk. Burgess?

1748 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

1749 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

1750 Latta?

1751 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

1752 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

1753 Guthrie?

1754 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

1755 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

1756 Griffith?

1757 [No response.]

1758 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

1759 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1760 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

1761 Bucshon?

1762 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.

1763 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.

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1764 Hudson?
1765 [No response.]
1766 *The Clerk. Walberg?
1767 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1768 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
1769 Carter?
1770 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
1771 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
1772 Duncan?
1773 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
1774 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
1775 Palmer?
1776 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
1777 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
1778 Dunn?
1779 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
1780 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
1781 Curtis?
1782 [No response.]
1783 *The Clerk. Lesko?
1784 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.

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1785 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
1786 Pence?
1787 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
1788 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
1789 Crenshaw?
1790 [No response.]
1791 *The Clerk. Joyce?
1792 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
1793 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
1794 Armstrong?
1795 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
1796 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
1797 Weber?
1798 [No response.]
1799 *The Clerk. Allen?
1800 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1801 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1802 Balderson?
1803 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
1804 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
1805 Fulcher?

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1806 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
1807 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1808 Pfluger?
1809 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
1810 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
1811 Harshbarger?
1812 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
1813 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1814 Miller-Meeks?
1815 [No response.]
1816 *The Clerk. Cammack?
1817 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
1818 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1819 Oberholte?
1820 *Mr. Oberholte. Aye.
1821 *The Clerk. Oberholte votes aye.
1822 Pallone?
1823 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
1824 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
1825 Eshoo?
1826 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.

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1827 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
1828 DeGette?
1829 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
1830 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
1831 Schakowsky?
1832 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
1833 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
1834 Matsui?
1835 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
1836 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1837 Castor?
1838 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
1839 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
1840 Sarbanes?
1841 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
1842 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
1843 Tonko?
1844 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
1845 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
1846 Clarke?
1847 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

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1848 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
1849 Cardenas?
1850 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
1851 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1852 Ruiz?
1853 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
1854 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
1855 Peters?
1856 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
1857 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
1858 Dingell?
1859 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
1860 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1861 Veasey?
1862 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
1863 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
1864 Kuster?
1865 [No response.]
1866 *The Clerk. Kelly?
1867 [No response.]
1868 *The Clerk. Barragan?

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1869 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
1870 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
1871 Blunt Rochester?
1872 [No response.]
1873 *The Clerk. Soto?
1874 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1875 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1876 Craig?
1877 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1878 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1879 Schrier?
1880 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
1881 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
1882 Trahan?
1883 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
1884 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
1885 Fletcher?
1886 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
1887 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
1888 Chair Rodgers?
1889 *The Chair. Aye.

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1890 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

1891 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Griffith recorded?

1892 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith is not recorded.

1893 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

1894 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

1895 *The Chair. How is Mr. Crenshaw recorded?

1896 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw is not recorded.

1897 *Mr. Crenshaw. Crenshaw votes aye.

1898 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.

1899 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

1900 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 44

1901 ayes and 0 noes.

1902 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

1903 The chair calls up H.R. 4581, as amended, and asks the

1904 clerk to report.

1905 *The Clerk. H.R. 4581, a bill to amend Title V of the

1906 Social Security Act to support stillbirth prevention in

1907 research.

1908 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the

1909 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment

1910 at any point.

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1911 So ordered.

1912 [The bill follows:]

1913

1914 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1916 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1917 bill?

1918 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approval _ oh,
1919 yes, yes. For what purpose does Ms. Castor seek recognition?

1920 *Ms. Castor. To strike the last word.

1921 *The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized for five
1922 minutes.

1923 *Ms. Castor. Thank you, Madam Chair.

1924 Colleagues, as a cosponsor, I rise in support of H.R.
1925 4581, but I also want to reiterate the need for our committee
1926 to consider and pass the bipartisan SHINE for Autumn Act that
1927 I co-lead with Representatives Kim, Kelly, and Joyce. SHINE
1928 for Autumn is not new to this committee, because we passed it
1929 in the last Congress. But the need to enact it into law is
1930 still urgent.

1931 Stillbirth is a public health crisis in the United
1932 States, with over 21,000 stillbirths every year, almost 60
1933 babies dying every day. And like too many other maternal and
1934 child health issues, there are persistent and longstanding
1935 disparities with Black women more than twice as likely to
1936 experience stillbirth than White women. At least one out of

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1937 every four stillbirths are estimated to be preventable, but
1938 there is still so much that we do not know. That is why we
1939 need real change that will lead to measurable improvements in
1940 outcomes for families.

1941 And the SHINE for Autumn Act would improve surveillance
1942 and data collection relating to stillbirth nationwide, and
1943 invest in research to examine the causes and risk factors.
1944 Additionally, it would seek to increase education and
1945 awareness around stillbirth. We need a clearer picture as to
1946 why babies are dying if we want to make progress towards
1947 reducing stillbirth rates and improving outcomes. With
1948 timely and accurate data, we can begin to understand the
1949 underlying causes and guide our policy actions and much-
1950 needed strategies for prevention.

1951 Together our committee can address the serious maternal
1952 and infant health crisis that is tearing families apart and
1953 causing significant pain and trauma. I understand that
1954 committee staff are working in a bipartisan manner to move
1955 the bill forward, and I want to thank them for their efforts.
1956 So while I do support the passage of this bill, 4581, I urge
1957 us not to forget the urgency or the need to pass the

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1958 bipartisan SHINE for Autumn Act.

1959 Thank you, and I yield back.

1960 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. And yes, we
1961 are continuing to work on the SHINE for Autumn Act, and look
1962 forward to moving it out of committee also. Thank you.

1963 Does anyone else seek recognition on this bill?

1964 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
1965 4581, as amended, and a roll call has been requested. The
1966 clerk will call the roll.

1967 *The Clerk. Burgess?

1968 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

1969 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

1970 Latta?

1971 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

1972 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

1973 Guthrie?

1974 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

1975 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

1976 Griffith?

1977 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

1978 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

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1979 Bilirakis?
1980 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
1981 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
1982 Bucshon?
1983 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
1984 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
1985 Hudson?
1986 [No response.]
1987 *The Clerk. Walberg?
1988 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1989 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
1990 Carter?
1991 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
1992 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
1993 Duncan?
1994 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
1995 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
1996 Palmer?
1997 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
1998 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
1999 Dunn?

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2000 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
2001 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
2002 Curtis?
2003 [No response.]
2004 *The Clerk. Lesko?
2005 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
2006 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
2007 Pence?
2008 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
2009 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
2010 Crenshaw?
2011 [No response.]
2012 *The Clerk. Joyce?
2013 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
2014 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
2015 Armstrong?
2016 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
2017 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
2018 Weber?
2019 [No response.]
2020 *The Clerk. Allen?

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2021 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
2022 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
2023 Balderson?
2024 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
2025 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
2026 Fulcher?
2027 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
2028 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
2029 Pfluger?
2030 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
2031 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
2032 Harshbarger?
2033 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
2034 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
2035 Miller-Meeks?
2036 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
2037 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
2038 Cammack?
2039 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
2040 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
2041 Oberholte?

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2042 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
2043 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
2044 Pallone?
2045 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
2046 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
2047 Eshoo?
2048 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
2049 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
2050 DeGette?
2051 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
2052 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
2053 Schakowsky?
2054 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
2055 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
2056 Matsui?
2057 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
2058 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
2059 Castor?
2060 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
2061 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
2062 Sarbanes?

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2063 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
2064 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
2065 Tonko?
2066 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
2067 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
2068 Clarke?
2069 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
2070 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
2071 Cardenas?
2072 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
2073 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
2074 Ruiz?
2075 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
2076 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
2077 Peters?
2078 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
2079 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
2080 Dingell?
2081 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
2082 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
2083 Veasey?

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2084 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
2085 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
2086 Kuster?
2087 [No response.]
2088 *The Clerk. Kelly?
2089 [No response.]
2090 *The Clerk. Barragan?
2091 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
2092 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
2093 Blunt Rochester?
2094 [No response.]
2095 *The Clerk. Soto?
2096 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
2097 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
2098 Craig?
2099 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
2100 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
2101 Schrier?
2102 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
2103 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
2104 Trahan?

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2105 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

2106 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.

2107 Fletcher?

2108 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

2109 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

2110 Chair Rodgers?

2111 *The Chair. Aye.

2112 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

2113 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

2114 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 44
2115 ayes and 0 noes.

2116 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

2117 The chair calls up H.R. 2706, as amended, and asks the
2118 clerk to report.

2119 *The Clerk. H.R. 2706, a bill to prohibit
2120 discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability
2121 in cases of organ transplants.

2122 *The Clerk. Without objection, the first reading of the
2123 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
2124 amendment at any point.

2125 So ordered.

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2126 [The bill follows:]

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2128 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

2129

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2130 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
2131 bill?

2132 For what purpose does Mrs. Cammack seek recognition?

2133 *Mrs. Cammack. Madam Chair, I have an amendment at the
2134 desk.

2135 *The Chair. The clerk will report the amendment.

2136 *The Clerk. Amendment to committee print of H.R. 2706,
2137 offered by Mrs. Cammack. Page 10, line 23, insert _

2138 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
2139 amendment is dispensed with.

2140 [The amendment of Mrs. Cammack follows:]

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2142 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

2143

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2144 *The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized for five
2145 minutes in support of her amendment.

2146 *Mrs. Cammack. Thank you, Madam Chair. I am so
2147 grateful to see my bill, the Charlotte Woodward Organ
2148 Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act, included in today's
2149 markup.

2150 As many of you know, this bill is named for Charlotte
2151 Woodward, who is here with us today.

2152 *The Chair. Yay, there is Charlotte.

2153 [Applause.]

2154 *The Chair. Welcome, Charlotte. Good to see you.

2155 *Mrs. Cammack. Dare I say a future Member of Congress?

2156 *The Chair. I think so.

2157 *Mrs. Cammack. This bill, named after Charlotte, an
2158 adult woman living with Down syndrome who is here today, she
2159 received a lifesaving heart transplant over 12 years ago.

2160 However, not all individuals with disabilities have been
2161 given the same opportunity. Two of my constituents, Bobbi
2162 and Josh Sarmiento, have been loving parents in one of our
2163 communities in Ocala, Florida, and tragically lost their son,
2164 Baby Zion, who was born with Down syndrome and in need of a

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2165 heart transplant at just six months of age. Zion's family
2166 was told that his life did not have the same value as yours
2167 or mine because of his disability. To me, this is
2168 disgusting, unacceptable, and makes this issue extremely
2169 personal for me.

2170 Charlotte's bill would seek to prevent this type of
2171 discrimination by providing a path for timely relief at the
2172 Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human
2173 Services. My amendment makes a technical change to ensure
2174 that the Office of Civil Rights can appropriately review
2175 these discrimination claims in an expedited manner.

2176 I again want to thank my colleague, Representative
2177 Debbie Dingell, for helping lead this effort across the
2178 aisle, and I urge my colleagues to support this amendment and
2179 the underlying bill.

2180 With that, Madam Chair, I yield back.

2181 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
2182 further discussion?

2183 The chair recognizes Mrs. Dingell.

2184 *Mrs. Dingell. Madam Chair, I move to strike the last
2185 word.

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2186 *The Chair. You are recognized for five minutes.

2187 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Madam Chair. As co-chair of
2188 the bipartisan Disabilities Caucus, I am proud to have led
2189 the Charlotte Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination
2190 Prevention Act alongside my dear _ my colleague,
2191 Representative Kat Cammack.

2192 I want to thank everybody here, and especially you, Kat,
2193 for working with us to get this today so we can all support
2194 it. This amendment really matters.

2195 Kat has already talked about Charlotte. She has really
2196 become an inspiration in my life, and we love seeing you.
2197 Every time we are _ we consider it, you are here to be the
2198 face of this. In Charlotte's honor this important bill
2199 prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in
2200 the organ transplant system. Specifically, it prohibits
2201 eligible individuals from being denied a lifesaving
2202 transplant procedure based solely on their disability status.

2203 It is unthinkable that people with disabilities are
2204 passed over for lifesaving transplants based on
2205 discriminatory and subjective assumptions about their ability
2206 to comply with post-operative care.

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2207 With this legislation, we can take action to ensure that
2208 all Americans, regardless of their disability status, receive
2209 equitable access to the care they need.

2210 Thank you, Charlotte, for your advocacy.

2211 And I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

2212 Thank you, Madam Chair, and I yield back.

2213 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
2214 further discussion?

2215 For what purpose does Mr. Soto seek recognition?

2216 *Mr. Soto. Madam Chair, I move to strike the last word.

2217 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
2218 minutes.

2219 *Mr. Soto. Thank you, Madam Chair, and I also thank
2220 Representatives Cammack and Dingell for this great bill. We
2221 are joined not only by Charlotte Woodward _ thank you for
2222 being here _ also, one of my constituents, Carlos, also an
2223 organ transplant recipient.

2224 You know, in central Florida we have folks come from
2225 around the world to get organ transplant surgeries. Folks
2226 come in and their families get to go to theme parks while
2227 family members are undergoing these serious treatments. And

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2228 I know it wouldn't be the central Florida way to see
2229 something like this happen. Many people would be shocked to
2230 know that you can be discriminated against for disability for
2231 when you are getting a transplant.

2232 Denial of an organ transplant based upon disability that
2233 is not medically significant is absolutely critical for
2234 fairness as we are going forward and we are looking at
2235 critical health care rules, especially those with a support
2236 network. We need to give folks a chance. It has been 24
2237 years since we saw the Americans with Disabilities Act
2238 passed, and we still have a long way to go.

2239 But I am excited that this is a step closer to the grand
2240 promise of that Act. And with that I yield back.

2241 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
2242 further discussion?

2243 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
2244 2706, as amended, and a roll call vote has been requested.
2245 The clerk will call the roll.

2246 *The Clerk. Burgess?

2247 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

2248 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

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2249 Latta?
2250 [No response.]
2251 *The Clerk. Guthrie?
2252 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
2253 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.
2254 Griffith?
2255 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
2256 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
2257 Bilirakis?
2258 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
2259 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
2260 Bucshon?
2261 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
2262 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
2263 Hudson?
2264 [No response.]
2265 *The Clerk. Walberg?
2266 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
2267 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
2268 Carter?
2269 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

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2270 *The Clerk. Carter _

2271 *The Chair. Sorry, I messed up. The clerk will suspend
2272 the vote.

2273 We need to vote on the amendment. So there was an
2274 amendment offered by Kat Cammack. So the vote is going to
2275 occur on the amendment.

2276 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

2277 All those opposed, nay.

2278 The ayes have it. The amendment is agreed to. Is there
2279 any further discussion?

2280 Seeing none, the vote now occurs on H.R. 2706, as
2281 amended. The clerk will start the roll again.

2282 *The Clerk. Burgess?

2283 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

2284 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

2285 Latta?

2286 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

2287 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

2288 Guthrie?

2289 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

2290 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

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2291 Griffith?
2292 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
2293 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
2294 Bilirakis?
2295 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
2296 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
2297 Bucshon?
2298 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
2299 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
2300 Hudson?
2301 [No response.]
2302 *The Clerk. Walberg?
2303 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
2304 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
2305 Carter?
2306 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
2307 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
2308 Duncan?
2309 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
2310 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
2311 Palmer?

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2312 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
2313 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
2314 Dunn?
2315 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
2316 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
2317 Curtis?
2318 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
2319 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
2320 Lesko?
2321 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
2322 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
2323 Pence?
2324 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
2325 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
2326 Crenshaw?
2327 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
2328 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
2329 Joyce?
2330 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
2331 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
2332 Armstrong?

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2333 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.

2334 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.

2335 Weber?

2336 [No response.]

2337 *The Clerk. Allen?

2338 *Mr. Allen. Aye.

2339 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.

2340 Balderson?

2341 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

2342 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.

2343 Fulcher?

2344 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.

2345 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.

2346 Pfluger?

2347 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.

2348 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.

2349 Harshbarger?

2350 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.

2351 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.

2352 Miller-Meeks?

2353 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Yes.

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2354 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.

2355 Cammack?

2356 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.

2357 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.

2358 Obernolte?

2359 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.

2360 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.

2361 Pallone?

2362 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

2363 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.

2364 Eshoo?

2365 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.

2366 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.

2367 DeGette?

2368 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

2369 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.

2370 Schakowsky?

2371 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.

2372 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.

2373 Matsui?

2374 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

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2375 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
2376 Castor?
2377 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
2378 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
2379 Sarbanes?
2380 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
2381 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
2382 Tonko?
2383 [No response.]
2384 *The Clerk. Clarke?
2385 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
2386 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
2387 Cardenas?
2388 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
2389 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
2390 Ruiz?
2391 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
2392 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
2393 Peters?
2394 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
2395 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.

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2396 Dingell?
2397 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
2398 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
2399 Veasey?
2400 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
2401 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
2402 Kuster?
2403 [No response.]
2404 *The Clerk. Kelly?
2405 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
2406 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
2407 Barragan?
2408 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
2409 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
2410 Blunt Rochester?
2411 [No response.]
2412 *The Clerk. Soto?
2413 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
2414 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
2415 Craig?
2416 *Ms. Craig. Aye.

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2417 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
2418 Schrier?
2419 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
2420 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
2421 Trahan?
2422 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
2423 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
2424 Fletcher?
2425 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
2426 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
2427 Chair Rodgers?
2428 *The Chair. Aye.
2429 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
2430 [Pause.]
2431 *The Chair. The clerk will report.
2432 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 46
2433 ayes and 0 noes.
2434 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the Charlotte
2435 Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act is
2436 adopted.
2437 [Applause.]

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2438 *The Chair. All right, very good. The chair calls up
2439 H.R. 4646, as amended, and asks the clerk to report.

2440 *The Clerk. H.R. 4646, a bill to reauthorize the Rural
2441 Emergency Medical Service Training and Equipment Assistance
2442 Program.

2443 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
2444 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
2445 at any point.

2446 So ordered.

2447 [The bill follows:]

2448

2449 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2451 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
2452 bill?

2453 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
2454 4646, and a roll call vote has been requested. The clerk
2455 will call the roll.

2456 *The Clerk. Burgess?

2457 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

2458 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

2459 Latta?

2460 [No response.]

2461 *The Clerk. Guthrie?

2462 [No response.]

2463 *The Clerk. Griffith?

2464 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

2465 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

2466 Bilirakis?

2467 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

2468 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

2469 Bucshon?

2470 [No response.]

2471 *The Clerk. Hudson?

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2472 [No response.]

2473 *The Clerk. Walberg?

2474 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

2475 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

2476 Carter?

2477 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

2478 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

2479 Duncan?

2480 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.

2481 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.

2482 Palmer?

2483 [No response.]

2484 *The Clerk. Dunn?

2485 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

2486 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.

2487 Curtis?

2488 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.

2489 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.

2490 Lesko?

2491 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.

2492 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.

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2493 Pence?

2494 *Mr. Pence. Aye.

2495 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.

2496 Crenshaw?

2497 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.

2498 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.

2499 Joyce?

2500 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

2501 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.

2502 Armstrong?

2503 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.

2504 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.

2505 Weber?

2506 [No response.]

2507 *The Clerk. Allen?

2508 *Mr. Allen. Aye.

2509 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.

2510 Balderson?

2511 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

2512 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.

2513 Fulcher?

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2514 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
2515 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
2516 Pfluger?
2517 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
2518 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
2519 Harshbarger?
2520 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
2521 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
2522 Miller-Meeks?
2523 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
2524 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
2525 Cammack?
2526 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
2527 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
2528 Obernolte?
2529 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
2530 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
2531 Pallone?
2532 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
2533 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
2534 Eshoo?

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2535 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.

2536 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.

2537 DeGette?

2538 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

2539 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.

2540 Schakowsky?

2541 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.

2542 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.

2543 Matsui?

2544 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

2545 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

2546 Castor?

2547 [No response.]

2548 *The Clerk. Sarbanes?

2549 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.

2550 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.

2551 Tonko?

2552 [No response.]

2553 *The Clerk. Clarke?

2554 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

2555 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.

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2556 Cardenas?
2557 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
2558 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
2559 Ruiz?
2560 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
2561 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
2562 Peters?
2563 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
2564 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
2565 Dingell?
2566 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
2567 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
2568 Veasey?
2569 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
2570 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
2571 Kuster?
2572 [No response.]
2573 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
2574 Kelly?
2575 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
2576 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.

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2577 Barragan?
2578 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
2579 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
2580 Blunt Rochester?
2581 [No response.]
2582 *The Clerk. Soto?
2583 [No response.]
2584 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
2585 Craig?
2586 [No response.]
2587 *The Clerk. Schrier?
2588 [No response.]
2589 *The Clerk. Trahan?
2590 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
2591 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
2592 Fletcher?
2593 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
2594 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
2595 Chair Rodgers?
2596 *The Chair. Aye.
2597 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

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2598 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Ms. Castor recorded?

2599 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor is not recorded.

2600 *Ms. Castor. Votes aye.

2601 *The Chair. How is Mr. _

2602 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.

2603 *The Chair. Mr. Latta?

2604 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.

2605 *Mr. Latta. Latta votes aye.

2606 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

2607 *The Chair. Mr. Guthrie?

2608 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

2609 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

2610 *The Chair. Mr. Bucshon?

2611 *The Clerk. Mr. Bucshon is not recorded.

2612 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.

2613 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.

2614 *The Chair. Mr. Palmer?

2615 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer is not recorded.

2616 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

2617 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.

2618 *The Chair. Ms. Schrier?

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2619 *The Clerk. Schrier is not recorded.

2620 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

2621 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.

2622 *The Chair. Mr. Soto?

2623 *The Clerk. Soto is not recorded.

2624 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

2625 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.

2626 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Tonko recorded?

2627 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko is not recorded.

2628 *Mr. Tonko. Tonko votes aye.

2629 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.

2630 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

2631 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 46

2632 ayes and 0 noes.

2633 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

2634 The chair calls up H.R. 6160, as amended, and asks the

2635 clerk to report.

2636 *The Clerk. H.R. 6160, a bill to amend the Public

2637 Health Service Act to reauthorize a lifespan respite care

2638 program.

2639 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the

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2640 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment

2641 at any point.

2642 So ordered.

2643 [The bill follows:]

2644

2645 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

2646

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2647 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
2648 bill?

2649 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
2650 6160, and a roll call vote has been requested.

2651 *The Clerk. Burgess?

2652 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

2653 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

2654 Latta?

2655 [No response.]

2656 *The Clerk. Guthrie?

2657 [No response.]

2658 *The Clerk. Griffith?

2659 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

2660 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

2661 Bilirakis?

2662 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

2663 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

2664 Bucshon?

2665 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.

2666 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.

2667 Hudson?

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2668 [No response.]
2669 *The Clerk. Walberg?
2670 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
2671 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
2672 Carter?
2673 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
2674 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
2675 Duncan?
2676 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
2677 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
2678 Palmer?
2679 [No response.]
2680 *The Clerk. Dunn?
2681 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
2682 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
2683 Curtis?
2684 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
2685 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
2686 Lesko?
2687 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
2688 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.

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2689 Pence?
2690 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
2691 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
2692 Crenshaw?
2693 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
2694 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
2695 Joyce?
2696 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
2697 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
2698 Armstrong?
2699 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
2700 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
2701 Weber?
2702 [No response.]
2703 *The Clerk. Allen?
2704 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
2705 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
2706 Balderson?
2707 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
2708 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
2709 Fulcher?

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2710 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
2711 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
2712 Pfluger?
2713 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
2714 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
2715 Harshbarger?
2716 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
2717 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
2718 Miller-Meeks?
2719 [No response.]
2720 *The Clerk. Cammack?
2721 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
2722 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
2723 Obernolte?
2724 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
2725 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
2726 Pallone?
2727 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
2728 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
2729 Eshoo?
2730 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.

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2731 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
2732 DeGette?
2733 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
2734 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
2735 Schakowsky?
2736 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
2737 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
2738 Matsui?
2739 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
2740 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
2741 Castor?
2742 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
2743 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
2744 Sarbanes?
2745 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
2746 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
2747 Tonko?
2748 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
2749 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
2750 Clarke?
2751 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

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2752 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
2753 Cardenas?
2754 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
2755 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
2756 Ruiz?
2757 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
2758 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
2759 Peters?
2760 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
2761 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
2762 Dingell?
2763 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
2764 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
2765 Veasey?
2766 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
2767 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
2768 Kuster?
2769 [No response.]
2770 *The Clerk. Kelly?
2771 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
2772 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.

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2773 Barragan?
2774 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
2775 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
2776 Blunt Rochester?
2777 [No response.]
2778 *The Clerk. Soto?
2779 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
2780 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
2781 Craig?
2782 [No response.]
2783 *The Clerk. Schrier?
2784 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
2785 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
2786 Trahan?
2787 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
2788 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
2789 Fletcher?
2790 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
2791 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
2792 Chair Rodgers?
2793 *The Chair. Aye.

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2794 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
2795 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Latta recorded?
2796 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.
2797 *Mr. Latta. Latta votes aye.
2798 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
2799 *The Chair. Mr. Guthrie?
2800 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
2801 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
2802 *The Chair. Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
2803 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks is not recorded.
2804 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
2805 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
2806 *The Chair. Mr. Hudson?
2807 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson is not recorded.
2808 *Mr. Hudson. Hudson votes aye.
2809 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
2810 *The Chair. The clerk will report.
2811 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 46
2812 ayes and 0 noes.
2813 *The Chair. Ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
2814 The chair calls up H.R. 6960, and asks the clerk to

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2815 report.

2816 *The Clerk. H.R. 6960, a bill to amend the Public
2817 Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical
2818 Services for Children program.

2819 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
2820 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
2821 at any point.

2822 So ordered.

2823 [The bill follows:]

2824

2825 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

2826

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2827 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
2828 bill?

2829 For what purpose does Mr. Carter seek recognition?

2830 *Mr. Carter. Madam Chair, I move to strike the last
2831 word.

2832 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
2833 minutes.

2834 *Mr. Carter. Madam Chair, in Congress, and especially
2835 in this committee, we are focused on increasing the
2836 accessibility, affordability, and quality of health care for
2837 all patients, including children. That is why I am pleased
2838 to see my bipartisan bill, the Emergency Medical Services for
2839 Children Reauthorization Act, is included in this markup.

2840 This bill reauthorizes grants that focus on addressing
2841 the unique needs of children in emergency medical systems
2842 with the ultimate goal of reducing the prevalence of
2843 morbidity and mortality in children that may occur as a
2844 result of acute illness and severe injury.

2845 For nearly four decades, the Emergency Medical Services
2846 for Children program has been the only Federal grant program
2847 specifically focused on addressing the needs of children in

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2848 emergency medical system systems. As we all know, children
2849 have special health needs. Whether children require
2850 emergency care following a car crash or a fatal _ or fall ill
2851 in the middle of the night with nowhere else to turn, our
2852 emergency medical system needs to have staff trained to treat
2853 children. A major part of that is providing the resources to
2854 equip health care professionals with the right-sized medical
2855 tools.

2856 As a pharmacist, I understand how critical it is that
2857 children receive care that is specialized to their unique
2858 needs. That is why I am proud to be leading the
2859 reauthorization of the Emergency Medical Services for
2860 Children program, which has proven to be an effective
2861 approach for saving America's children.

2862 I thank Representative Castor, Dr. Joyce, and Dr.
2863 Schrier for working with me on this legislation, and I ask
2864 all my colleagues to support this bill.

2865 Thank you, Madam Chair, and I yield back.

2866 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Does anyone
2867 else seek to be recognized?

2868 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.

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2869 6960, and a roll call has been requested. The clerk will
2870 call the roll.

2871 *The Clerk. Burgess?

2872 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

2873 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

2874 Latta?

2875 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

2876 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

2877 Guthrie?

2878 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

2879 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

2880 Griffith?

2881 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

2882 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

2883 Bilirakis?

2884 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

2885 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

2886 Bucshon?

2887 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.

2888 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.

2889 Hudson?

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2890 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
2891 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
2892 Walberg?
2893 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
2894 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
2895 Carter?
2896 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
2897 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
2898 Duncan?
2899 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
2900 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
2901 Palmer?
2902 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
2903 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
2904 Dunn?
2905 [No response.]
2906 *The Clerk. Dunn?
2907 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
2908 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
2909 Curtis?
2910 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.

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2911 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
2912 Lesko?
2913 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
2914 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
2915 Pence?
2916 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
2917 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
2918 Crenshaw?
2919 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
2920 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
2921 Joyce?
2922 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
2923 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
2924 Armstrong?
2925 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
2926 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
2927 Weber?
2928 [No response.]
2929 *The Clerk. Allen?
2930 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
2931 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.

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2932 Balderson?
2933 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
2934 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
2935 Fulcher?
2936 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
2937 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
2938 Pfluger?
2939 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
2940 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
2941 Harshbarger?
2942 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
2943 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
2944 Miller-Meeks?
2945 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
2946 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
2947 Cammack?
2948 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
2949 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
2950 Obernolte?
2951 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
2952 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.

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2953 Pallone?
2954 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
2955 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
2956 Eshoo?
2957 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
2958 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
2959 DeGette?
2960 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
2961 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
2962 Schakowsky?
2963 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
2964 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
2965 Matsui?
2966 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
2967 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
2968 Castor?
2969 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
2970 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
2971 Sarbanes?
2972 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
2973 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.

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2974 Tonko?
2975 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
2976 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
2977 Clarke?
2978 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
2979 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
2980 Cardenas?
2981 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
2982 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
2983 Ruiz?
2984 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
2985 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
2986 Peters?
2987 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
2988 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
2989 Dingell?
2990 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
2991 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
2992 Veasey?
2993 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
2994 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.

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2995 Kuster?
2996 [No response.]
2997 *The Clerk. Kelly?
2998 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
2999 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
3000 Barragan?
3001 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
3002 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
3003 Blunt Rochester?
3004 [No response.]
3005 *The Clerk. Soto?
3006 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
3007 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
3008 Craig?
3009 [No response.]
3010 *The Clerk. Schrier?
3011 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
3012 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
3013 Trahan?
3014 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
3015 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.

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3016 Fletcher?

3017 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

3018 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

3019 Chair Rodgers?

3020 *The Chair. Aye.

3021 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

3022 [Pause.]

3023 *Ms. Craig. How is Ms. Craig recorded?

3024 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig is not recorded.

3025 *Ms. Craig. Aye.

3026 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.

3027 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

3028 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 48
3029 ayes and 0 noes.

3030 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
3031 The chair calls up H.R. 7153, and asks the clerk to
3032 report.

3033 *The Clerk. H.R. 7153, a bill to reauthorize the Dr.
3034 Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act.

3035 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
3036 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment

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3037 at any point.

3038 So ordered.

3039 [The bill follows:]

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3041 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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3043 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
3044 bill?

3045 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
3046 7153, and a roll call has been requested. The clerk will
3047 call the roll.

3048 *The Clerk. Burgess?

3049 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

3050 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

3051 Latta?

3052 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

3053 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

3054 Guthrie?

3055 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

3056 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

3057 Griffith?

3058 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

3059 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

3060 Bilirakis?

3061 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

3062 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

3063 Bucshon?

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3064 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
3065 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
3066 Hudson?
3067 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
3068 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
3069 Walberg?
3070 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
3071 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
3072 Carter?
3073 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
3074 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
3075 Duncan?
3076 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
3077 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
3078 Palmer?
3079 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
3080 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
3081 Dunn?
3082 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
3083 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
3084 Curtis?

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3085 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
3086 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
3087 Lesko?
3088 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
3089 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
3090 Pence?
3091 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
3092 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
3093 Crenshaw?
3094 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
3095 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
3096 Joyce?
3097 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
3098 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
3099 Armstrong?
3100 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
3101 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
3102 Weber?
3103 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
3104 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
3105 Allen?

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3106 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
3107 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
3108 Balderson?
3109 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
3110 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
3111 Fulcher?
3112 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
3113 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
3114 Pfluger?
3115 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
3116 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
3117 Harshbarger?
3118 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
3119 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
3120 Miller-Meeks?
3121 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
3122 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
3123 Cammack?
3124 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
3125 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
3126 Oberholte?

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3127 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
3128 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
3129 Pallone?
3130 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
3131 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
3132 Eshoo?
3133 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
3134 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
3135 DeGette?
3136 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
3137 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
3138 Schakowsky?
3139 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
3140 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
3141 Matsui?
3142 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
3143 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
3144 Castor?
3145 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
3146 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
3147 Sarbanes?

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3148 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
3149 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
3150 Tonko?
3151 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
3152 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
3153 Clarke?
3154 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
3155 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
3156 Cardenas?
3157 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
3158 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
3159 Ruiz?
3160 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
3161 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
3162 Peters?
3163 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
3164 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
3165 Dingell?
3166 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
3167 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
3168 Veasey?

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3169 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
3170 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
3171 Kuster?
3172 [No response.]
3173 *The Clerk. Kelly?
3174 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
3175 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
3176 Barragan?
3177 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
3178 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
3179 Blunt Rochester?
3180 [No response.]
3181 *The Clerk. Soto?
3182 [No response.]
3183 *The Clerk. Craig?
3184 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
3185 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
3186 Schrier?
3187 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
3188 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
3189 Trahan?

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3190 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

3191 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.

3192 Fletcher?

3193 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

3194 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

3195 Chair Rodgers?

3196 *The Chair. Aye.

3197 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

3198 [Pause.]

3199 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

3200 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 48
3201 ayes and 0 noes.

3202 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

3203 The chair calls up H.R. 7251, as amended, and asks the
3204 clerk to report.

3205 *The Clerk. H.R. 7251, a bill to amend the Public
3206 Health Service Act to reauthorize certain poison control
3207 programs.

3208 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
3209 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
3210 at any point.

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3211 So ordered.

3212 [The bill follows:]

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3214 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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3216 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
3217 bill?

3218 For what purpose does Mr. Joyce seek recognition?

3219 *Mr. Joyce. Madam Chair, I move to strike the last
3220 word.

3221 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
3222 minutes.

3223 *Mr. Joyce. Thank you, Madam Chair. Today I am pleased
3224 to see the full committee consider H.R. 7251, a bill that I
3225 helped introduce which would reauthorize funding for poison
3226 control centers through 2029.

3227 These centers ensure that individuals and families have
3228 the ready access to assistance when facing an accidental
3229 poisoning or a toxic exposure-related emergency. Continued
3230 support of poison control centers is critical. In fact, it
3231 can be lifesaving.

3232 I would also like to thank Representative Chavez-
3233 DeRemer, the lead of this bill, as well as co-leads
3234 Representative Davis and Representative Cherfilus-McCormick
3235 for their work on this important legislation.

3236 This reauthorization will enable poison control centers

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3237 to remain fully staffed by experienced professionals. These
3238 experts are relied upon not only by Americans experiencing an
3239 emergency, but also by health care providers throughout our
3240 country. Poison control centers and their staff save lives
3241 through their depth of knowledge and their quick response.

3242 As a member of this Energy and Commerce Committee, I am
3243 glad to see continued work on this issue, and I am hopeful
3244 that this bill will advance to a vote in the full House of
3245 Representatives and ultimately be signed into law. I urge
3246 all of my colleagues to support this lifesaving bill.

3247 And I yield back the remainder of my time.

3248 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
3249 further discussion?

3250 Seeing none, the question occurs on approving H.R. 7251,
3251 as amended, and a roll call vote has been requested. The
3252 clerk will call the roll.

3253 *The Clerk. Burgess?

3254 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

3255 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

3256 Latta?

3257 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

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3258 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
3259 Guthrie?
3260 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
3261 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.
3262 Griffith?
3263 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
3264 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
3265 Bilirakis?
3266 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
3267 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
3268 Bucshon?
3269 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
3270 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
3271 Hudson?
3272 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
3273 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
3274 Walberg?
3275 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
3276 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
3277 Carter?
3278 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

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3279 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

3280 Duncan?

3281 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.

3282 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.

3283 Palmer?

3284 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

3285 *The Clerk. Dunn?

3286 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

3287 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.

3288 Curtis?

3289 [No response.]

3290 *The Clerk. Lesko?

3291 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.

3292 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.

3293 Pence?

3294 *Mr. Pence. Aye.

3295 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.

3296 Crenshaw?

3297 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.

3298 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.

3299 Joyce?

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3300 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
3301 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
3302 Armstrong?
3303 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
3304 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
3305 Weber?
3306 *Mr. Weber. Yea.
3307 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
3308 Allen?
3309 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
3310 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
3311 Balderson?
3312 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
3313 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
3314 Fulcher?
3315 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
3316 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
3317 Pfluger?
3318 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
3319 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
3320 Harshbarger?

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3321 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
3322 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
3323 Miller-Meeks?
3324 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
3325 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
3326 Cammack?
3327 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
3328 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
3329 Obernolte?
3330 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
3331 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
3332 Pallone?
3333 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
3334 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
3335 Eshoo?
3336 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
3337 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
3338 DeGette?
3339 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
3340 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
3341 Schakowsky?

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3342 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
3343 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
3344 Matsui?
3345 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
3346 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
3347 Castor?
3348 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
3349 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
3350 Sarbanes?
3351 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
3352 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
3353 Tonko?
3354 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
3355 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
3356 Clarke?
3357 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
3358 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
3359 Cardenas?
3360 [No response.]
3361 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
3362 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.

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3363 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.

3364 Ruiz?

3365 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

3366 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.

3367 Peters?

3368 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

3369 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.

3370 Dingell?

3371 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

3372 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.

3373 Veasey?

3374 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

3375 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.

3376 Kuster?

3377 [No response.]

3378 *The Clerk. Kelly?

3379 [No response.]

3380 *The Clerk. Barragan?

3381 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.

3382 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.

3383 Blunt Rochester?

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3384 [No response.]

3385 *The Clerk. Soto?

3386 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

3387 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.

3388 Craig?

3389 *Ms. Craig. Aye.

3390 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.

3391 Schrier?

3392 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

3393 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.

3394 Trahan?

3395 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

3396 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.

3397 Fletcher?

3398 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

3399 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

3400 Chair Rodgers?

3401 *The Chair. Aye.

3402 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

3403 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

3404 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 47

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3405 ayes and 0 noes.

3406 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

3407 The chair calls up H.R. 7224, and asks the clerk to
3408 report.

3409 *The Clerk. H.R. 7224, a bill to amend the Public
3410 Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and
3411 Respond to Health and Wellness Training program.

3412 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
3413 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
3414 amendment at any point.

3415 So ordered.

3416 [The bill follows:]

3417

3418 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

3419

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3420 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
3421 bill?

3422 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
3423 7224, and a roll call vote has been requested. The clerk
3424 will call the roll.

3425 *The Clerk. Burgess?

3426 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

3427 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

3428 Latta?

3429 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

3430 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

3431 Guthrie?

3432 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

3433 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

3434 Griffith?

3435 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

3436 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

3437 Bilirakis?

3438 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

3439 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

3440 Bucshon?

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3441 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
3442 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
3443 Hudson?
3444 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
3445 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
3446 Walberg?
3447 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
3448 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
3449 Carter?
3450 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
3451 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
3452 Duncan?
3453 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
3454 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
3455 Palmer?
3456 [No response.]
3457 *The Clerk. Dunn?
3458 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
3459 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
3460 Curtis?
3461 [No response.]

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3462 *The Clerk. Lesko?
3463 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
3464 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
3465 Pence?
3466 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
3467 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
3468 Crenshaw?
3469 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
3470 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
3471 Joyce?
3472 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
3473 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
3474 Armstrong?
3475 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
3476 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
3477 Weber?
3478 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
3479 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
3480 Allen?
3481 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
3482 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.

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3483 Balderson?
3484 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
3485 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
3486 Fulcher?
3487 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
3488 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
3489 Pfluger?
3490 [No response.]
3491 *The Clerk. Harshbarger?
3492 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
3493 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
3494 Miller-Meeks?
3495 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Yes.
3496 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
3497 Cammack?
3498 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
3499 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
3500 Obernolte?
3501 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
3502 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
3503 Pallone?

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3504 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
3505 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
3506 Eshoo?
3507 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
3508 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
3509 DeGette?
3510 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
3511 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
3512 Schakowsky?
3513 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
3514 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
3515 Matsui?
3516 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
3517 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
3518 Castor?
3519 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
3520 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
3521 Sarbanes?
3522 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
3523 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
3524 Tonko?

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3525 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
3526 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
3527 Clarke?
3528 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
3529 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
3530 Cardenas?
3531 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
3532 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
3533 Ruiz?
3534 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
3535 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
3536 Peters?
3537 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
3538 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
3539 Dingell?
3540 [No response.]
3541 *The Clerk. Veasey?
3542 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
3543 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
3544 Kuster?
3545 [No response.]

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3546 *The Clerk. Kelly?
3547 [No response.]
3548 *The Clerk. Barragan?
3549 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
3550 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
3551 Blunt Rochester?
3552 [No response.]
3553 *The Clerk. Soto?
3554 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
3555 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
3556 Craig?
3557 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
3558 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
3559 Schrier?
3560 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
3561 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
3562 Trahan?
3563 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
3564 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
3565 Fletcher?
3566 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

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3567 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

3568 Chair Rodgers?

3569 *The Chair. Aye.

3570 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

3571 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Curtis recorded?

3572 *The Clerk. Mr. Curtis is not recorded.

3573 *Mr. Curtis. Curtis votes aye.

3574 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.

3575 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

3576 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 45
3577 ayes and 0 noes.

3578 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

3579 The chair calls up H.R. 7208, as amended, and the _ and
3580 asks the clerk to report.

3581 *The Clerk. H.R. 7208, a bill to reauthorize the
3582 Traumatic Brain Injury Program, and for other purposes.

3583 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
3584 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
3585 at any point.

3586 So ordered.

3587 [The bill follows:]

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3589 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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3591 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
3592 bill?

3593 *Mr. Pallone. I have an AINS.

3594 [Pause.]

3595 *The Chair. Do you need to be recognized?

3596 *Mr. Pallone. I have the AINS.

3597 *The Chair. Okay.

3598 *Mr. Pallone. Yes.

3599 *The Chair. Okay, chair recognizes Mr. Pallone.

3600 *Mr. Pallone. I have an amendment at the desk,
3601 Pallone_001.

3602 *The Chair. The clerk will report the amendment.

3603 *The Clerk. We are on 7208, right? Yes.

3604 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
3605 committee print of H.R. 7208 _

3606 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
3607 amendment is dispensed with.

3608 [The amendment of Mr. Pallone follows:]

3609

3610 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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3612 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
3613 minutes in support of his amendment.

3614 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Madam Chair. I offer my
3615 amendment in the nature of a substitute to the Traumatic
3616 Brain Injury Reauthorization Act, and this AINS makes one
3617 bipartisan change from our subcommittee markup to amend the
3618 matching grant program to be more equitable for the states.

3619 As we know, the goal of these state partnership programs
3620 is to ensure that every state has coordinated systems of care
3621 in place that provide resources to people with brain injury
3622 and their families, with a focus on improved long-term
3623 outcomes. And this change will be another step forward in
3624 meeting this mission.

3625 I would like to thank not only the chairwoman, our
3626 colleagues, and the staff for supporting the underlying bill
3627 and working with me on the reauthorization, I also want to
3628 thank my colleague from New Jersey, Mr. Pascrell, for his
3629 tireless advocacy in support of people with brain injuries.

3630 More than two decades ago, Congressman Pascrell founded
3631 the bipartisan Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, and
3632 since then they have enacted laws and secured hundreds of

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3633 millions of dollars in funding to support accident victims,
3634 veterans, athletes, and others experiencing traumatic brain
3635 injury. Representative Pascrell's interest in brain injuries
3636 began during his first campaign for Congress in 1996, when he
3637 met a soon-to-be-constituent named Dennis John Beningo.
3638 After suffering a traumatic brain injury at the age of 15,
3639 Mr. Beningo began advocating for more TBI research and
3640 funding to close the knowledge gap and search for a cure.
3641 But sadly, Dennis John passed away earlier this year. But
3642 the bipartisan work today by our committee is our chance to
3643 honor his and so many others' legacy affected from TBIs.

3644 So again, I urge support of this AINS and the underlying
3645 bill before us to continue HHS's critical work until 2029.

3646 And again, I thank you, Madam Chair, and I yield back.

3647 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Further
3648 discussion, is there further discussion?

3649 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
3650 7208, as amended _

3651 *Voice. The amendment first.

3652 *The Chair. Oh, the amendment. Yes, thank you. We are
3653 going to vote on the AINS.

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3654 All those in favor, say aye.

3655 Those opposed, no.

3656 The ayes have it. The amendment, the AINS, is adopted.

3657 The question now occurs on approving H.R. 7208, as

3658 amended, and a roll call vote has been requested. The clerk

3659 will call the roll.

3660 *The Clerk. Burgess?

3661 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

3662 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

3663 Latta?

3664 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

3665 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

3666 Guthrie?

3667 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

3668 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

3669 Griffith?

3670 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

3671 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

3672 Bilirakis?

3673 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

3674 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

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3675 Bucshon?
3676 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
3677 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
3678 Hudson?
3679 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
3680 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
3681 Walberg?
3682 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
3683 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
3684 Carter?
3685 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
3686 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
3687 Duncan?
3688 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
3689 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
3690 Palmer?
3691 [No response.]
3692 *The Clerk. Dunn?
3693 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
3694 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
3695 Curtis?

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3696 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
3697 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
3698 Lesko?
3699 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
3700 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
3701 Pence?
3702 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
3703 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
3704 Crenshaw?
3705 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
3706 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
3707 Joyce?
3708 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
3709 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
3710 Armstrong?
3711 [No response.]
3712 *The Clerk. Weber?
3713 *Mr. Weber. Yea.
3714 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
3715 Allen?
3716 *Mr. Allen. Aye.

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3717 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
3718 Balderson?
3719 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
3720 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
3721 Fulcher?
3722 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
3723 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
3724 Pflugger?
3725 [No response.]
3726 *The Clerk. Harshbarger?
3727 [No response.]
3728 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks?
3729 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Yes.
3730 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
3731 Cammack?
3732 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
3733 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
3734 Oberholte?
3735 *Mr. Oberholte. Aye.
3736 *The Clerk. Oberholte votes aye.
3737 Pallone?

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3738 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
3739 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
3740 Eshoo?
3741 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
3742 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
3743 DeGette?
3744 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
3745 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
3746 Schakowsky?
3747 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
3748 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
3749 Matsui?
3750 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
3751 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
3752 Castor?
3753 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
3754 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
3755 Sarbanes?
3756 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
3757 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
3758 Tonko?

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3759 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
3760 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
3761 Clarke?
3762 [No response.]
3763 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
3764 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
3765 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
3766 Ruiz?
3767 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
3768 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
3769 Peters?
3770 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
3771 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
3772 Dingell?
3773 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
3774 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
3775 Veasey?
3776 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
3777 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
3778 Kuster?
3779 [No response.]

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3780 *The Clerk. Kelly?
3781 [No response.]
3782 *The Clerk. Barragan?
3783 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
3784 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
3785 Blunt Rochester?
3786 [No response.]
3787 *The Clerk. Soto?
3788 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
3789 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
3790 Craig?
3791 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
3792 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
3793 Schrier?
3794 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
3795 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
3796 Trahan?
3797 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
3798 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
3799 Fletcher?
3800 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

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3801 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

3802 Chair Rodgers?

3803 *The Chair. Aye.

3804 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

3805 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mrs. Harshbarger
3806 recorded?

3807 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger is not recorded.

3808 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.

3809 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.

3810 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

3811 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 44
3812 ayes and 0 noes.

3813 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

3814 The chair calls up H.R. 6829, as amended, and asks the
3815 clerk to report.

3816 *The Clerk. H.R. 6829, a bill to amend the Public
3817 Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation and
3818 dissemination of cardiomyopathy education, awareness _

3819 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
3820 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
3821 amendment at any point.

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3822 So ordered.

3823 [The bill follows:]

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3825 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

3826

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3827 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
3828 bill?

3829 For what purpose does Mr. Pallone seek recognition?

3830 *Mr. Pallone. To strike the last word on the bill.

3831 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
3832 minutes.

3833 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Madam Chair. I am proud that
3834 today we are advancing my bill, H.R. 6829, the Cardiomyopathy
3835 Health Education, Awareness, and Research and AED Training in
3836 the Schools Act, or we call it the HEARTS Act.

3837 This important bill tackles the crisis of sudden cardiac
3838 death among our country's school-aged children and
3839 adolescents. I introduced this bill last December after
3840 hearing about two New Jersey families who had each lost a
3841 child to sudden cardiac arrest or in high school sporting
3842 events. And thousands of school-aged kids die this way every
3843 single year.

3844 But the good news is that bystander intervention can
3845 help save many of these lives. So the HEARTS Act utilizes
3846 evidence-based principles to drastically increase the chance
3847 of survival for children who experience a cardiac emergency

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3848 in school. The bill directs the Secretary of Health and
3849 Human Services, in consultation with the director of the
3850 centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to develop
3851 educational materials on common, high-risk cardiac
3852 conditions, as well as guidelines on the placement of
3853 Automated External Defibrillators, or AEDs, in schools. It
3854 also provides resources to schools to help them implement
3855 cardiac emergency response plans, and reauthorizes a Federal
3856 grant program to help them purchase AEDs.

3857 This multi-pronged approach ensures that schools not
3858 only have the resources to secure lifesaving AED technology,
3859 but also the teachers and school administrators are
3860 knowledgeable and prepared to intervene using CPR and AEDs in
3861 the case of a cardiac emergency.

3862 Additionally, the HEARTS Act supports sudden cardiac
3863 arrest survivors and others living with cardiomyopathy. The
3864 bill instructs the CDC to report its findings on current
3865 research and surveillance activities related to
3866 cardiomyopathy across the lifespan. It also allows the
3867 National Institutes of Health to expand and coordinate
3868 research activities with respect to cardiomyopathy, similar

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3869 to the way we do for Alzheimer's and other diseases of
3870 national priority.

3871 The HEARTS Act takes a comprehensive, evidence-based
3872 approach that gives kids a fighting chance of surviving
3873 sudden cardiac arrest, and this bill has the potential to
3874 save thousands of lives every single year. So I thank the
3875 chair and the committee for their strong bipartisan support
3876 of this bill.

3877 And with that I yield back.

3878 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
3879 further discussion?

3880 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
3881 6829, as amended, and a roll call vote has been requested.
3882 The clerk will call the roll.

3883 *The Clerk. Burgess?

3884 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

3885 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

3886 Latta?

3887 [No response.]

3888 *The Clerk. Guthrie?

3889 [No response.]

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3890 *The Clerk. Griffith?
3891 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
3892 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
3893 Bilirakis?
3894 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
3895 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
3896 Bucshon?
3897 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
3898 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
3899 Hudson?
3900 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
3901 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
3902 Walberg?
3903 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
3904 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
3905 Carter?
3906 [No response.]
3907 *The Clerk. Duncan?
3908 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
3909 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
3910 Palmer?

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3911 [No response.]
3912 *The Clerk. Dunn?
3913 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
3914 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
3915 Curtis?
3916 [No response.]
3917 *The Clerk. Lesko?
3918 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
3919 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
3920 Pence?
3921 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
3922 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
3923 Crenshaw?
3924 [No response.]
3925 *The Clerk. Joyce?
3926 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
3927 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
3928 Armstrong?
3929 [No response.]
3930 *The Clerk. Weber?
3931 *Mr. Weber. Yea.

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3932 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
3933 Allen?
3934 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
3935 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
3936 Balderson?
3937 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
3938 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
3939 Fulcher?
3940 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
3941 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
3942 Pfluger?
3943 [No response.]
3944 *The Clerk. Harshbarger?
3945 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
3946 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
3947 Miller-Meeks?
3948 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Yes.
3949 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
3950 Cammack?
3951 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
3952 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.

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3953 Obernolte?
3954 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
3955 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
3956 Pallone?
3957 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
3958 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
3959 Eshoo?
3960 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
3961 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
3962 DeGette?
3963 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
3964 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
3965 Schakowsky?
3966 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
3967 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
3968 Matsui?
3969 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
3970 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
3971 Castor?
3972 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
3973 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.

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3974 Sarbanes?
3975 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
3976 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
3977 Tonko?
3978 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
3979 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
3980 Clarke?
3981 [No response.]
3982 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
3983 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
3984 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
3985 Ruiz?
3986 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
3987 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
3988 Peters?
3989 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
3990 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
3991 Dingell?
3992 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
3993 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
3994 Veasey?

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3995 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
3996 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
3997 Kuster?
3998 [No response.]
3999 *The Clerk. Kelly?
4000 [No response.]
4001 *The Clerk. Barragan?
4002 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
4003 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
4004 Blunt Rochester?
4005 [No response.]
4006 *The Clerk. Soto?
4007 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
4008 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
4009 Craig?
4010 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
4011 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
4012 Schrier?
4013 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
4014 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
4015 Trahan?

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4016 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

4017 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.

4018 Fletcher?

4019 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

4020 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

4021 Chair Rodgers?

4022 *The Chair. Aye.

4023 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

4024 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Latta recorded?

4025 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.

4026 *Mr. Latta. Latta votes aye.

4027 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

4028 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

4029 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

4030 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

4031 *The Chair. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 41

4032 ayes and 0 noes.

4033 *Mr. Carter. [Inaudible.]

4034 *The Clerk. Oh _

4035 *The Chair. Well, I haven't gaveled it. I haven't

4036 called it. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Carter recorded?

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4037 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter is not recorded.

4038 *Mr. Carter. Carter votes aye.

4039 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

4040 [Pause.]

4041 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

4042 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 42
4043 ayes and 0 noes.

4044 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

4045 The chair calls up H.R. 7189, as amended, and asks the
4046 clerk to report.

4047 *The Clerk. H.R. 7189, a bill to amend the Public
4048 Health Service Act to reauthorize a National Congenital Heart
4049 Disease Research _

4050 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
4051 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
4052 at any point.

4053 So ordered.

4054 [The bill follows:]

4055

4056 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

4057

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4058 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
4059 bill?

4060 For what purpose does Mr. Bilirakis seek _

4061 *Mr. Bilirakis. To strike the last word.

4062 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
4063 minutes.

4064 *Mr. Bilirakis. Thank you. I urge my colleagues here
4065 to support my bill, H.R. 7189, the Congenital Heart Futures
4066 Reauthorization Act.

4067 This legislation will reauthorize the National
4068 Congenital Heart Disease Research, Surveillance, and
4069 Awareness Program at HHS for the next five years. We have
4070 made great progress over the years in congenital heart
4071 disease research and care, and I am proud to have been
4072 involved in the creation of this program and its
4073 reauthorization efforts previously.

4074 We have heard from stakeholders that the needs for this
4075 patient community have been evolving as the number of adults
4076 living with CHD in the United States has been steadily
4077 increasing, thank goodness, with estimates suggesting
4078 approximately two million currently affected, and a projected

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4079 annual growth rate of five percent.

4080 We also know that there is a critical transition point
4081 as patients grow from pediatric to adult care, requiring
4082 specialized medical attention and coordination to ensure
4083 continuity of care.

4084 Too often, due to workforce challenges and education
4085 gaps, patients with CHD face significant barriers in access
4086 to care. That is why I am glad the subcommittee, we in the
4087 subcommittee, we were able to include language that requires
4088 HHS to issue a comprehensive assessment regarding the acute
4089 needs of congenital heart patients nationwide, examining
4090 research gaps, and evaluate and provide recommendations on
4091 how to improve the workforce and strengthen training for
4092 providers to help reduce these barriers.

4093 HHS will be required to consult on long-term strategies
4094 with stakeholders and the patient and provider community so
4095 we will _ we can learn how best to address shortages,
4096 increase awareness, and offer best practices. We will be
4097 bringing together the relevant researchers and agencies such
4098 as CDC, HRSA, and NIH together to examine these needs and
4099 foster collaboration. That is the key, as far as I am

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4100 concerned: collaboration. Together we can improve long-term
4101 health outcomes and quality of life for congenital heart _
4102 for the community. And I believe H.R. 7189 will take a
4103 significant step towards improving our continued efforts to
4104 research and care for patients with CHD.

4105 I want to thank my fellow leads on this legislation,
4106 bipartisan effort: Representative Soto, Carter, Schiff,
4107 Salazar, and Cardenas for their support on this initiative,
4108 as well as Senators Durbin, Young in the Senate. And I hope
4109 we can quickly move past passage on the House floor.

4110 I want to thank the chairman for agendaing the bill
4111 today, and I thank you for bringing it up. And let's pass it
4112 out and get it to the floor as soon as possible.

4113 Thank you, and I yield back.

4114 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
4115 further discussion?

4116 The chair _ for what purpose does Mr. Soto seek
4117 recognition?

4118 *Mr. Soto. Madam Chair, I move to strike the last word.

4119 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
4120 minutes.

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4121 *Mr. Soto. Thank you, Madam Chairwoman, and I want to
4122 thank my colleague and fellow Floridian, Representative
4123 Bilirakis, for this good bill.

4124 We know congenital heart disease can take many forms and
4125 arrives since birth. And when you think about these children
4126 who live their whole lives with these struggles, we really
4127 need to be continuing to invest in research and in various
4128 different best practices, as well as with our health care
4129 institutions, to give them a fighting chance in life.

4130 We know with ever-increasing advances in cardiology and
4131 in congenital heart disease research, that we need to remain
4132 committed to give them a chance to have a long and healthy
4133 life, and to be able to work alongside their parents to give
4134 them access to critical types of resources and health care.

4135 So thank you so much, Representative _ oh, I yield to
4136 Representative Cardenas.

4137 *Mr. Cardenas. Will the gentleman yield?

4138 *Mr. Soto. Yes.

4139 *Mr. Cardenas. Thank you.

4140 Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to take a point of
4141 personal privilege. We have a lot of amazing people behind

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4142 the scenes, staff, who do _

4143 *The Chair. Yes.

4144 *Mr. Cardenas. _ the wonderful work that they do.

4145 *The Chair. Yes.

4146 *Mr. Cardenas. Today we are taking up 28 bills _

4147 *The Chair. Yes.

4148 *Mr. Cardenas. _ and you are going to hear yes or aye
4149 votes on almost every one from both sides of the aisle. And
4150 that doesn't happen by accident. There is a lot of work that
4151 goes along in the background here, making sure that we can
4152 negotiate, making sure that we can come to terms with each
4153 other, making sure that we can do the work for the people of
4154 this great country.

4155 And those of us who have our name right in front of us,
4156 and people know who we are, our name is on the door, et
4157 cetera, we run for office to have this honor and this
4158 privilege. But yet at the same time, we couldn't do it if we
4159 didn't _ we weren't blessed with amazing staff. And I just
4160 wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mariah
4161 Philips.

4162 [Applause.]

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4163 *Mr. Cardenas. You are now leaving my office when _ and
4164 we all know this, everybody up here knows you got amazing
4165 staff, and then people are trying to take them away, take
4166 them away, and we have wonderful staff who are committed to
4167 public service. And they say no, no, no, no, and then
4168 eventually, eventually they have to say yes.

4169 It is about time our wonderful staff gets to have nice
4170 things, because we don't pay them what they are worth here,
4171 and eventually they get an opportunity to go somewhere else.
4172 In Mariah's case, she is going to be working still in the
4173 public sphere, but she is going to be focusing on 988, which
4174 is something that we championed here in this committee and
4175 this Congress just a few years ago. And it is now going to
4176 be hopefully prolific and successful around the country and
4177 saving lives. So she is going to still be doing the
4178 wonderful work that she did for all of us and somewhere else.

4179 So Mariah, can you _

4180 *The Chair. Yes, very good. All right,
4181 congratulations.

4182 [Applause.]

4183 *Mr. Cardenas. And every time somebody leaves my team,

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4184 it hurts. But it feels good to see you go somewhere else and
4185 do wonderful work. And then, lo and behold, God is good,
4186 because somebody else comes in and fills their shoes, and
4187 just takes it to the next level. And Mariah, you did that.

4188 My biggest portfolio, by the way, since I have been a
4189 congressman for 12 years is health care, health care, health
4190 care. And you have done an amazing job not only for me, but
4191 for this committee and this country.

4192 And then Daniela, welcome, our former fellow. We pulled
4193 her back in because she impressed us so much. And surprise,
4194 surprise, we called her and said, "How would you like to work
4195 on the Hill permanently?" So thank you, Daniela, for
4196 answering the call.

4197 I yield back.

4198 *Mr. Soto. Thank you, and I _

4199 [Applause.]

4200 *The Chair. Great.

4201 *Mr. Soto. And I appreciate Representative Cardenas's
4202 leadership on this bill, along with Schiff, Salazar, and
4203 Carter.

4204 And I yield back.

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4205 *The Chair. Very good. The gentleman yields back. Is
4206 there further discussion?

4207 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
4208 7189, as amended, and a roll call vote has been requested.
4209 The clerk will call the roll.

4210 *The Clerk. Burgess?

4211 [No response.]

4212 *The Clerk. Latta?

4213 [No response.]

4214 *The Clerk. Guthrie?

4215 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

4216 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

4217 Griffith?

4218 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

4219 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

4220 Bilirakis?

4221 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

4222 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

4223 Bucshon?

4224 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.

4225 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.

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4226 Hudson?
4227 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
4228 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
4229 Walberg?
4230 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
4231 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
4232 Carter?
4233 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
4234 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
4235 Duncan?
4236 [No response.]
4237 *The Clerk. Palmer?
4238 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
4239 *The Clerk. Or Duncan votes aye.
4240 Palmer?
4241 [No response.]
4242 *The Clerk. Dunn?
4243 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
4244 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
4245 Curtis?
4246 [No response.]

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4247 *The Clerk. Lesko?
4248 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
4249 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
4250 Pence?
4251 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
4252 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
4253 Crenshaw?
4254 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
4255 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
4256 Joyce?
4257 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
4258 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
4259 Armstrong?
4260 [No response.]
4261 *The Clerk. Weber?
4262 *Mr. Weber. Yea.
4263 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
4264 Allen?
4265 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
4266 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
4267 Balderson?

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4268 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
4269 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
4270 Fulcher?
4271 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
4272 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
4273 Pfluger?
4274 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
4275 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
4276 Harshbarger?
4277 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
4278 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
4279 Miller-Meeks?
4280 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Yes.
4281 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
4282 Cammack?
4283 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
4284 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
4285 Obernolte?
4286 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
4287 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
4288 Pallone?

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4289 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
4290 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
4291 Eshoo?
4292 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
4293 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
4294 DeGette?
4295 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
4296 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
4297 Schakowsky?
4298 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
4299 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
4300 Matsui?
4301 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
4302 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
4303 Castor?
4304 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
4305 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
4306 Sarbanes?
4307 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
4308 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
4309 Tonko?

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4310 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
4311 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
4312 Clarke?
4313 [No response.]
4314 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
4315 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
4316 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
4317 Ruiz?
4318 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
4319 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
4320 Peters?
4321 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
4322 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
4323 Dingell?
4324 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
4325 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
4326 Veasey?
4327 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
4328 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
4329 Kuster?
4330 [No response.]

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4331 *The Clerk. Kelly?
4332 [No response.]
4333 *The Clerk. Barragan?
4334 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
4335 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
4336 Blunt Rochester?
4337 [No response.]
4338 *The Clerk. Soto?
4339 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
4340 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
4341 Craig?
4342 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
4343 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
4344 Schrier?
4345 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
4346 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
4347 Trahan?
4348 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
4349 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
4350 Fletcher?
4351 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

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4352 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

4353 Chair Rodgers?

4354 *The Chair. Aye.

4355 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

4356 *Mr. Latta. Madam Chair?

4357 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Latta recorded?

4358 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.

4359 *Mr. Latta. Latta votes aye.

4360 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

4361 [Pause.]

4362 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

4363 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there are 43
4364 ayes and 0 noes.

4365 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
4366 The chair calls up H.R. 7406, as amended, and asks the
4367 clerk to report.

4368 *The Clerk. H.R. 7406, a bill to amend the Public
4369 Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and
4370 Human Services _

4371 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
4372 bill is dispensed with. The bill is open for amendment at

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4373 any point.

4374 So ordered.

4375 [The bill follows:]

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4377 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

4378

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4379 *The Chair. I have an amendment in the nature of a
4380 substitute at the desk. The clerk will report.

4381 *The Clerk. Can the chair clarify which amendment this
4382 is?

4383 *The Chair. This is the AINS.

4384 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
4385 H.R. 7406 _

4386 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading is dispensed
4387 with.

4388 [The amendment of The Chair follows:]

4389

4390 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

4391

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4392 *The Chair. And I recognize myself for five minutes on
4393 the amendment.

4394 I want to speak in support of this amendment in the
4395 nature of a substitute to the underlying bill. It makes
4396 technical changes to the legislation.

4397 And then I have an amendment to the amendment in the
4398 nature of a substitute at the desk. The clerk would report
4399 the amendment to the AINS.

4400 *The Clerk. Amendment to the amendment in the nature of
4401 a substitute to H.R. 7406, offered by Chair Rodgers.

4402 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading is dispensed
4403 with.

4404 [The amendment offered by The Chair follows:]

4405

4406 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

4407

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4408 *The Chair. And I will recognize myself for five
4409 minutes on the amendment.

4410 I want to speak in support of the amendment to the AINS
4411 for H.R. 7406, the Deondra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act of 2024.
4412 I am incredibly, incredibly proud to lead this bill.

4413 As introduced, the bill authorizes funding for the
4414 program at 250 million per fiscal year. My amendment will
4415 lower the authorization level to the current appropriated
4416 level of 90 million per fiscal year. This will hopefully
4417 help ease passage by the full House into law.

4418 But I want to make clear this funding level is not
4419 sufficient to fully support the research activities and
4420 resources of the INCLUDE Project that will benefit the Down
4421 syndrome community and all patients across the United States.
4422 I will continue to use my time in Congress to work across the
4423 aisle on the Capitol, both to get this program authorized and
4424 to increase the funding dedicated to this program.

4425 And I am proud to lead this bill along with
4426 Representatives Diana DeGette, Tom Cole, Eleanor Holmes
4427 Norton, Rosa DeLauro, and Pete Stauber.

4428 I hope we can support this amendment by voice vote, and

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4429 I recommend a yes on the bill today.

4430 Is there further discussion?

4431 Yes, the chair recognizes _

4432 *Ms. DeGette. Madam Chair, I move to strike the last
4433 word.

4434 *The Chair. Ms. DeGette is recognized for five minutes
4435 to _

4436 *Ms. DeGette. Thank you, or _ Madam Chair, I really
4437 again appreciate you bringing this important bill, the
4438 Deondra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act of 2024 forward.

4439 I reluctantly agreed to this amendment _

4440 *The Chair. Thank you.

4441 *Ms. DeGette. _ because, like you, I know that it
4442 really is going to take \$250 million for the research we
4443 need. On the other hand, since a lower amount has been
4444 appropriated, we just need to get this going. And so I will
4445 commit to you in the next Congress, when you are gone, I will
4446 carry the torch forward and make sure that this research is
4447 funded at the level it needs to be.

4448 And I also, so as to not take too much of our
4449 colleagues' time, I want to talk about the bill very briefly.

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4450 It is so important. And I have spent a long time thinking
4451 about individuals with Down syndrome because there was never
4452 any research done about this, people just sort of neglected
4453 this whole population.

4454 And in 2018 _ and you and I had a lot to do with this _
4455 NIH launched the INCLUDE Project, which investigated
4456 conditions that affect individuals with Down syndrome and the
4457 general population like Alzheimer's disease, autism,
4458 cataracts, celiac disease, congenital heart disease, and
4459 diabetes. But even though they have been doing the research
4460 for six years, there is no specific authorization in statute
4461 for the project.

4462 And so this bill creates the authorization. It helps
4463 ensure the continuation of the program. Individuals with
4464 Down syndrome, they have a different disease spectrum from
4465 people without Down syndrome. And so if you include
4466 individuals with Down syndrome in research, it not only
4467 benefits them, it benefits the general population. And that
4468 is why this is such an important piece of legislation.

4469 I am happy to support this, happy to support the AINS
4470 and the underlying bill, and I yield back.

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4471 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back _ or gentlewoman,
4472 the gentlewoman yields back. Thank you.

4473 Is there further discussion?

4474 Seeing none, the vote occurs on the amendment to the
4475 AINS.

4476 All those in favor, say aye.

4477 Those opposed, nay.

4478 The ayes have it. The amendment is adopted.

4479 The vote occurs now on the AINS, as amended.

4480 All those in favor, say aye.

4481 Opposed, no.

4482 The ayes have it. The AINS, as amended, is adopted.

4483 The vote now occurs on approving H.R. 7406, as amended,
4484 and a roll call vote has been requested. The clerk will call
4485 the roll.

4486 *The Clerk. Burgess?

4487 [No response.]

4488 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

4489 Latta?

4490 [No response.]

4491 *The Clerk. Guthrie?

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4492 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
4493 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.
4494 Griffith?
4495 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
4496 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
4497 Bilirakis?
4498 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
4499 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
4500 Bucshon?
4501 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
4502 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
4503 Hudson?
4504 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
4505 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
4506 Walberg?
4507 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
4508 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
4509 Carter?
4510 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
4511 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
4512 Duncan?

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4513 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
4514 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
4515 Palmer?
4516 [No response.]
4517 *The Clerk. Dunn?
4518 [No response.]
4519 *The Clerk. Curtis?
4520 [No response.]
4521 *The Clerk. Lesko?
4522 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
4523 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
4524 Pence?
4525 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
4526 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
4527 Crenshaw?
4528 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
4529 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
4530 Joyce?
4531 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
4532 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
4533 Armstrong?

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4534 [No response.]
4535 *The Clerk. Weber?
4536 *Mr. Weber. Yea.
4537 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
4538 Allen?
4539 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
4540 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
4541 Balderson?
4542 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
4543 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
4544 Fulcher?
4545 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
4546 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
4547 Pfluger?
4548 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
4549 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
4550 Harshbarger?
4551 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
4552 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
4553 Miller-Meeks?
4554 [No response.]

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4555 *The Clerk. Cammack?
4556 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
4557 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
4558 Obernolte?
4559 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
4560 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
4561 Pallone?
4562 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
4563 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
4564 Eshoo?
4565 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
4566 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
4567 DeGette?
4568 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
4569 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
4570 Schakowsky?
4571 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
4572 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
4573 Matsui?
4574 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
4575 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

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4576 Castor?
4577 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
4578 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
4579 Sarbanes?
4580 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
4581 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
4582 Tonko?
4583 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
4584 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
4585 Clarke?
4586 [No response.]
4587 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
4588 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
4589 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
4590 Ruiz?
4591 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
4592 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
4593 Peters?
4594 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
4595 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
4596 Dingell?

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4597 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
4598 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
4599 Veasey?
4600 [No response.]
4601 *The Clerk. Kuster?
4602 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
4603 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
4604 Kelly?
4605 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
4606 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
4607 Barragan?
4608 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
4609 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
4610 Blunt Rochester?
4611 [No response.]
4612 *The Clerk. Soto?
4613 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
4614 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
4615 Craig?
4616 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
4617 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.

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4618 Schrier?
4619 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
4620 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
4621 Trahan?
4622 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
4623 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
4624 Fletcher?
4625 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
4626 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
4627 Chair Rodgers?
4628 *The Chair. Aye.
4629 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
4630 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Latta recorded?
4631 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.
4632 *Mr. Latta. Latta votes aye.
4633 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
4634 *The Chair. Mr. Palmer?
4635 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer is not recorded.
4636 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
4637 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
4638 *The Chair. Mr. Veasey?

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4639 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey is not recorded.

4640 *Mr. Veasey. Veasey votes aye.

4641 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.

4642 *The Chair. I am blanking on her name.

4643 How is _

4644 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke is not recorded.

4645 *Ms. Clarke. Clarke votes aye.

4646 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.

4647 [Pause.]

4648 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

4649 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 45
4650 ayes and 0 noes.

4651 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

4652 The chair calls up H.R. 3916, as amended, and asks the
4653 clerk to report.

4654 *The Clerk. H.R. 3916, a bill to amend the Public
4655 Health Service Act to reauthorize and improve the National
4656 Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program _

4657 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
4658 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
4659 amendment at any point.

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4660 So ordered.

4661 [The bill follows:]

4662

4663 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

4664

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4665 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
4666 bill?

4667 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
4668 3916, as amended, and a roll call vote has been requested.
4669 The clerk will call the roll.

4670 *The Clerk. Burgess?

4671 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

4672 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

4673 Latta?

4674 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

4675 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

4676 Guthrie?

4677 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

4678 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

4679 Griffith?

4680 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

4681 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

4682 Bilirakis?

4683 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

4684 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

4685 Bucshon?

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4686 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
4687 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
4688 Hudson?
4689 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
4690 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
4691 Walberg?
4692 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
4693 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
4694 Carter?
4695 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
4696 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
4697 Duncan?
4698 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
4699 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
4700 Palmer?
4701 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
4702 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
4703 Dunn?
4704 [No response.]
4705 *The Clerk. Curtis?
4706 [No response.]

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4707 *The Clerk. Lesko?
4708 [No response.]
4709 *The Clerk. Pence?
4710 [No response.]
4711 *The Clerk. Crenshaw?
4712 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
4713 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
4714 Joyce?
4715 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
4716 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
4717 Armstrong?
4718 [No response.]
4719 *The Clerk. Weber?
4720 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
4721 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
4722 Allen?
4723 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
4724 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
4725 Balderson?
4726 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
4727 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.

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4728 Fulcher?
4729 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
4730 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
4731 Pfluger?
4732 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
4733 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
4734 Harshbarger?
4735 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
4736 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
4737 Miller-Meeks?
4738 [No response.]
4739 *The Clerk. Cammack?
4740 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
4741 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
4742 Obernolte?
4743 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
4744 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
4745 Pallone?
4746 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
4747 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
4748 Eshoo?

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4749 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
4750 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
4751 DeGette?
4752 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
4753 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
4754 Schakowsky?
4755 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
4756 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
4757 Matsui?
4758 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
4759 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
4760 Castor?
4761 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
4762 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
4763 Sarbanes?
4764 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
4765 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
4766 Tonko?
4767 [No response.]
4768 *The Clerk. Clarke?
4769 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

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4770 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
4771 Cardenas?
4772 *Mr. Cardenas. Yes.
4773 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
4774 Ruiz?
4775 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
4776 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
4777 Peters?
4778 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
4779 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
4780 Dingell?
4781 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
4782 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
4783 Veasey?
4784 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
4785 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
4786 Kuster?
4787 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
4788 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
4789 Kelly?
4790 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

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4791 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
4792 Barragan?
4793 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
4794 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
4795 Blunt Rochester?
4796 [No response.]
4797 *The Clerk. Soto?
4798 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
4799 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
4800 Craig?
4801 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
4802 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
4803 Schrier?
4804 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
4805 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
4806 Trahan?
4807 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
4808 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
4809 Fletcher?
4810 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
4811 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

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4812 Chair Rodgers?

4813 *The Chair. Aye.

4814 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

4815 *Mr. Dunn. How is Dunn recorded?

4816 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn is not recorded.

4817 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

4818 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.

4819 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Pence recorded?

4820 *The Clerk. Mr. Pence is not recorded.

4821 *Mr. Pence. Aye.

4822 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.

4823 *The Chair. Mrs. Lesko?

4824 *The Clerk. Lesko is not recorded.

4825 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.

4826 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.

4827 [Pause.]

4828 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

4829 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers on that vote there were 46

4830 ayes and 0 noes.

4831 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

4832 The chair calls up H.R. 5074, and asks the clerk to

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4833 report.

4834 *The Clerk. H.R. 5074, a bill to amend the American
4835 Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 to delay implementation of the
4836 inclusion of oral-only ESRD-related _

4837 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
4838 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
4839 at any point.

4840 So ordered.

4841 [The bill follows:]

4842

4843 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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4845 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
4846 bill?

4847 For what purpose does Mr. Carter seek recognition?

4848 *Mr. Carter. Madam Chair, I seek recognition to offer
4849 an amendment to H.R. 5074, the Kidney PATIENT Act.

4850 *The Chair. The clerk will report the amendment.

4851 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
4852 H.R. 5074 _

4853 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
4854 amendment is dispensed with.

4855 [The amendment of Mr. Carter follows:]

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4857 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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4859 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
4860 minutes in support of his amendment.

4861 *Mr. Carter. Madam Chair, I would like to offer this
4862 bipartisan amendment that I am leading with Representatives
4863 Kuster, Carol Miller, and Sewell. The Kidney PATIENT Act,
4864 which preserves patient access, choice, and coverage, and
4865 phosphate management for patients with end stage renal
4866 disease, is a must-pass policy.

4867 There are more than one in seven adults, or about 35.5
4868 million people, living with chronic kidney disease in the
4869 United States. Many of these patients have kidney failure,
4870 and are on dialysis up to three days a week, often leaving
4871 fatigued. One of the biggest challenges patients with kidney
4872 failure experience is managing high levels of phosphate in
4873 their blood, which can heighten the risk for heart attack,
4874 stroke, or amputations if left untreated.

4875 The standard of care for high phosphate is medication
4876 known as Phosphate-Lowering Therapies, or PLTs, and these
4877 drugs must be taken outside of the dialysis setting since
4878 they must be taken with food, and you are prohibited from
4879 eating in the dialysis setting. Patients and their

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4880 prescribing physicians currently have access to these drugs,
4881 but that would change under CMS's plan to add phosphate-
4882 lowering therapies into Medicare Part B end stage renal
4883 disease prospective payment system by 2025.

4884 Failing to act now will threaten kidney disease
4885 patients' access to lifesaving medications and increase
4886 patient out-of-pocket costs for their dialysis treatments.

4887 Furthermore, once these drugs move to Part B, many
4888 patients will have a higher co-pay for certain binders that
4889 they currently have in Part D. According to the
4890 Congressional Budget Office, moving the phosphate-lowering
4891 drugs into the bundle will increase Medicare Part B premiums
4892 for all beneficiaries.

4893 I am also aware that since this policy was put into
4894 place a majority of patients have since selected Medicare
4895 Advantage, and now have prescription drug coverage. Moving
4896 these drugs into the bundle is bad for the practice of
4897 nephrology. It is bad for patient care, and it increases
4898 costs to both the system and to Medicare patients.

4899 The Kidney PATIENT Act is common-sense legislation that
4900 will ensure patients with severe kidney disease who are on

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4901 dialysis can continue to receive quality health care. As
4902 amended, the bipartisan Kidney PATIENT Act will delay this
4903 move until 2027, extending patients' ability to access oral-
4904 only drugs through Medicare Part D.

4905 This amendment will give us much-needed time to study
4906 patient impact, particularly those patients with end stage
4907 renal disease who are newly enrolled in the Medicare
4908 Advantage program.

4909 It also has broad community support from more than 70
4910 organizations, including the National Minority Quality Forum,
4911 representing patients, providers, and advocates in support of
4912 this bill.

4913 I would also like to read a statement from a patient in
4914 Georgia who will be negatively impacted if CMS moves these
4915 oral-only phosphate-lowering therapies into the bundle. She
4916 says _ and I quote _ "Ensuring the passage of the Kidney
4917 PATIENT Act is crucial for safeguarding the well-being of
4918 dialysis patients.'`

4919 This amendment to the Kidney PATIENT Act passed a Ways
4920 and Means Committee with a vote of 41 to 1. Let me repeat
4921 that: 41 bipartisan members of the Ways and Means Committee

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4922 voted in support of this amendment.

4923 I encourage my colleagues to support this amendment to
4924 the Kidney PATIENT Act, and protect end stage renal disease
4925 patients across the country.

4926 Thank you, Madam Chair, and I yield back.

4927 *Mr. Bucshon. Does the gentleman yield? Will the
4928 gentleman yield?

4929 *Mr. Carter. I will yield to Dr. Bucshon.

4930 *Mr. Bucshon. I will be brief. As co-chair of the
4931 House Kidney Caucus, I am in support of this amendment and
4932 the underlying bill.

4933 I think, you know, feeling that you can put these drugs
4934 into the bundle, that more patients will get access is _
4935 actually, the opposite is true. If this happens, it will
4936 further limit access to these medications, which Mr. Carter
4937 outlined very thoroughly.

4938 And so as a physician and, again, as co-chair of the
4939 House Kidney Caucus, I am in strong support of the amendment
4940 and the underlying bill, and I yield back to Mr. Carter.

4941 *Mr. Carter. Anyone else need time?

4942 Madam Chair, I yield back.

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4943 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
4944 further discussion?

4945 Mr. Pallone is recognized.

4946 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Madam Chair. I move to strike
4947 the last word in opposition to the AINS and the underlying
4948 bill.

4949 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
4950 minutes.

4951 *Mr. Pallone. I will say maybe partially in _ tongue in
4952 cheek to Mr. Carter that I am not impressed by Ways and Means
4953 action.

4954 [Laughter.]

4955 *Mr. Pallone. Not today or any day. But that is okay.

4956 My concern is that this bill would keep a single class
4957 of drugs, namely oral-only phosphate binders, out of the
4958 Medicare end stage renal disease ESRD prospective payment
4959 system bundle. I believe that another two-year delay in
4960 bringing this class of drugs into the ESRD bundle will
4961 prevent seniors from accessing necessary medication and raise
4962 health care costs for Medicare beneficiaries.

4963 In 2008 Congress passed the Medicare Improvements for

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4964 Patients and Providers Act, or MIPPA, which created a bundled
4965 payment for renal dialysis services. A bundled payment for
4966 all items and services gives beneficiaries predictability and
4967 protection from high out-of-pocket costs, ensuring they are
4968 not hit with surprise bills for items and services outside of
4969 the ESRD bundle.

4970 While oral-only drugs were intended to be included in
4971 the ESRD bundle in 2014, Congress has since delayed their
4972 inclusion on three separate occasions, amounting to an 11-
4973 year delay. Now, a decade later, manufacturers of these
4974 drugs are once again pushing for another delay so they can
4975 keep drug prices high at the expense of seniors.

4976 Oral-only phosphate binders are currently the only item
4977 that remains outside the ESRD bundle payment, other than new
4978 technologies which are separately paid on a temporary basis.
4979 These oral-only ESRD drugs are crucial for over 60 percent of
4980 patients on dialysis who rely on them to regulate their
4981 phosphate levels.

4982 I also understand that dialysis patients take, on
4983 average, between 7 and 15 prescribed medications, resulting
4984 in them taking up to 19 pills per day, a pill burden that

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4985 contributes to high out-of-pocket drug costs and difficult
4986 decisions about which medications they should prioritize.

4987 In fact, the price of one of the newer drugs in this
4988 class of phosphate binders is a whopping \$35,520 per year.
4989 That is approximately \$2,960 a month for patients without
4990 Part D coverage. It is nearly the cost of providing dialysis
4991 for an entire year to a Medicare beneficiary. The drug
4992 companies that manufacture this drug know that they will not
4993 be able to charge this price once phosphate binders are
4994 incorporated into the ESRD bundle, which is why they are
4995 working so hard to ensure that the drug stays out of the
4996 bundle.

4997 Now, one in five Medicare patients on dialysis do not
4998 have Part D coverage. These Medicare beneficiaries currently
4999 struggle to access the necessary medications, and they have
5000 to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket
5001 costs. While proponents of this bill argue without evidence
5002 that these beneficiaries have access to other forms of
5003 coverage, it is not accurate. According to MedPAC, 36,000
5004 Medicare beneficiaries on dialysis have no other forms of
5005 credible coverage. And this is tens of thousands of dialysis

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5006 patients who have to pay hundreds or even thousands of
5007 dollars in out-of-pocket just to access these medications.

5008 I am also concerned that this bill would further
5009 exacerbate gaps in health outcomes. Black patients are three
5010 times more likely to experience kidney failure, and one in
5011 three Black Medicare beneficiaries will be diagnosed with
5012 chronic kidney disease in their lifetime. Additionally,
5013 Black patients are more likely to report difficulty affording
5014 their prescription drugs. Another delay would extend unequal
5015 access to necessary medications and result in high out-of-
5016 pocket drug costs for minority and medically underserved
5017 communities.

5018 Now, CMS has found that inclusion of oral drugs into the
5019 bundle actually increases access for minority communities.
5020 In 2018 oral calcimimetics were incorporated into the bundle,
5021 and subsequently CMS observed increased access and
5022 significant increases in utilization among all patients, with
5023 a more significant uptake among Black and Hispanic patients.

5024 I would like to address the arguments made by some
5025 stakeholders that a two-year delay is necessary because the
5026 dialysis industry is not ready for these changes. In fact,

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5027 CMS has communicated that they are ready to include these
5028 drugs in the ESRD bundle beginning in 2025, and GAO has
5029 confirmed that dialysis organizations have the capacity and
5030 the distribution system to dispense oral-only ESRD drugs to
5031 Medicare beneficiaries, which are already doing.

5032 Another delay is unnecessary, in my opinion, and will
5033 only harm patients' access to these drugs. For over a
5034 decade, delays in moving oral-only drugs into the Part B ESRD
5035 bundle have resulted in lack of access to necessary
5036 medications for seniors. Another two-year delay in bringing
5037 this drug into the ESRD bundle will continue to lock seniors
5038 out of coverage for necessary medications, or force them to
5039 pay thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket costs.

5040 So I think it is time for Congress to close this
5041 loophole, and I urge my colleagues to oppose both the AINS
5042 and the underlying bill. And with that I yield back.

5043 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
5044 further discussion?

5045 For what purpose does Mr. Sarbanes seek recognition?

5046 *Mr. Sarbanes. Thank you, and thank you for the Greek
5047 pronunciation of my name, I appreciate that.

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5048 [Laughter.]

5049 *Mr. Sarbanes. I just want to support what Ranking
5050 Member Pallone just said. A couple of things I have concerns
5051 about the bill, many of the things that he mentioned.

5052 This delay, I don't think, is _ can be supported or
5053 justified at this point. I mean, we are talking about
5054 already a delay of more than a decade in terms of getting
5055 these drugs into the bundling structure, and that has
5056 resulted in lack of access, as he said.

5057 The reliance of patients, over 60 percent of them,
5058 dialysis patients who need these phosphate binders to
5059 regulate their phosphate levels, that is incredibly important
5060 and of consequence in this conversation.

5061 The fact that these drugs are covered under Medicare
5062 Part D, but 20 percent of the patients don't have that
5063 coverage, and therefore they are going to struggle with the _
5064 and they are struggling _ with the expensive medications, and
5065 we have discussed and the ranking member has indicated the
5066 number of pills that need to be taken per day here. So that
5067 is something that we have to take into consideration.

5068 We know the important role that dialysis facilities play

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5069 in ensuring Medicare beneficiaries receive appropriate
5070 treatment. These facilities already dispense other types of
5071 oral-only drugs, and have the capacity to dispense these
5072 oral-only drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. It matters to me
5073 that CMS has concluded that the dialysis centers have the
5074 capacity to make this change, and that including oral-only
5075 drugs in the bundle will increase access and utilization for
5076 dialysis, which Representative Pallone indicated. I also
5077 note the GAO issued a report last year concluding that
5078 providers are ready to take to take this on.

5079 Let me just finish by noting that in a prior life, as an
5080 attorney, I represented a lot of health care providers that
5081 were often in this position of having to navigate the payment
5082 mechanisms. In fact, I represented dialysis providers who
5083 had to navigate that. And I understand why there can be some
5084 anxiety when these adjustments get made on the payment side.

5085 But frankly, when I was in that role it meant something
5086 to me that GAO would have done the work it did, that CMS had
5087 reached the conclusions that it has. That would be
5088 compelling. And I saw how providers, once those judgments
5089 had been made by these agencies, in fact, were in a position

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5090 to do this and do this well.

5091 So for those reasons I oppose the bill, and I yield back
5092 my time.

5093 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
5094 further discussion?

5095 Seeing none, the vote occurs on the AINS.

5096 Oh, for what purpose does Ms. Eshoo seek recognition?

5097 *Ms. Eshoo. I seek recognition to strike the last word
5098 to speak on the amendment, Madam Chairwoman.

5099 *The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized for five
5100 minutes.

5101 *Ms. Eshoo. I support the bipartisan amendment offered
5102 by Representatives Kuster and Carter.

5103 The amendment is a bipartisan agreement advanced by the
5104 Ways and Means Committee by a vote of 41 to 1. I know that
5105 Mr. Pallone has said that that doesn't mean anything to him,
5106 but I think it should be considered.

5107 The amendment delays including oral-only phosphate
5108 binders in the end stage renal disease payment bundle for two
5109 years. That is a reduction from the 10-year delay called for
5110 in the original legislation.

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5111 Patient groups such as the National Minority Quality
5112 Forum, and nephrologists including Stanford nephrologist Dr.
5113 Glenn Chertow, are concerned that if the phosphate binders
5114 move into the bundle, then dialysis centers will push
5115 patients toward cheaper calcium-based phosphate binders whose
5116 overuse _ and this has been documented over and over again,
5117 where overuse can cause vascular problems.

5118 According to the GAO report published in November of
5119 last year, CMS has not yet developed quality measures to
5120 track whether patients experience poor outcomes from being
5121 pushed toward cheaper binders, so the two-year delay of the
5122 policy would give CMS the time to develop the quality
5123 measures needed to see if care is affected by the shift to
5124 the bundle.

5125 Also, according to the GAO report, dialysis centers
5126 still need to greatly expand their prescribing capacity
5127 before they are ready to dispense the phosphate binders.
5128 Dialysis centers report needing to hire more staff, update
5129 their IT systems, establish storage space, and develop
5130 guidance for staff about administering the drugs.

5131 So for these reasons I am going to vote to delay this

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5132 policy for two years, but I would call on CMS and the
5133 dialysis centers to immediately begin preparing for the
5134 legislation to go into effect in 2027.

5135 And with that I yield back, Madam Chairwoman.

5136 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
5137 further discussion?

5138 Seeing none, the vote occurs on the AINS.

5139 All those in favor, say aye.

5140 Those opposed, no.

5141 *Mr. Pallone. Just on the bill itself.

5142 *The Chair. The ayes have it. The AINS is adopted. Is
5143 there further discussion?

5144 Seeing none, the question now occurs on approving H.R.
5145 5074, as amended, and a roll call vote has been requested.
5146 The clerk will call the roll.

5147 *The Clerk. Burgess?

5148 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

5149 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

5150 Latta?

5151 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

5152 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

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5153 Guthrie?
5154 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
5155 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.
5156 Griffith?
5157 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
5158 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
5159 Bilirakis?
5160 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
5161 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
5162 Bucshon?
5163 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
5164 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
5165 Hudson?
5166 [No response.]
5167 *The Clerk. Walberg?
5168 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
5169 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
5170 Carter?
5171 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
5172 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
5173 Duncan?

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5174 [No response.]
5175 *The Clerk. Palmer?
5176 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
5177 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
5178 Dunn?
5179 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
5180 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
5181 Curtis?
5182 [No response.]
5183 *The Clerk. Lesko?
5184 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
5185 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
5186 Pence?
5187 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
5188 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
5189 Crenshaw?
5190 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
5191 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
5192 Joyce?
5193 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
5194 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.

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5195 Armstrong?
5196 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
5197 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
5198 Weber?
5199 *Mr. Weber. Yea.
5200 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
5201 Allen?
5202 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
5203 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
5204 Balderson?
5205 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
5206 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
5207 Fulcher?
5208 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
5209 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
5210 Pfluger?
5211 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
5212 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
5213 Harshbarger?
5214 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
5215 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.

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5216 Miller-Meeks?
5217 [No response.]
5218 *The Clerk. Cammack?
5219 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
5220 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
5221 Obernolte?
5222 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
5223 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
5224 Pallone?
5225 *Mr. Pallone. Aye. Oh, I am _
5226 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
5227 Eshoo?
5228 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
5229 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
5230 DeGette?
5231 [No response.]
5232 *The Clerk. Schakowsky?
5233 [No response.]
5234 *The Clerk. Matsui?
5235 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
5236 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

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5237 Castor?

5238 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

5239 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.

5240 Sarbanes?

5241 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.

5242 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.

5243 Tonko?

5244 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

5245 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.

5246 Clarke?

5247 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

5248 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.

5249 Cardenas?

5250 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

5251 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.

5252 Ruiz?

5253 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

5254 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.

5255 Peters?

5256 *Mr. Peters. No.

5257 *The Clerk. Peters votes no.

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5258 Dingell?
5259 [No response.]
5260 *The Clerk. Dingell?
5261 *Mr. Sarbanes. It is a no.
5262 *Mrs. Dingell. No.
5263 *The Clerk. Dingell votes no.
5264 Veasey?
5265 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
5266 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
5267 Kuster?
5268 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
5269 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
5270 Kelly?
5271 *Mr. Pallone. Okay, well, she didn't hear _
5272 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
5273 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
5274 Barragan?
5275 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
5276 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
5277 Blunt Rochester?
5278 [No response.]

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5279 *The Clerk. Soto?
5280 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
5281 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
5282 Craig?
5283 *Ms. Craig. No.
5284 *The Clerk. Craig votes no.
5285 Schrier?
5286 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
5287 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
5288 Trahan?
5289 *Mr. Sarbanes. Frank _
5290 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
5291 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
5292 Fletcher?
5293 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
5294 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
5295 Chair Rodgers?
5296 *Mr. Pallone. I mean, we are all saying yes _
5297 *The Chair. Aye.
5298 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
5299 *Mr. Pallone. Madam Clerk, Madam Clerk, how am I

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5300 recorded?

5301 *The Clerk. Pallone is recorded as aye.

5302 *Mr. Pallone. Yes, it should have been a no. I am
5303 sorry.

5304 *The Clerk. Pallone is off aye and on no.

5305 *Mr. Duncan. How am I recorded? How am I recorded?

5306 *The Clerk. Duncan is not recorded.

5307 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.

5308 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.

5309 *Mr. Hudson. How is Hudson recorded?

5310 *The Clerk. Hudson is not recorded.

5311 *Mr. Hudson. Hudson votes aye.

5312 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.

5313 *Mr. Duncan. [Presiding] Will the clerk call the roll
5314 of members that aren't recorded?

5315 *The Clerk. Curtis?

5316 [No response.]

5317 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks?

5318 [No response.]

5319 *The Clerk. DeGette?

5320 [No response.]

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5321 *The Clerk. Schakowsky?

5322 *Ms. Schakowsky. No.

5323 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes no.

5324 Blunt Rochester?

5325 [No response.]

5326 *The Clerk. Craig? Oh, Craig is recorded as no.

5327 *Mr. Duncan. All right, how is Ms. Matsui recorded?

5328 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui is recorded as aye.

5329 *Ms. Matsui. I would like to change it to no.

5330 *The Clerk. Matsui is off aye and on no.

5331 *Mr. Duncan. How is Ms. Castor recorded?

5332 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor is recorded as aye.

5333 *Ms. Castor. I would like to go to no, please.

5334 *The Clerk. Castor is off aye and on no.

5335 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Sarbanes recorded?

5336 *The Clerk. Mr. Sarbanes is recorded as aye.

5337 *Mr. Sarbanes. To demonstrate the power of independent
5338 thinking, I would like to be a no on this one, please.

5339 [Laughter.]

5340 *The Clerk. Sarbanes is off aye and on no.

5341 *Mr. Duncan. And how is Mr. Tonko recorded?

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5342 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko is recorded as aye.

5343 *Mr. Tonko. Can I please change that vote to a no?

5344 *The Clerk. Tonko is off aye and on no.

5345 *Mr. Duncan. All right. We have a lot of folks that
5346 want to change their votes.

5347 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke is recorded as aye.

5348 *Ms. Clarke. Ms. Clarke is off aye and on no.

5349 *Ms. Clarke. Clarke is off aye, on no.

5350 *Mr. Duncan. Thank you, Ms. Clarke.

5351 Mr. Veasey?

5352 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey is recorded as aye.

5353 *Mr. Veasey. No.

5354 *The Clerk. Veasey is off aye and on no.

5355 *Mr. Duncan. Any other members wishing to change their
5356 votes?

5357 The clerk will report the tally.

5358 [Pause.]

5359 *Mr. Duncan. How is Ms. Clarke reported?

5360 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke is recorded as no.

5361 *Ms. Clarke. I apologize, I am just [inaudible] today.

5362 Off no, on aye.

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5363 [Laughter.]

5364 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke is off no and on aye.

5365 *Mr. Duncan. The clerk will report the tally.

5366 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote we have 36 ayes
5367 and 10 noes.

5368 *Mr. Duncan. The ayes have it, and the bill is agreed
5369 to.

5370 [Pause.]

5371 *Mr. Duncan. All right, the chair will call up H.R.
5372 7655, and ask the clerk to report.

5373 *The Clerk. H.R. 7655, a bill to amend Title 49, United
5374 States Code, to improve the safety of pipeline
5375 transportation, and for other purposes.

5376 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, the first reading of
5377 the bill is dispensed with. The bill is open for amendment
5378 at any point.

5379 So ordered.

5380 [The bill follows:]

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5382 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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5384 *Mr. Duncan. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
5385 bill?

5386 I recognize myself for an introduction of the bill.

5387 My legislation will strengthen and reauthorize PHMSA's
5388 pipeline safety program for five years, with increased
5389 funding for state pipeline safety inspectors and a big
5390 emphasis on technological innovation. Importantly, in
5391 addition to improving safety, my legislation would also
5392 encourage the modernization and expansion of pipelines to
5393 lower energy prices and improve energy security and grid
5394 reliability for all Americans.

5395 Since the beginning of this Congress, the Energy and
5396 Commerce Committee Republicans have reached across the aisle
5397 to see where we can find bipartisanship and compromise.
5398 Pipeline safety reauthorization is no exception. Last July
5399 Chair Rodgers and I released a draft framework, and we spent
5400 the last several months holding hearings and gathering
5401 feedback from the American people on a wide range of pipeline
5402 operators and technical experts. The overwhelming message is
5403 that America needs to modernize and expand the three million-
5404 plus miles of pipelines we have today to maximize the

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5405 economic and national security potential of our vast natural
5406 resources. Two weeks ago we held a subcommittee markup where
5407 we added almost a dozen bipartisan provisions to improve our
5408 draft framework. The bill before us today is a product of
5409 rigorous oversight and legislative compromise, but there is
5410 still important work to be done.

5411 H.R. 7655, the Pipeline Safety Modernization and
5412 Expansion Act, will improve safety and promote innovation and
5413 new technologies. The bill requires PHMSA to update studies
5414 and regulations covering wide range of new fuels and
5415 technologies, including hydrogen blending, CO2 pipelines, and
5416 sequestration, leak detection, excavation damage, worker
5417 safety, and LNG facility safety.

5418 The bill will also allow pipeline operators to modernize
5419 existing pipeline and expand pipelines and existing right-of-
5420 ways to improve access to affordable and reliable fuel for
5421 Americans. The modernization expansion provisions in this
5422 bill are essential to ensure that states like New York are no
5423 longer allowed to unilaterally block interstate pipeline
5424 construction and inflict harm on Americans residing in
5425 neighboring states.

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5426 The legislation also protects consumer choice by
5427 preventing a state or local government from banning the use
5428 of natural gas, gasoline, or other fossil fuels for political
5429 purposes.

5430 I look forward to debating the bill and any amendments
5431 offered today before favorably reporting it to the full House
5432 for consideration.

5433 I also look forward to working with our colleagues on
5434 the T&I Committee as they share jurisdiction over some of the
5435 provisions in this bill. We will continue to work toward
5436 getting this bill across the finish line.

5437 And with that I yield back. Is any other member seeking
5438 to be recognized on the bill?

5439 Mr. Pence is recognized for five minutes.

5440 *Mr. Pence. Mr. Chairman, I would like to strike the
5441 last word.

5442 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman is recognized for five
5443 minutes.

5444 *Mr. Pence. I strongly support H.R. 7655, the Pipeline
5445 Safety, Modernization, and Expansion Act. This legislation
5446 will help advance pipeline and LNG safety for our nation and

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5447 lower energy costs for hard-working families.

5448 Importantly, this legislation includes my amendment to
5449 direct a study on the technical considerations for safely
5450 transporting blended hydrogen and natural gas through
5451 pipelines. Hydrogen is becoming a key fuel for next-
5452 generation clean energy applications, many of which are
5453 taking place in my Hoosier State. Cummins Engine Company,
5454 Wabash Valley Resources, and the hydrogen hub near the
5455 Whiting Refinery in northwest Indiana are examples. This
5456 provision will help establish safe, effective, and efficient
5457 distribution opportunities needed to grow a domestic hydrogen
5458 industry.

5459 I urge support of my colleagues and _ of the underlying
5460 bill, and I yield back.

5461 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. Any other
5462 members seeking recognition?

5463 Dr. Joyce, you are recognized for five minutes.

5464 *Mr. Joyce. I wish to strike the last word.

5465 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman is recognized.

5466 *Mr. Joyce. I am speaking today in support of the bill.
5467 Thanks to the shale revolution of the last two decades,

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5468 Pennsylvania has become an energy superpower. Pennsylvania
5469 is now the second largest energy producing state, leading our
5470 country to be able to cut greenhouse emissions while
5471 continuing to provide reliable and affordable energy.

5472 The emerging problem Pennsylvania's natural gas industry
5473 is facing is simply limited pipeline capacity. The large
5474 energy reserves under the feet of my constituents cannot be
5475 properly utilized without the pipeline infrastructure that is
5476 needed to support and transport the natural gas that is so
5477 desperately needed.

5478 Pipelines are the safest and the most efficient way to
5479 move energy across our country. That is why I coauthored
5480 H.R. 3500, the Mountain Valley Pipeline Completion Act, to
5481 complete the Mountain Valley Pipeline to bring Pennsylvania's
5482 natural gas to the energy-starved southeastern United States.
5483 It is also why I support the Pipeline Safety, Modernization,
5484 and Expansion Act to expand PHMSA with common-sense reforms.

5485 To truly unlock Pennsylvania's and America's energy
5486 potential, we need to have the pipeline capacity to deliver
5487 significant quantities of natural gas across our nation, and
5488 continue to increase our liquefied natural gas exports to our

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5489 friends and to our allies.

5490 With that I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and
5491 I yield the balance of my time.

5492 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. Are there any
5493 other members seeking recognition?

5494 And the Ranking Member Pallone is recognized.

5495 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you. I move to strike the last
5496 word.

5497 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman is recognized for five
5498 minutes.

5499 *Mr. Pallone. Mr. Chairman, I am opposed to the bill in
5500 its current form, and I intend to vote against it, and this
5501 bill would make pipelines more dangerous, and it contains
5502 several non-safety provisions.

5503 We have made it very clear to the majority time after
5504 time after time that going back to a letter that the Energy
5505 Subcommittee Ranking Member DeGette and I sent in September
5506 of last year, six months ago, that the non-safety provisions
5507 were a poison pill for committee Democrats. Unfortunately,
5508 nothing has changed in the intervening six months, and with
5509 those provisions left in place Democrats cannot support the

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5510 bill.

5511 I said this at the subcommittee's markup, but it bears
5512 repeating: Building more pipelines is not pipeline safety.
5513 Carbon dioxide sequestration wells are not pipeline safety.
5514 Restricting the choices that states and municipalities can
5515 make is not pipeline safety. This bill covers all three of
5516 these topics.

5517 And these provisions implicate FERC and EPA, and we had
5518 zero opportunity to receive testimony on these topics. We
5519 did attempt to ask questions of counsel on the provision
5520 relating to class six wells at the subcommittee markup, but
5521 frankly, that just added to the confusion, rather than
5522 granting us any clarity. If Republicans want to move these
5523 provisions so desperately, it is within the right to do so,
5524 but they just cannot expect Democratic support for any bill
5525 that includes them.

5526 The bill also would enact deep cuts in PHMSA's pipeline
5527 safety authorization levels. Over half the Republicans on
5528 this committee voted for the government funding bill two
5529 weeks ago that funded PHMSA, and now want to turn around and
5530 vote for a bill that would represent a \$22 million cut versus

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5531 what they voted for just two weeks ago. And that is pretty
5532 astonishing.

5533 The bill also represents a substantial cut relative to
5534 the bipartisan bill that the Transportation and
5535 Infrastructure Committee passed last year, and this bill
5536 authorizes funding that is \$42 million per year less than
5537 that bill, which all Republicans on T&I voted for.

5538 So, like I said in the Energy Subcommittee markup, this
5539 should be embarrassing in a sense. The other committee
5540 managed to proceed in the regular order that committee
5541 Republicans claim to love so much. They had an oversight
5542 hearing, they worked together for months to develop a bill
5543 that they then had a markup on. By comparison, our
5544 Republicans did not have a hearing on pipeline safety until
5545 three months after PHMSA's most recent authorization expired.
5546 And we found out about their draft bill last year by press
5547 release, and we didn't even receive a heads up.

5548 I appreciate that committee Republicans have claimed
5549 they want to work together on this, but their actions
5550 certainly are not showing it. During the Energy Subcommittee
5551 markup, Democrats offered ten different amendments

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5552 representing changes that we wanted to see in the bill.
5553 Republicans accepted zero of our amendments, even after we
5554 had accepted two amendments of theirs. One side is willing
5555 to work together here, and the other is not. So I can't
5556 support this bill as it is currently drafted, and I urge all
5557 members to oppose it until Republicans can come back to the
5558 negotiating table with a serious offer. Until then, I plan
5559 on voting no.

5560 And I yield back, Mr. Chairman.

5561 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. Are there any
5562 other members seeking recognition on the bill?

5563 Mrs. Fletcher is recognized.

5564 *Mrs. Fletcher. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to
5565 strike the last word.

5566 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady is recognized for five
5567 minutes.

5568 *Mrs. Fletcher. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5569 The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
5570 Administration, or PHMSA, plays a key role in developing and
5571 enforcing Federal safety regulations for the nation's
5572 pipeline infrastructure.

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5573 It is important to realize how extensive this
5574 infrastructure is. And you said it earlier, Mr. Chairman.
5575 There are more than 3.4 million, you said, miles of pipeline
5576 across the country. There are about 2.8 million miles of
5577 paved roads in the United States. Americans rely on this
5578 unseen infrastructure in every state and every community to
5579 heat our homes, fuel our vehicles, and power our economy.

5580 And Americans rely on PHMSA. The work that PHMSA does
5581 is essential. I am glad that we are now moving a
5582 reauthorization bill six months after the last authorization
5583 expired. It is essential that we give PHMSA the tools and
5584 the resources to fulfill its mission and ensure safety across
5585 the country.

5586 This bill is certainly better than the draft that was
5587 first introduced and the version that we marked up in
5588 subcommittee two weeks ago. Added language on issuing the
5589 class location rule, improving the pilot technology program,
5590 something I have been working on since I got here, and the
5591 maximum allowable operating pressure are bipartisan issues
5592 that will help PHMSA operators and safety regulators work
5593 toward a shared goal of a safe and efficient system of

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5594 pipelines.

5595 But the fundamental issue that remains is that we are
5596 still asking PHMSA to do more with less. Authorization
5597 levels in this bill are nearly 20 percent below current
5598 authorization levels. The T&I Committee bill, which passed
5599 unanimously a year ago, by contrast, increased the
5600 authorizations by an average of \$80 million a year. That is
5601 something that is really important, and that is the direction
5602 that I think we should follow. I know we have some
5603 amendments to address that.

5604 But I think it is really important to reiterate that at
5605 our legislative hearing on this we heard from Deputy
5606 Administrator Tristan Brown that department funding levels
5607 and lack of staffing resources are the biggest driver in the
5608 backlog of work from previous reauthorizations that remains
5609 unfinished at the department. This is really critical.

5610 Pipelines are the safest and most environmentally
5611 responsible way to deliver oil and gas. A great deal of this
5612 is from a robust regulatory and oversight system at PHMSA
5613 that works effectively with industry. If we want PHMSA to
5614 succeed in the new directives that we are issuing in this

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5615 bill, we must authorize their funding at levels that will
5616 ensure their success.

5617 I would also just note that I have concerns with whether
5618 this bill is the appropriate vehicle to include provisions on
5619 permitting reform. Reauthorization bills in the past have
5620 been focused on pipeline safety, which is the mission of
5621 PHMSA. But make no mistake, we need permitting reform, and
5622 our committee can and should be working on a comprehensive
5623 set of reforms to address the many issues that we know need
5624 addressing.

5625 The siting process for all forms of energy, fossil and
5626 renewable alike, is not working, and Congress needs to
5627 address it. This committee is the one to do it, and I hope
5628 that the committee will work to address these issues in a
5629 holistic and bipartisan way. I look forward to working with
5630 all of my colleagues on this committee, everyone in this room
5631 who wants to tackle these important challenges.

5632 And with that I thank you and yield the balance my time.

5633 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
5634 further discussion on the bill?

5635 If not, are there any amendments to be offered?

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5636 The gentleman from New Jersey is recognized to offer an
5637 amendment.

5638 *Mr. Pallone. Labeled FC _ it looks like 01.

5639 *Mr. Duncan. The clerk will report the amendment.

5640 *The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 7655, offered by Mr.
5641 Pallone. Strike section 4© relating to underground _

5642 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, further reading of the
5643 amendment is dispensed with.

5644 [The amendment of Mr. Pallone follows:]

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5646 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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5648 *Mr. Duncan. And the gentleman is recognized to explain
5649 the amendment.

5650 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Chairman. This amendment is
5651 simple. It would keep the pipeline safety bill about
5652 pipeline safety by striking two sections that have nothing to
5653 do with pipeline safety.

5654 The first provision it strikes has to do with so-called
5655 aquifer exemptions for class 6 wells used to sequester carbon
5656 dioxide. It would expand the use of these exemptions to
5657 wells and drinking water aquifers that the exemptions were
5658 never designed for, and could potentially imperil safe
5659 drinking water across the country. Frankly, I am shocked
5660 that we had no one in from the EPA to testify or provide
5661 feedback on this language. At our Energy Subcommittee markup
5662 there seem to be fundamental confusion as to the intent and
5663 purpose of the language, along with its real-world impacts.
5664 Having the EPA testify about this would have offered much-
5665 needed clarity, but the Republicans chose not to invite the
5666 agency.

5667 Now, the second provision that my amendment would strip
5668 is one that would provide FERC the authority to automatically

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5669 site any pipeline or expansion of a pipeline along a
5670 currently existing right-of-way. And this section
5671 obliterates states' rights and federalism under the Clean
5672 Water Act. It is a direct attack on the states' ability to
5673 approve what it wants to happen to the waters within its
5674 borders, and it is unacceptable.

5675 I am particularly concerned about the right it would
5676 give FERC to unilaterally approve hydrogen, carbon dioxide,
5677 and petroleum pipelines, the siting for which is all
5678 currently handled at the state level. FERC has no experience
5679 or practice siting these pipelines, and this bill would allow
5680 it to plow through any state opposition without any
5681 guardrails.

5682 And I want to point out that nowhere in my description
5683 of these provisions did I ever use the word "safety." It is
5684 because these provisions have nothing to do with pipeline
5685 safety, and they do not belong in a pipeline safety bill, as
5686 we have told the Republican majority for many months now. As
5687 long as the Republicans insist on including non-safety
5688 provisions with a pipeline safety bill, Democrats can't
5689 support it.

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5690 We have been clear about this from the start. A vote
5691 for this amendment is a vote for finding a bipartisan path
5692 forward. Any vote against this amendment is a vote for a
5693 partisan process that ensures that pipeline safety
5694 legislation will not reach the President's desk this
5695 Congress. So I urge adoption of my amendment.

5696 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

5697 *Mr. Duncan. Is anyone seeking to speak on the
5698 amendment?

5699 I will recognize myself, move to strike the last word
5700 and recognize myself to speak.

5701 You know, this amendment would strike language to expand
5702 carbon sequestration. If we are going to advance our carbon
5703 sequestration policies, we are going to use pipelines. And
5704 if we are going to use pipelines, we want to be sure that
5705 PHMSA has the standards in place for those facilities. This
5706 section does just that, and it also provides direction for
5707 operators to run assessments and modeling to identify high-
5708 consequence areas that could be affected by a CO2 pipeline
5709 release.

5710 We also clarify EPA authority to identify areas suitable

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5711 for underground sequestration. Now, we asked them, EPA, for
5712 technical assistance, and crickets. We heard nothing. This
5713 is an important provision for anybody who wants to advance
5714 our carbon capture and sequestration policies, policies that
5715 historically have been bipartisan. Striking this section
5716 harms our goal to encourage carbon capture projects and
5717 commercialize technology.

5718 Additionally, this amendment would strike section 17 of
5719 the underlying bill, which would modernize and expand
5720 pipelines. This section is vital to the ongoing safety of
5721 our pipeline systems. It will enable a modernization of
5722 existing pipelines and make use of existing right-of-ways
5723 that have already been approved, many of which have been in
5724 place for decades.

5725 This section provides FERC backstop authority to issue a
5726 Federal permit for inspection, repair, and maintenance, and
5727 related construction and modification of existing pipeline or
5728 a new pipeline collocated within an existing right-of-way.
5729 This kicks in if other entities fail to issue necessary
5730 Federal permits after one year.

5731 This amendment undercuts affordable and reliable energy,

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5732 and it will set back efforts to modernize our aging pipeline
5733 infrastructure. States like New York are blocking critical
5734 infrastructure and harming consumers in other states. But
5735 this concerns existing infrastructure, and it is within our
5736 jurisdiction to improve this infrastructure for the benefit
5737 of the American public. We should give FERC the authority to
5738 site much-needed new energy infrastructure by expanding
5739 existing systems that are safely operating. Striking this
5740 important section will hurt pipeline safety and harm our
5741 energy security and our economy.

5742 I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I
5743 yield back.

5744 Are any other members seeking to speak on the amendment?

5745 Seeing none, we will call for a vote, and roll call has
5746 been requested. The clerk will call the roll on the
5747 amendment.

5748 *The Clerk. Burgess?

5749 *Mr. Burgess. [Inaudible.]

5750 *The Clerk. [Inaudible] will repeat his vote.

5751 *Mr. Burgess. No.

5752 *The Clerk. Burgess votes no.

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5753 Latta?
5754 *Mr. Latta. No.
5755 *The Clerk. Latta votes no.
5756 Guthrie?
5757 *Mr. Guthrie. No.
5758 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes no.
5759 Griffith?
5760 *Mr. Griffith. No.
5761 *The Clerk. Griffith votes no.
5762 Bilirakis?
5763 *Mr. Bilirakis. No.
5764 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes no.
5765 Bucshon?
5766 *Mr. Bucshon. No.
5767 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes no.
5768 Hudson?
5769 [No response.]
5770 *The Clerk. Walberg?
5771 *Mr. Walberg. No.
5772 *The Clerk. Walberg votes no.
5773 Carter?

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5774 [No response.]
5775 *The Clerk. Duncan?
5776 *Mr. Duncan. No.
5777 *The Clerk. Duncan votes no.
5778 Palmer?
5779 [No response.]
5780 *The Clerk. Dunn?
5781 *Mr. Dunn. No.
5782 *The Clerk. Dunn votes no.
5783 Curtis?
5784 [No response.]
5785 *The Clerk. Lesko?
5786 *Mrs. Lesko. No.
5787 *The Clerk. Lesko votes no.
5788 Pence?
5789 *Mr. Pence. No.
5790 *The Clerk. Pence votes no.
5791 Crenshaw?
5792 *Mr. Crenshaw. No.
5793 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes no.
5794 Joyce?

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5795 *Mr. Joyce. No.

5796 *The Clerk. Joyce votes no.

5797 Armstrong?

5798 *Mr. Armstrong. No.

5799 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes no.

5800 Weber?

5801 [No response.]

5802 *The Clerk. Allen?

5803 *Mr. Allen. No.

5804 *The Clerk. Allen votes no.

5805 Balderson?

5806 *Mr. Balderson. No.

5807 *The Clerk. Balderson votes no.

5808 Fulcher?

5809 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, no.

5810 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes no.

5811 Pfluger?

5812 *Mr. Pfluger. No.

5813 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes no.

5814 Harshbarger?

5815 *Mrs. Harshbarger. No.

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5816 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes no.

5817 Miller-Meeks?

5818 [No response.]

5819 *The Clerk. Cammack?

5820 [No response.]

5821 *The Clerk. Obernolte?

5822 *Mr. Obernolte. No.

5823 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes no.

5824 Pallone?

5825 *Mr. Pallone. Yes.

5826 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.

5827 Eshoo?

5828 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.

5829 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.

5830 DeGette?

5831 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

5832 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.

5833 Schakowsky?

5834 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.

5835 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.

5836 Matsui?

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5837 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
5838 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
5839 Castor?
5840 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
5841 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
5842 Sarbanes?
5843 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
5844 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
5845 Tonko?
5846 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
5847 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
5848 Clarke?
5849 [No response.]
5850 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
5851 *Mr. Cardenas. Cardenas, aye.
5852 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
5853 Ruiz?
5854 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
5855 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
5856 Peters?
5857 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

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5858 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
5859 Dingell?
5860 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
5861 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
5862 Veasey?
5863 [No response.]
5864 *The Clerk. Kuster?
5865 [No response.]
5866 *The Clerk. Kelly?
5867 [No response.]
5868 *The Clerk. Barragan?
5869 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
5870 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
5871 Blunt Rochester?
5872 [No response.]
5873 *The Clerk. Soto?
5874 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
5875 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
5876 Craig?
5877 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
5878 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.

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5879 Schrier?
5880 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
5881 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
5882 Trahan?
5883 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
5884 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
5885 Fletcher?
5886 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
5887 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
5888 Chair Rodgers?
5889 *The Chair. No.
5890 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
5891 *Mr. Duncan. Are there any members unrecorded?
5892 How is Mr. Hudson voted or recorded?
5893 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson is not recorded.
5894 *Mr. Hudson. Hudson votes aye.
5895 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
5896 *Mr. Hudson. Oh, sorry, Hudson votes no.
5897 *The Clerk. Hudson is off aye and on no.
5898 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Carter?
5899 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter is not recorded.

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5900 *Mr. Carter. Carter votes no.

5901 *The Clerk. Carter votes no.

5902 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Palmer recorded?

5903 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer is not recorded.

5904 *Mr. Palmer. Nay.

5905 *The Clerk. Palmer votes no.

5906 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Weber?

5907 *Mr. Weber. No.

5908 *The Clerk. Weber votes no.

5909 *Mr. Duncan. And Mr. _ Dr. Joyce?

5910 *The Clerk. Dr. Joyce is recorded as no.

5911 *Mr. Duncan. Is there any other member unrecorded?

5912 Seeing none, the clerk will report the tally.

5913 [Pause.]

5914 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote there were 18

5915 ayes and 25 noes.

5916 *Mr. Duncan. The noes have it, and the amendment is not

5917 agreed to. Are there any other amendments to be offered?

5918 Ms. DeGette is recognized to offer the amendment.

5919 *Ms. DeGette. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an

5920 amendment at the desk, AMD_01.

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5921 *Mr. Duncan. The clerk will report the amendment.

5922 *The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 7655, offered by Ms.

5923 DeGette. Amend section 11 to read as follows. Section 11,

5924 authorization _

5925 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, further reading of the
5926 amendment is dispensed with.

5927 [The amendment of Ms. DeGette follows:]

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5929 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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5931 *Mr. Duncan. And the gentlelady is recognized to
5932 explain her amendment.

5933 *Ms. DeGette. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I
5934 offered this amendment at the subcommittee markup. What it
5935 does is it changes the authorization levels in the bill to
5936 the authorization levels included in the bill passed with
5937 bipartisan support out of the House Transportation and
5938 Infrastructure Committee earlier this Congress last December.
5939 And it wasn't just bipartisan support, it was unanimous
5940 bipartisan support.

5941 So the reason why they did that, it was a compromise.
5942 And it was a good compromise, because what it does is it
5943 ensures that PHMSA will have the resources that it so
5944 desperately needs and that we heard repeatedly from Deputy
5945 Administrator Brownback in our Energy Subcommittee hearings
5946 that we had. It needs the resources not only to keep our
5947 nation's pipelines safe and secure, but to carry out
5948 Congress's instructions in a timely fashion. And this is a
5949 real concern. PHMSA testified they are still working through
5950 mandates in the pipeline safety reauthorization from 13 years
5951 ago, so they just don't have the resources, but at the same

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5952 time we are asking them to do more.

5953 We know what _ the carbon dioxide and hydrogen pipelines
5954 that are going to be built across the country. PHMSA is
5955 going to have that additional responsibility. They are going
5956 to have to publish rules on the safety of the pipelines, they
5957 are going to have to inspect them to make sure they are safe.
5958 All of that requires resources. And to starve PHMSA's budget
5959 at the same time we are asking it to drastically expand its
5960 responsibilities is just really asking for trouble.

5961 And so I also want to make and emphasize a point that
5962 Ranking Member Pallone has made over and over again, which is
5963 if this bill were to be enacted into law, it would be a \$22
5964 million cut for fiscal year 2024 versus the appropriations
5965 that we just voted on two weeks ago.

5966 And I finally want to address one point that we made in
5967 the subcommittee when the Republicans asked me to withdraw my
5968 amendment so we could work together. Offering amendments is
5969 working together. Democrats accepted two Republican-offered
5970 amendments at the subcommittee markup, and we could have _
5971 you know, I guess we could work on this, too. And so I
5972 really urge that we support the amendment.

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5973 And I yield back.

5974 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. I recognize
5975 myself to strike the last word and speak in opposition to the
5976 amendment.

5977 H.R. 7655, the Pipeline Safety and Modernization
5978 Expansion Act, contains authorization levels that reflect
5979 prior-year appropriations, with a larger share going to
5980 states, approximately 50 percent.

5981 Additionally, PHMSA has access to billions of dollars in
5982 increased funding from recently passed in the _ that was
5983 recently passed in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
5984 legislation. The IIJA authorizes 1.2 trillion for
5985 transportation infrastructure spending, with 550 billion of
5986 that figure going toward new investments and programs. So
5987 PHMSA does not need a 20 percent increase in their budget to
5988 operate effectively, and I urge my colleagues to oppose the
5989 amendment.

5990 And I yield back. Is there any other member wishing to
5991 speak on the amendment?

5992 Seeing none, the question will occur on amendment 01,
5993 and the clerk will call the roll.

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5994 *The Clerk. Burgess?
5995 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes no.
5996 *The Clerk. Burgess votes no.
5997 Latta?
5998 [No response.]
5999 *The Clerk. Guthrie?
6000 *Mr. Guthrie. No.
6001 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes no.
6002 Griffith?
6003 [No response.]
6004 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?
6005 *Mr. Bilirakis. No.
6006 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes no.
6007 Bucshon?
6008 *Mr. Bucshon. No.
6009 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes no.
6010 Hudson?
6011 *Mr. Hudson. No.
6012 *The Clerk. Hudson votes no.
6013 Walberg?
6014 *Mr. Walberg. No.

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6015 *The Clerk. Walberg votes no.

6016 Carter?

6017 *Mr. Carter. No.

6018 *The Clerk. Carter votes no.

6019 Duncan?

6020 *Mr. Duncan. No.

6021 *The Clerk. Duncan votes no.

6022 Palmer?

6023 [No response.]

6024 *The Clerk. Dunn?

6025 [No response.]

6026 *The Clerk. Curtis?

6027 [No response.]

6028 *The Clerk. Lesko?

6029 [No response.]

6030 *The Clerk. Pence?

6031 *Mrs. Lesko. No.

6032 *The Clerk. Lesko votes no.

6033 Pence?

6034 *Mr. Pence. No.

6035 *The Clerk. Pence votes no.

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6036 Crenshaw?
6037 *Mr. Crenshaw. No.
6038 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes no.
6039 Joyce?
6040 *Mr. Joyce. No.
6041 *The Clerk. Joyce votes no.
6042 Armstrong?
6043 *Mr. Armstrong. No.
6044 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes no.
6045 Weber?
6046 *Mr. Weber. Nay.
6047 *The Clerk. Weber votes no.
6048 Allen?
6049 *Mr. Allen. No.
6050 *The Clerk. Allen votes no.
6051 Balderson?
6052 *Mr. Balderson. No.
6053 *The Clerk. Balderson votes no.
6054 Fulcher?
6055 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, no.
6056 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes no.

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6057 Pfluger?
6058 *Mr. Pfluger. No.
6059 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes no.
6060 Harshbarger?
6061 *Mrs. Harshbarger. No.
6062 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes no.
6063 Miller-Meeks?
6064 [No response.]
6065 *The Clerk. Cammack?
6066 [No response.]
6067 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
6068 *Mr. Obernolte. No.
6069 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes no.
6070 Pallone?
6071 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
6072 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
6073 Eshoo?
6074 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
6075 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
6076 DeGette?
6077 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

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6078 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.

6079 Schakowsky?

6080 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.

6081 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.

6082 Matsui?

6083 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

6084 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

6085 Castor?

6086 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

6087 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.

6088 Sarbanes?

6089 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.

6090 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.

6091 Tonko?

6092 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

6093 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.

6094 Clarke?

6095 [No response.]

6096 *The Clerk. Cardenas?

6097 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

6098 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.

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6099 Ruiz?
6100 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
6101 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
6102 Peters?
6103 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
6104 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
6105 Dingell?
6106 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
6107 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
6108 Veasey?
6109 [No response.]
6110 *The Clerk. Kuster?
6111 [No response.]
6112 *The Clerk. Kelly?
6113 [No response.]
6114 *The Clerk. Barragan?
6115 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
6116 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
6117 Blunt Rochester?
6118 [No response.]
6119 *The Clerk. Soto?

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6120 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
6121 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
6122 Craig?
6123 [No response.]
6124 *The Clerk. Schrier?
6125 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
6126 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
6127 Trahan?
6128 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
6129 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
6130 Fletcher?
6131 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
6132 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
6133 Chair Rodgers?
6134 *The Chair. No.
6135 *Mr. Latta. Mr. Chairman?
6136 *Mr. Duncan. Are there members unrecorded?
6137 How is Mr. Latta recorded?
6138 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.
6139 *Mr. Latta. Latta votes no.
6140 *The Clerk. Latta votes no.

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6141 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Dunn recorded?
6142 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn is not recorded.
6143 *Mr. Dunn. No.
6144 *The Clerk. Dunn votes no.
6145 *Mr. Duncan. Mr. Griffith?
6146 *Mr. Griffith. Griffith votes no.
6147 *The Clerk. Griffith votes no.
6148 *Mr. Duncan. And Mr. Palmer.
6149 *The Clerk. Palmer is not recorded.
6150 *Mr. Palmer. Nay.
6151 *The Clerk. Palmer votes no.
6152 *Mr. Duncan. All right _
6153 *Ms. Craig. How is Ms. Craig recorded?
6154 *The Clerk. Craig is not recorded.
6155 *Ms. Craig. Craig votes yes.
6156 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
6157 *Mr. Duncan. Are any other members unrecorded?
6158 Seeing none, the clerk will report the tally.
6159 [Pause.]
6160 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote there were 18
6161 ayes and 25 noes.

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6162 *Mr. Duncan. The noes have it. The amendment is not
6163 agreed to. Are there any other amendments to be offered?

6164 The gentlelady, Ms. Eshoo, is recognized to offer an
6165 amendment.

6166 *Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an
6167 amendment at the desk, AMD_08.

6168 *Mr. Duncan. The clerk will report the amendment.

6169 *The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 7655, offered by Ms.
6170 Eshoo. Insert after section 9 the following new section, and
6171 make such conforming changes as needed _

6172 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, further reading of the
6173 amendment is dispensed with.

6174 [The amendment of Ms. Eshoo follows:]

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6176 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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6178 *Mr. Duncan. And the gentlelady is recognized to
6179 explain her amendment.

6180 *Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6181 Colleagues, this amendment allows private citizens to
6182 bring mandamus-type lawsuits against PHMSA when it fails to
6183 adequately enforce pipeline safety law.

6184 This issue of pipeline safety is not an abstract issue
6185 for me. In 2010 a Pacific Gas and Electric, PG&E,
6186 transmission line exploded in San Bruno, California, in San
6187 Mateo County, where I live, killing eight people, injuring
6188 dozens more, and destroying 38,000 homes. A National
6189 Transportation Safety Board investigation found that lax
6190 oversight and PG&E's inadequate safety program were
6191 contributing factors in causing the disaster.

6192 In the aftermath of the explosion, the City and County
6193 of San Francisco sued PHMSA for failing to meet its legal
6194 obligation to ensure PG&E's pipelines were safe.
6195 Unfortunately, the Ninth Circuit dismissed the case and ruled
6196 that the law's citizen suit provision did not allow for
6197 lawsuits forcing PHMSA to perform its duties. Now, they are
6198 supposed to perform their duties. They don't do their duty,

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6199 but citizens can't do anything about it.

6200 This ruling weakened an important tool to hold the
6201 agency accountable before a disaster happens. My amendment
6202 explicitly authorizes these lawsuits. It is particularly
6203 urgent because the bill before us cuts PHMSA's budget, which
6204 will give the agency fewer resources to enforce its safety
6205 standards, increasing the likelihood of safety incidents.

6206 Moreover, the bill contains several other provisions
6207 that really have nothing to do with safety, including
6208 language blocking states and local governments from
6209 restricting natural gas connections to new developments.

6210 My Republican colleagues, I mean, we hear them talking
6211 all the time about states' rights. So I am disappointed they
6212 want to tie the hands of local communities to make their own
6213 decisions about their energy needs, including cities like
6214 Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and my congressional district.

6215 Other provisions, such as allowing FERC to overrule the
6216 concerns of states and other Federal agencies in the
6217 permitting process suggests the true purpose of the bill is
6218 to build more pipelines.

6219 Now, what happened in San Bruno was not an isolated

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6220 incident. Since then there have been more than 300 gas
6221 explosions, including in Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts;
6222 Silver Spring, Maryland; and Fort Worth, Texas. In an
6223 average year, pipeline incidents killed ten people and injure
6224 31. So this _ there is a consistent pattern to this. That
6225 is why I believe that mandamus-type lawsuits and other
6226 safety-focused policies are critically needed in this bill,
6227 and I ask my colleagues to support this amendment. This
6228 could happen in your community, too, and citizens really have
6229 no recourse.

6230 For these reasons I urge my colleagues to support the
6231 amendment and I yield back, Mr. Chairman, and thank you.

6232 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. I will now
6233 recognize myself to strike the last word and speak in
6234 opposition to this amendment.

6235 This amendment adds a new section to create a private
6236 right of action against the Secretary of Energy if there is
6237 an alleged failure to perform any duties. This encourages
6238 sue-and-settle and the effort by radical environmental
6239 litigants to stop pipeline expansion in the United States,
6240 which is much needed.

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6241 Pipelines all over the country have been stopped as a
6242 result of predatory environmental groups suing and drawing
6243 out litigation until companies can just no longer afford to
6244 continue. We saw that with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, we
6245 just about saw it with Mountain Valley. So this is a _ this
6246 is right out of the keep-it-in-the-ground folks' playbook.
6247 And look what they have done with Mountain Valley, Keystone,
6248 ACP. This amendment would make it easier for radical groups
6249 to stop pipeline expansion, threatening energy affordability
6250 and reliability for millions of Americans.

6251 I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and with
6252 that I yield back.

6253 Is there further discussion on the amendment?

6254 Seeing none _

6255 *Mr. Pallone. We want a roll call again.

6256 *Mr. Duncan. You said you need a roll call?

6257 *Mr. Pallone. Yes.

6258 *Mr. Duncan. Seeing none, a roll call has been
6259 requested, so the clerk will call the roll.

6260 *The Clerk. Burgess?

6261 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes no.

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6262 *The Clerk. Burgess votes no.

6263 Latta?

6264 *Mr. Latta. No.

6265 *The Clerk. Latta votes no.

6266 Guthrie?

6267 *Mr. Guthrie. No.

6268 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes no.

6269 Griffith?

6270 [No response.]

6271 *The Clerk. Griffith votes _

6272 Bilirakis?

6273 [No response.]

6274 *The Clerk. Bucshon?

6275 *Mr. Bucshon. No.

6276 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes no.

6277 Hudson?

6278 *Mr. Hudson. No.

6279 *The Clerk. Hudson votes no.

6280 Walberg?

6281 *Mr. Walberg. No.

6282 *The Clerk. Walberg votes no.

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6283 Carter?

6284 *Mr. Carter. No.

6285 *The Clerk. Carter votes no.

6286 Duncan?

6287 *Mr. Duncan. No.

6288 *The Clerk. Duncan votes no.

6289 Palmer?

6290 [No response.]

6291 *The Clerk. Dunn?

6292 [No response.]

6293 *Mr. Palmer. No.

6294 *The Clerk. Dunn?

6295 Oh, Palmer votes no.

6296 Dunn?

6297 [No response.]

6298 *The Clerk. Curtis?

6299 *Mr. Curtis. No.

6300 *The Clerk. Curtis votes no.

6301 Lesko?

6302 *Mrs. Lesko. No.

6303 *The Clerk. Lesko votes no.

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6304 Pence?
6305 *Mr. Pence. No.
6306 *The Clerk. Pence votes no.
6307 Crenshaw?
6308 *Mr. Crenshaw. No.
6309 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes no.
6310 Joyce?
6311 *Mr. Joyce. No.
6312 *The Clerk. Joyce votes no.
6313 Armstrong?
6314 [No response.]
6315 *The Clerk. Weber?
6316 [No response.]
6317 *The Clerk. Allen?
6318 *Mr. Allen. No.
6319 *The Clerk. Allen votes no.
6320 Balderson?
6321 *Mr. Balderson. No.
6322 *The Clerk. Balderson votes no.
6323 Fulcher?
6324 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, no.

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6325 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes no.
6326 Pfluger?
6327 *Mr. Pfluger. No.
6328 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes no.
6329 Harshbarger?
6330 *Mrs. Harshbarger. No.
6331 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes no.
6332 Miller-Meeks?
6333 [No response.]
6334 *The Clerk. Cammack?
6335 [No response.]
6336 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
6337 *Mr. Obernolte. No.
6338 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes no.
6339 Pallone?
6340 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
6341 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
6342 Eshoo?
6343 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
6344 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
6345 DeGette?

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6346 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
6347 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
6348 Schakowsky?
6349 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
6350 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
6351 Matsui?
6352 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
6353 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
6354 Castor?
6355 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
6356 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
6357 Sarbanes?
6358 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
6359 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
6360 Tonko?
6361 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
6362 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
6363 Clarke?
6364 [No response.]
6365 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
6366 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

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6367 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
6368 Ruiz?
6369 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
6370 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
6371 Peters?
6372 *Mr. Peters. No.
6373 *The Clerk. Peters votes no.
6374 Dingell?
6375 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
6376 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
6377 Veasey?
6378 [No response.]
6379 *The Clerk. Kuster?
6380 [No response.]
6381 *The Clerk. Kelly?
6382 [No response.]
6383 *The Clerk. Barragan?
6384 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
6385 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
6386 Blunt Rochester?
6387 [No response.]

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6388 *The Clerk. Soto?
6389 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
6390 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
6391 Craig?
6392 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
6393 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
6394 Schrier?
6395 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
6396 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
6397 Trahan?
6398 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
6399 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
6400 Fletcher?
6401 *Mrs. Fletcher. No.
6402 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes no.
6403 Chair Rodgers?
6404 *The Chair. No.
6405 *Mr. Duncan. Are there any members unrecorded?
6406 How is Mr. Bilirakis recorded?
6407 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis is not recorded.
6408 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes no.

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6409 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes no.

6410 *Mr. Duncan. Are there any other members unrecorded?

6411 Mr. Griffith?

6412 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith _

6413 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

6414 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

6415 *Mr. Duncan. Seeing no other members, the clerk will

6416 report the tally.

6417 *Mr. Weber. How is Weber recorded?

6418 *The Clerk. Weber is not recorded.

6419 *Mr. Weber. Weber is definitely nay.

6420 *The Clerk. Weber votes no.

6421 *Mr. Duncan. Any other members?

6422 Seeing none, the clerk will report.

6423 [Pause.]

6424 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote we have 17 ayes

6425 and 25 noes.

6426 *Mr. Duncan. The noes have it, and the amendment is not

6427 agreed to.

6428 Are there further amendments?

6429 Ms. Castor is recognized.

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6430 *Ms. Castor. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an
6431 amendment at the desk labeled amendment No. 17.

6432 *Mr. Duncan. The clerk will report the amendment.

6433 *The Clerk. Can Ms. Castor repeat the amendment?

6434 *Ms. Castor. AMD_17.

6435 *The Clerk. An amendment to H.R. 7655, offered by Ms.
6436 Castor. Page 14, after line 3, insert the following. In
6437 subsection B4 _

6438 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, further reading of the
6439 amendment is dispensed with.

6440 [The amendment of Ms. Castor follows:]

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6442 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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6444 *Mr. Duncan. And the gentlelady is recognized to
6445 explain the amendment.

6446 *Ms. Castor. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a simple
6447 amendment aimed at ensuring ethics in government and pipeline
6448 safety.

6449 Pipeline safety is particularly vital because often
6450 times with the pipelines it is out of sight, out of mind.
6451 And we know that pipelines can be dangerous when they are
6452 neglected. And fatal incidents occur every year. On
6453 average, there are over 600 pipeline safety incidents each
6454 year, resulting in 31 injuries and 10 deaths. In January an
6455 explosion from a natural gas line in Fort Worth, Texas
6456 injured 21 people.

6457 Safety concerns are not just related to gas pipelines.
6458 In 2020, 45 people were hospitalized after a carbon dioxide
6459 pipeline ruptured in Mississippi.

6460 Under current law, the U.S. DoT hosts two advisory
6461 committees. One is a gas advisory committee and the other is
6462 a liquid pipeline advisory committee. They provide peer
6463 review to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
6464 Administration. Both committees are composed of 15 members.

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6465 Notably, each member must be experienced in the safety
6466 regulation of gas or liquid pipeline facilities or
6467 technically qualified to evaluate pipeline safety standards.

6468 The members of each committee are appointed as follows.
6469 You have five individuals from U.S. or state governments, you
6470 have five individuals from gas or hazardous liquid _ the
6471 hazardous or _ hazardous liquid industry, and then you have
6472 five individuals selected from the general public.

6473 My amendment is straightforward. It requires that none
6474 of those five individuals selected from the general public be
6475 consulting for, employed by, or receiving research funding
6476 from a pipeline, petroleum, or gas company.

6477 It would also further limit the number of members that
6478 can have a financial interest in pipeline, petroleum, or
6479 natural gas industries because, remember, we already have
6480 five individuals from gas or hazardous _ the hazardous
6481 liquids industry.

6482 So my amendment will help ensure that the scales aren't
6483 tipped in favor of the industry. Too often Federal agencies
6484 are captured by industry interests that aim to crowd out
6485 public participation by safety, environmental, and consumer

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6486 advocacy experts. And while I support industry involvement,
6487 and they have five guaranteed seats already in these two
6488 committees, we have got to have adequate guardrails in place
6489 to protect these advisory committees from full-blown industry
6490 capture. Otherwise, we are just letting the fox guard the
6491 henhouse with the health and safety of families across the
6492 country.

6493 With this in mind, I urge my colleagues to support my
6494 amendment, and I yield back.

6495 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. Are any other
6496 members seeking recognition?

6497 Mr. Pfluger is recognized.

6498 *Mr. Pfluger. Mr. Chairman, I seek time to speak in
6499 opposition to this amendment.

6500 This amendment would block individuals from serving on
6501 the PHMSA committee if they have consulted, worked for, or
6502 researched for a pipeline or petroleum or gas company in the
6503 last three years, or if they are currently working for one.

6504 And I think it is pretty simple, and this really strikes
6505 at the heart of the issue with this Administration is that,
6506 instead of consulting industry, instead of asking for

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6507 expertise, instead of looking at the, you know, true _ what
6508 is happening on the ground, the true situation on the ground,
6509 the Democrats would rather place radical environmental groups
6510 to dominate these committees. This has been clear from their
6511 energy policy throughout the Administration, and heeding the
6512 calls of radical environmental groups over experts has put us
6513 in the situation that we are in.

6514 And so I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment,
6515 and let's let the best people fill these committees, those
6516 that have the expertise, those that can come to the table
6517 with reasonable stakeholder positions to ensure the safety,
6518 because we know the industry knows safety and wants safety to
6519 be at the top and a paramount issue here. But I urge all my
6520 colleagues to oppose this amendment.

6521 I yield back.

6522 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. Is there
6523 further discussion on the amendment?

6524 Seeing none, the clerk will call the roll.

6525 *The Clerk. Burgess?

6526 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes no.

6527 *The Clerk. Burgess votes no.

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6528 Latta?
6529 [No response.]
6530 *The Clerk. Guthrie?
6531 [No response.]
6532 *The Clerk. Griffith?
6533 *Mr. Griffith. No.
6534 *The Clerk. Griffith votes no.
6535 Bilirakis?
6536 *Mr. Bilirakis. No.
6537 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes no.
6538 Bucshon?
6539 *Mr. Bucshon. No.
6540 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes no.
6541 Hudson?
6542 *Mr. Hudson. No.
6543 *The Clerk. Hudson votes no.
6544 Walberg?
6545 *Mr. Walberg. No.
6546 *The Clerk. Walberg votes no.
6547 Carter?
6548 *Mr. Carter. No.

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6549 *The Clerk. Carter votes no.

6550 Duncan?

6551 [No response.]

6552 *The Clerk. Duncan?

6553 *Mr. Duncan. No.

6554 *The Clerk. Duncan votes no.

6555 Palmer?

6556 *Mr. Palmer. No.

6557 *The Clerk. Palmer votes no.

6558 Dunn?

6559 [No response.]

6560 *The Clerk. Curtis?

6561 *Mr. Curtis. No.

6562 *The Clerk. Curtis votes no.

6563 Lesko?

6564 *Mrs. Lesko. No.

6565 *The Clerk. Lesko votes no.

6566 Pence?

6567 *Mr. Pence. No.

6568 *The Clerk. Pence votes no.

6569 Crenshaw?

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6570 *Mr. Crenshaw. No.
6571 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes no.
6572 Joyce?
6573 *Mr. Joyce. No.
6574 *The Clerk. Joyce votes no.
6575 Armstrong?
6576 [No response.]
6577 *The Clerk. Weber?
6578 *Mr. Weber. No.
6579 *The Clerk. Weber votes no.
6580 Allen?
6581 [No response.]
6582 *The Clerk. Balderson?
6583 *Mr. Balderson. No.
6584 *The Clerk. Balderson votes no.
6585 Fulcher?
6586 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is no.
6587 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes no.
6588 Pfluger?
6589 *Mr. Pfluger. No.
6590 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes no.

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6591 Harshbarger?
6592 *Mrs. Harshbarger. No.
6593 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes no.
6594 Miller-Meeks?
6595 [No response.]
6596 *The Clerk. Cammack?
6597 *Mrs. Cammack. No.
6598 *The Clerk. Cammack votes no.
6599 Obernolte?
6600 *Mr. Obernolte. No.
6601 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes no.
6602 Pallone?
6603 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
6604 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
6605 Eshoo?
6606 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
6607 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
6608 DeGette?
6609 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
6610 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
6611 Schakowsky?

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6612 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
6613 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
6614 Matsui?
6615 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
6616 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
6617 Castor?
6618 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
6619 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
6620 Sarbanes?
6621 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
6622 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
6623 Tonko?
6624 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
6625 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
6626 Clarke?
6627 [No response.]
6628 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
6629 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
6630 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
6631 Ruiz?
6632 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

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6633 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
6634 Peters?
6635 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
6636 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
6637 Dingell?
6638 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
6639 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
6640 Veasey?
6641 [No response.]
6642 *The Clerk. Kuster?
6643 [No response.]
6644 *The Clerk. Kelly?
6645 [No response.]
6646 *The Clerk. Barragan?
6647 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
6648 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
6649 Blunt Rochester?
6650 [No response.]
6651 *The Clerk. Soto?
6652 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
6653 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.

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6654 Craig?
6655 [No response.]
6656 *The Clerk. Schrier?
6657 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
6658 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
6659 Trahan?
6660 [No response.]
6661 *The Clerk. Fletcher?
6662 *Mrs. Fletcher. No.
6663 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes no.
6664 Chair Rodgers?
6665 *The Chair. No.
6666 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes no.
6667 *Mr. Duncan. Is any member unrecorded?
6668 How is Mr. Latta recorded?
6669 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.
6670 *Mr. Latta. Latta votes no.
6671 *The Clerk. Latta votes no.
6672 *Mr. Duncan. Mr. Guthrie?
6673 *Mr. Guthrie. No.
6674 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes no.

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6675 *Mr. Duncan. Any other member unrecorded?

6676 Seeing none, the clerk will report the tally.

6677 *Mr. Allen. How is Allen recorded?

6678 *The Clerk. Allen is not recorded.

6679 *Mr. Allen. No.

6680 *The Clerk. Allen votes no.

6681 [Pause.]

6682 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote there were 15
6683 ayes and 26 noes.

6684 *Mr. Duncan. The noes have it, and the amendment is not
6685 agreed to.

6686 Are there further amendments on the bill?

6687 Mr. Cardenas is recognized.

6688 *Mr. Cardenas. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an
6689 amendment at the desk labeled FC_02.

6690 *Mr. Duncan. The clerk will report the amendment.

6691 *The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 7655, offered by Mr.
6692 Cardenas. At the end, the following _ add at the end the
6693 following. Section 23 Geohazard Mitigation Study. A, in
6694 general, not later than _

6695 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, further reading of the

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6696 amendment is dispensed with.

6697 [The amendment of Mr. Cardenas follows:]

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6699 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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6701 *Mr. Duncan. And the gentleman is recognized to explain
6702 the amendment.

6703 *Mr. Cardenas. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My amendment
6704 is simple. It would add language to H.R. 7655 that would
6705 require the GAO to conduct a study on geological hazards,
6706 evaluate industry best practices when it comes to mitigating
6707 the impact of these geohazards on pipeline infrastructure and
6708 safety, and make recommendations where there are safety gaps.

6709 With over three million miles of pipeline stretching
6710 across our nation, I can't think of a reason why my
6711 colleagues wouldn't _ would oppose this language. Geological
6712 hazards like earthquakes or landslides have caused several
6713 recent pipeline failures. For example, in 2020 the failure
6714 on a carbon dioxide pipeline in Mississippi sent 45 people to
6715 the hospital, and in 2022 a rupture on a crude oil pipeline
6716 spilled 165,000 gallons of crude oil into a nearby creek.
6717 Both were caused by land movements, a type of geological
6718 hazard.

6719 PHMSA has issued multiple advisory bulletins to pipeline
6720 operators on mitigating threats from geohazards, but has not
6721 created any specific requirements for operators to mitigate

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6722 geohazards. Frankly, my preference would be to insert
6723 language requiring PHMSA to require operators to include
6724 geohazards in their threat mitigation plans. I recognize
6725 that some of my colleagues may feel that that goes too far.
6726 So in the spirit of bipartisanship, I would like to propose
6727 my amendment as a bipartisan compromise, a compromise that
6728 has already gained bipartisan approval.

6729 This language that I am proposing was included in the
6730 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Pipeline Safety
6731 bill that passed out of committee with bipartisan support.
6732 This compromise would ensure that Congress and PHMSA are
6733 informed on the threats of geohazards, and are aware of any
6734 regulatory gaps. It would allow PHMSA to make its own
6735 requirements if it determines it is necessary, and could tee
6736 up Congress to be more informed during the next
6737 reauthorization cycle.

6738 While it has been made abundantly clear that Republicans
6739 on this committee are committed to a hyper-partisan process
6740 at the expense of our constituents' safety, I think this
6741 amendment should be a no-brainer for all of us. It is a
6742 report that Republicans and Democrats have already been able

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6743 to agree to. I just hope that my Republican colleagues on
6744 this committee can agree to it, especially given that they
6745 have refused to come to the table on nearly every way in
6746 which we could consider coming together on this issue.

6747 I urge support for my amendment, and I yield back.

6748 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. I would like
6749 to recognize myself. I move to strike the last word and
6750 speak in opposition to the amendment.

6751 This amendment would add a GAO study to evaluate Federal
6752 and state requirements relating to geohazards. PHMSA is
6753 already monitoring and updating safety-related issues
6754 resulting from geohazards. In June of 2022 they issued an
6755 advisory bulletin updating information for owners and
6756 operators related to geological hazards.

6757 This amendment was not offered in subcommittee, nor was
6758 it brought up specifically in any of the hearings related to
6759 the underlying bill. So if the gentleman would be willing to
6760 withdraw the amendment, we would be happy to continue working
6761 with him as the bill moves forward. If he is not willing to
6762 withdraw it, I urge my colleagues to oppose the amendment.

6763 And I yield back. Is there further discussion on the

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6764 amendment?

6765 Seeing none, we will proceed to a vote on the amendment,
6766 and the clerk will call the roll.

6767 *The Clerk. Burgess?

6768 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes no.

6769 *The Clerk. Burgess votes no.

6770 Latta?

6771 *Mr. Latta. No.

6772 *The Clerk. Latta votes no.

6773 Guthrie?

6774 *Mr. Guthrie. No.

6775 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes no.

6776 Griffith?

6777 *Mr. Griffith. No.

6778 *The Clerk. Griffith votes no.

6779 Bilirakis?

6780 *Mr. Bilirakis. No.

6781 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes no.

6782 Bucshon?

6783 *Mr. Bucshon. No.

6784 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes no.

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6785 Hudson?
6786 *Mr. Hudson. No.
6787 *The Clerk. Hudson votes no.
6788 Walberg?
6789 *Mr. Walberg. No.
6790 *The Clerk. Walberg votes no.
6791 Carter?
6792 *Mr. Carter. No.
6793 *The Clerk. Carter votes no.
6794 Duncan?
6795 *Mr. Duncan. No.
6796 *The Clerk. Duncan votes no.
6797 Palmer?
6798 *Mr. Palmer. No.
6799 *The Clerk. Palmer votes no.
6800 Dunn?
6801 [No response.]
6802 *The Clerk. Curtis?
6803 *Mr. Curtis. No.
6804 *The Clerk. Curtis votes no.
6805 Lesko?

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6806 *Mrs. Lesko. No.
6807 *The Clerk. Lesko votes no.
6808 Pence?
6809 *Mr. Pence. No.
6810 *The Clerk. Pence votes no.
6811 Crenshaw?
6812 *Mr. Crenshaw. No.
6813 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes no.
6814 Joyce?
6815 *Mr. Joyce. No.
6816 *The Clerk. Joyce votes no.
6817 Armstrong?
6818 *Mr. Armstrong. No.
6819 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes no.
6820 Weber?
6821 [No response.]
6822 *The Clerk. Allen?
6823 [No response.]
6824 *The Clerk. Allen?
6825 *Mr. Allen. No.
6826 *The Clerk. Allen votes no.

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6827 Balderson?
6828 *Mr. Balderson. No.
6829 *The Clerk. Balderson votes no.
6830 Fulcher?
6831 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, no.
6832 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes no.
6833 Pfluger?
6834 *Mr. Pfluger. No.
6835 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes no.
6836 Harshbarger?
6837 *Mrs. Harshbarger. No.
6838 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes no.
6839 Miller-Meeks?
6840 [No response.]
6841 *The Clerk. Cammack?
6842 *Mrs. Cammack. No.
6843 *The Clerk. Cammack votes no.
6844 Obernolte?
6845 *Mr. Obernolte. No.
6846 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes no.
6847 Pallone?

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6848 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
6849 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
6850 Eshoo?
6851 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
6852 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
6853 DeGette?
6854 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
6855 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
6856 Schakowsky?
6857 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
6858 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
6859 Matsui?
6860 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
6861 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
6862 Castor?
6863 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
6864 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
6865 Sarbanes?
6866 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
6867 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
6868 Tonko?

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6869 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

6870 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.

6871 Clarke?

6872 [No response.]

6873 *The Clerk. Cardenas?

6874 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

6875 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.

6876 Ruiz?

6877 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

6878 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.

6879 Peters?

6880 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

6881 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.

6882 Dingell?

6883 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

6884 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.

6885 Veasey?

6886 [No response.]

6887 *The Clerk. Kuster?

6888 [No response.]

6889 *The Clerk. Kelly?

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6890 [No response.]
6891 *The Clerk. Barragan?
6892 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
6893 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
6894 Blunt Rochester?
6895 [No response.]
6896 *The Clerk. Soto?
6897 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
6898 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
6899 Craig?
6900 [No response.]
6901 *The Clerk. Schrier?
6902 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
6903 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
6904 Trahan?
6905 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
6906 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
6907 Fletcher?
6908 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
6909 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
6910 Chair Rodgers?

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6911 *The Chair. No.

6912 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes no.

6913 *Mr. Duncan. Are there any members unrecorded?

6914 Seeing none, the clerk will report the tally.

6915 [Pause.]

6916 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote we have 17 ayes
6917 and 25 noes.

6918 *Mr. Duncan. The noes have it and the amendment is not
6919 agreed to.

6920 Are there any other members wishing to offer an
6921 amendment?

6922 Mrs. Fletcher is recognized.

6923 *Mrs. Fletcher. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an
6924 amendment at the desk, Fletcher No. 17.

6925 *Mr. Duncan. The clerk will report the amendment No.
6926 017.

6927 [Pause.]

6928 *The Clerk. Okay, amendment to H.R. 7655, offered by
6929 Mrs. Fletcher of Texas. Page 14, line 9, strike _

6930 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, further reading of the
6931 amendment is dispensed with.

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6932 [The amendment of Mrs. Fletcher follows:]

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6934 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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6936 *Mr. Duncan. And Mrs. Fletcher is recognized to explain
6937 the amendment.

6938 *Mrs. Fletcher. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am offering
6939 an amendment that makes technical modifications to two
6940 important provisions of the bill.

6941 The first provision my amendment addresses is section
6942 12, focusing on the maximum allowable operating pressure. It
6943 would address an issue that is important to many of my
6944 constituents in Texas who work in the gas transmission
6945 pipeline sector.

6946 And earlier Congresswoman Eshoo spoke about the pipeline
6947 tragedy in San Bruno, California that led a little over a
6948 decade ago to this committee advancing a bipartisan pipeline
6949 safety reauthorization bill aimed at addressing the issues
6950 that came out of that incident. It required PHMSA to ensure
6951 that all gas transmission pipelines be tested if they had not
6952 been previously tested.

6953 In 2019 the final Gas Transmission Rule language
6954 promulgated contained multiple provisions that could require
6955 previously-tested gas pipelines to be retested, which was not
6956 the intent of Congress in the legislation. So section 12 of

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6957 this bill would help address the drafting error contained in
6958 the final rule.

6959 My amendment would improve section 12 by making minor
6960 technical changes to ensure parity with our colleagues on the
6961 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, so that the best
6962 applicable language is used to give PHMSA clear guidance of
6963 our intent.

6964 The second provision that my intent _ that my amendment
6965 modifies focuses on PHMSA's Technical Safety Standards
6966 Committees in section seven. My constituents in Houston work
6967 to ensure the safety that _ safe and reliable,
6968 environmentally responsible transportation of natural gas and
6969 liquid fuels every single day.

6970 Unlike other Federal agencies, PHMSA has statutorily
6971 required advisory committees for both natural gas and liquid
6972 forms of energy to provide recommendations on complex safety
6973 and regulatory issues. The advisory committees provide an
6974 excellent forum for the public, industry, safety advocates,
6975 and government stakeholders to have a voice in advancing
6976 pipeline safety.

6977 Section seven recognizes the value of the advisory

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6978 committees, and requires them to meet more frequently than
6979 they are required to do in existing law. While the agency is
6980 not bound to follow advisory committee recommendations, it is
6981 required by law to provide a rationale for disagreement.

6982 It can be difficult to comb through final rules, which
6983 can be hundreds of pages long, to find the agency's rationale
6984 for disagreement. So my amendment builds upon the
6985 transparency improvements contained in section seven to
6986 require PHMSA to report to Congress on areas of disagreement
6987 with its advisory committees the same day that final rules
6988 are published.

6989 In short, my amendment makes minor technical changes to
6990 both provisions to align with the bipartisan bill in the
6991 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee that that
6992 committee has advanced.

6993 I am grateful to you, Chairman Duncan, for your
6994 inclusion of both provisions in the underlying proposal, and
6995 I ask that my colleagues support my amendment to improve
6996 them. Thank you, and I yield back the balance of my time.

6997 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. I will
6998 recognize myself to strike the last word and speak in support

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6999 of the amendment.

7000 I want to thank the gentlelady for offering the
7001 amendment. I think it is a good one, and I urge my
7002 colleagues to support, and I yield back.

7003 Are there further discussion on the amendment?

7004 Seeing none, the clerk will report the tally. We are
7005 just going to voice this.

7006 So all those in favor, say aye.

7007 Any opposed, nay.

7008 And the ayes have it, the amendment is adopted.

7009 Are there further amendments to be offered?

7010 The question now occurs on approving H.R. 7655, as
7011 amended, and a roll call has been requested. So the clerk
7012 will call the roll.

7013 *The Clerk. Burgess?

7014 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

7015 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

7016 Latta?

7017 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

7018 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

7019 Guthrie?

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7020 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
7021 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.
7022 Griffith?
7023 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
7024 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
7025 Bilirakis?
7026 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
7027 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
7028 Bucshon?
7029 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
7030 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
7031 Hudson?
7032 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
7033 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
7034 Walberg?
7035 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
7036 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
7037 Carter?
7038 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
7039 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
7040 Duncan?

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7041 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
7042 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
7043 Palmer?
7044 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
7045 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
7046 Dunn?
7047 [No response.]
7048 *The Clerk. Curtis?
7049 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
7050 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
7051 Lesko?
7052 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
7053 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
7054 Pence?
7055 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
7056 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
7057 Crenshaw?
7058 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
7059 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
7060 Joyce?
7061 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

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7062 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
7063 Armstrong?
7064 *Mr. Armstrong. Aye.
7065 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
7066 Weber?
7067 *Mr. Weber. Yea.
7068 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
7069 Allen?
7070 *Mr. Allen. Aye, yes.
7071 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
7072 Balderson?
7073 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
7074 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
7075 Fulcher?
7076 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
7077 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
7078 Pfluger?
7079 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
7080 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
7081 Harshbarger?
7082 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.

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7083 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
7084 Miller-Meeks?
7085 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
7086 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
7087 Cammack?
7088 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
7089 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
7090 Oberholte?
7091 *Mr. Oberholte. Aye.
7092 *The Clerk. Oberholte votes aye.
7093 Pallone?
7094 *Mr. Pallone. No.
7095 *The Clerk. Pallone votes no.
7096 Eshoo?
7097 *Ms. Eshoo. No.
7098 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes no.
7099 DeGette?
7100 *Ms. DeGette. No.
7101 *The Clerk. DeGette votes no.
7102 Schakowsky?
7103 *Ms. Schakowsky. No.

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7104 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes no.
7105 Matsui?
7106 *Ms. Matsui. No.
7107 *The Clerk. Matsui votes no.
7108 Castor?
7109 *Ms. Castor. No.
7110 *The Clerk. Castor votes no.
7111 Sarbanes?
7112 *Mr. Sarbanes. No.
7113 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes no.
7114 Tonko?
7115 *Mr. Tonko. No.
7116 *The Clerk. Tonko votes no.
7117 Clarke?
7118 [No response.]
7119 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
7120 *Mr. Cardenas. No.
7121 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes no.
7122 Ruiz?
7123 *Mr. Ruiz. No.
7124 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes no.

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7125 Peters?
7126 *Mr. Peters. No.
7127 *The Clerk. Peters votes no.
7128 Dingell?
7129 *Mrs. Dingell. No.
7130 *The Clerk. Dingell votes no.
7131 Veasey?
7132 [No response.]
7133 *The Clerk. Kuster?
7134 [No response.]
7135 *The Clerk. Kelly?
7136 [No response.]
7137 *The Clerk. Barragan?
7138 *Ms. Barragan. No.
7139 *The Clerk. Barragan votes no.
7140 Blunt Rochester?
7141 [No response.]
7142 *The Clerk. Soto?
7143 *Mr. Soto. No.
7144 *The Clerk. Soto votes no.
7145 Craig?

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7146 *Ms. Craig. No.

7147 *The Clerk. Craig votes no.

7148 Schrier?

7149 *Ms. Schrier. No.

7150 *The Clerk. Schrier votes no.

7151 Trahan?

7152 *Mrs. Trahan. No.

7153 *The Clerk. Trahan votes no.

7154 Fletcher?

7155 *Mrs. Fletcher. No.

7156 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes no.

7157 Chair Rodgers?

7158 *The Chair. Aye.

7159 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

7160 *Mr. Duncan. Are there any members unrecorded?

7161 Seeing none, the chair _ the clerk will report the
7162 tally.

7163 [Pause.]

7164 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote we have 27 ayes
7165 and 18 noes.

7166 *Mr. Duncan. And the bill, as amended, is agreed to.

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7167 And the chair will now call up H.R. 7673, the Liberty in
7168 Laundry Act.

7169 *The Clerk. H.R. 7673, a bill to prohibit the Secretary
7170 of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation
7171 standards for clothes washers that are not cost effective
7172 or _

7173 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, further reading of the
7174 bill is dispensed with.

7175 [The bill follows:]

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7177 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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7179 *Mr. Duncan. And is there discussion on the bill?

7180 The gentleman from New Jersey is recognized.

7181 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The five
7182 appliance efficiency bills before us today are almost
7183 identical, so I am going to speak in opposition to all of
7184 them at once.

7185 The Energy Subcommittee markup _

7186 [Laughter.]

7187 *Mr. Pallone. I know I wanted to be nice to Chairman
7188 Duncan, but I have one thing that is kind of bad about him,
7189 but not really.

7190 The Energy Subcommittee markup was the first time we saw
7191 these bills. The bills were only officially introduced a few
7192 days ago, and we haven't had a legislative hearing on them.
7193 We don't have any expert testimony on these bills or their
7194 effects. And the thing is, expert testimony would be really
7195 helpful here. These bills use a lot of vague and duplicative
7196 language. We have no idea how these bills interact with
7197 existing law. We don't even know what stakeholders think of
7198 these bills. And if these bills become law, we have no idea
7199 if they would impact existing standards and how they would be

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7200 implemented.

7201 But we can read between the lines. These bills follow
7202 the same pattern as so many other Republican attempts to
7203 weaken the Department of Energy's ability to finalize and
7204 enforce conservation standards for common household
7205 appliances. They employ the same Republican tactics that we
7206 have seen over and over this Congress, and this strategy
7207 doesn't make sense. Four out of the five of the appliances
7208 targeted by these bills were included in a consensus
7209 agreement between industry and efficiency advocates last
7210 September so even industry supports these standards, but
7211 Republicans continue to go after them.

7212 In fact, at the subcommittee markup of these bills,
7213 Energy Subcommittee Chair Duncan talked about how Samsung is
7214 building appliances in South Carolina and creating jobs in
7215 his home state. Well, we reached out to Samsung to ask if
7216 they support these bills, and they told us these bills are
7217 not something they would support. Samsung is a leader in
7218 manufacturing industry-leading energy-efficient appliances.
7219 A hundred percent of the washing machines they manufacture in
7220 South Carolina are Energy Star certified.

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7221 It is also surprising to me that these bills are even
7222 before us today. These five bills look similar to
7223 Representative Lesko's H.R. 6192, the Hands Off Our Home
7224 Appliances Act, which passed the committee in December. H.R.
7225 6192 applied similar changes to the entire efficiency
7226 program, as opposed to today's focused approach on individual
7227 appliances. Is the majority abandoning the Lesko bill and
7228 its attack on the program as a whole for this more tailored
7229 approach? I can think of no other reason why applying the
7230 policies in her bill to a specific appliance would make any
7231 sense.

7232 The thing is, we all know that none of these bills are
7233 becoming law. Rather than focusing on pressing issues,
7234 Republicans continue to waste our time with tired attacks on
7235 programs like energy conservation standards that are working
7236 well and helping Americans save money, and this is clearly
7237 designed to score some political points at the expense of
7238 everyday Americans.

7239 Now I have to look at the titles of these bills. The
7240 Liberty in Laundry Act. What does that mean? I can barely
7241 talk.

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7242 [Laughter.]

7243 *Mr. Pallone. Liberty for what, for industry and
7244 special interests to decide what is best for consumers and
7245 the environment?

7246 And then there is the Refrigerator Freedom Act, the
7247 Refrigerator Freedom Act, freedom to pay higher energy bills
7248 because your refrigerator uses more energy?

7249 Conservation standards are popular, and they are common
7250 sense. They help Americans save money on utility bills and
7251 they reduce emissions. So I just wish the majority would
7252 realize their persistent attacks on energy efficiency are
7253 really a waste of time.

7254 I urge my colleagues to vote against all five of these
7255 duplicative, unnecessary bills, and I yield back, Mr.
7256 Chairman.

7257 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. I recognize
7258 myself to move to strike the last word and speak in favor of
7259 H.R. 7673, the Liberty in Laundry Act, introduced by
7260 Representative Ogles of Tennessee.

7261 This bill would prohibit the Secretary of Energy from
7262 prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards

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7263 related to clothes washers that are not cost effective or
7264 technologically feasible. This bill is straightforward. It
7265 clarifies intent of the Energy Policy Conservation Act, which
7266 requires the Department of Energy to find that new standards
7267 will result in a significant conservation of energy and are
7268 technologically feasible and economically justified before
7269 moving forward with the standard.

7270 Unfortunately, the Biden Administration has repeatedly
7271 failed to satisfy these requirements. Just a few weeks ago
7272 the Department of Energy released the final efficiency
7273 standards for residential clothes washers and dryers. The
7274 final rule for residential clothes washers, published
7275 February the 29th of this year, will apply to top-loading and
7276 front-loading washers. Compliance with the standards is
7277 required by March 1 of 2028. The new rule faces legal
7278 uncertainty, and will increase the already high cost of
7279 clothes washers. Some estimates predict the new standards
7280 for washing machines would increase the per unit prices by as
7281 high as \$200 a unit.

7282 Under the EPCA, these standards are intended to save
7283 energy and money for the consumers. Unfortunately, the Biden

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7284 Administration has prioritized the priorities of the
7285 environmental groups over low-income residents, renters, and
7286 first-time home buyers, and resulted in standards that will
7287 increase prices for these critical home appliances, reduce
7288 consumer choice, and impair their performance.

7289 I urge all my colleagues to support this bill. It
7290 prioritizes affordability and consumer choice for all
7291 Americans.

7292 And with that I yield back. And are there any other
7293 members seeking recognition?

7294 Ms. Castor is recognized.

7295 *Ms. Castor. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike
7296 the last word for all five bills.

7297 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady is recognized to strike the
7298 last word for five minutes.

7299 *Ms. Castor. Thank you very much.

7300 Yes, the titles would be funny if it wasn't so serious,
7301 if you weren't socking it to our neighbors and consumers back
7302 home.

7303 You know, energy efficient home appliances are popular
7304 because they help our neighbors save money on their electric

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7305 bills. They help us reduce climate pollution that is fueling
7306 other very costly impacts. Energy efficiency standards are
7307 effective, and they are widely popular.

7308 And it was the Congress that decades ago directed the
7309 Department of Energy to work with appliance manufacturers and
7310 consumer groups and anyone else who wanted to weigh in on how
7311 we routinely improve the appliances that help us at home.
7312 Energy efficiency standards over the years have been a great
7313 success, an American success story especially at helping
7314 consumers save money.

7315 But here is a red alert that should go out to families
7316 all across this country. In essence, Republicans now are
7317 reaching into your pocketbooks to take those savings away.

7318 And it is no wonder that you all didn't have any
7319 legislative hearings on this bill. You don't want consumers
7320 to understand the millions and billions of dollars that you
7321 are taking from them. None of these bills received a
7322 legislative hearing. None of them.

7323 Republicans are rushing action on them in an attempt to
7324 stop the Department of Energy from improving Americans'
7325 household appliances so that they can appease their corporate

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7326 polluter friends.

7327 I think they are also doing this to obscure from the
7328 great success of Democratic policies on helping American
7329 families lower costs and move to clean energy. The Biden
7330 Administration's past and planned energy efficiency actions
7331 will save Americans \$570 billion and reduce greenhouse gas
7332 pollution by more than 2.4 billion metric tons over the next
7333 30 years. This translates into real savings for our
7334 neighbors back home.

7335 For example, newly proposed standards for water heaters
7336 alone could save households over \$200 per year. But don't
7337 take it from me. Take it from the Association of Home
7338 Appliance Manufacturers. They are not the ones pushing these
7339 bills that reach into our neighbors' pocketbooks and take
7340 their _ take money out of their wallets.

7341 I am going to quote from their _ the September 13, 2023
7342 agreement. "Home appliance manufacturers, together with
7343 consumers, climate, and energy and water efficiency advocates
7344 today announce a consensus plan to improve energy and water
7345 efficiency for refrigerators and freezers, wine chillers,
7346 clothes washers, clothes dryers, dishwashers, and cooking

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7347 products. The jointly recommended standards are projected to
7348 save nine quadrillion BTUs of energy, reducing costs for
7349 families and cutting greenhouse gas pollution, while allowing
7350 home appliance manufacturers to continue to deliver highly-
7351 efficient products with the features consumers want and
7352 expect.'`

7353 "The home appliance industry has played an undeniable
7354 role in enhancing household energy efficiency,'` said the
7355 president of the _ and CEO of the Association of Home
7356 Appliance Manufacturers. "This agreement, if adopted by the
7357 Department of Energy, will allow home appliance manufacturers
7358 to continue to offer a complete range of energy efficient
7359 products with the features consumers depend on every day.
7360 The home appliance industry will continue to work to find
7361 ways to approach regulations that preserve historic
7362 efficiency gains while advancing innovation.'`

7363 So why are you doing this? It is clear, because it has
7364 been a theme this Congress. Polluters and corporations that
7365 can bank more money have too much influence in this Congress.
7366 When you say it is okay for consumers to pay higher electric
7367 bills, despite the fact that home appliance manufacturers are

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7368 for these energy efficiency standards, something wrong _
7369 something is rotten in Denmark. Something is rotten right
7370 here.

7371 So I urge my colleagues to side with people over
7372 polluters for a change in this committee. Let's not allow
7373 our Republican colleagues to reach into the wallets and
7374 pocketbooks of our neighbors. They deserve these cost
7375 savings, and the appliance manufacturers deserve a pat on the
7376 back for working together to make sure that they continue _
7377 can continue to offer innovative products. So vote no on all
7378 five of these bills.

7379 Thank you, I yield back.

7380 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back with two
7381 seconds to go.

7382 Is there any further discussion on the amendment?

7383 Mrs. Lesko is recognized.

7384 *Mrs. Lesko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike
7385 the last word.

7386 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady is recognized for five
7387 minutes.

7388 *Mrs. Lesko. You know, I like my colleague, Ms. Castor

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7389 from across the aisle, but I couldn't disagree with her more.
7390 Constituents do not like these new mandates and burdensome
7391 regulations by the Biden Administration. In fact, just _ was
7392 it today or yesterday? The mandate for all-electric vehicles
7393 came out. People don't want to have the government tell them
7394 what kind of car they can drive and buy, what kind of washing
7395 machine they can have, what kind of stove they can have.
7396 This is total government overreach.

7397 And would I explain to my Democratic colleagues that you
7398 use the word that _ oh, we are just going to increase the
7399 cost, energy cost. But you fail to say that the upfront cost
7400 for replacing the appliances is so much more. That doesn't
7401 make up for the energy savings.

7402 And so you also fail to say that most of these parts,
7403 including for electric cars and most of these appliances
7404 things, are made in China, where they build it with coal-
7405 fired plants. That is pollution. You have to take
7406 everything, the whole picture. You cannot just say one
7407 little part and think it is going to solve everything,
7408 because it does not. You have to take everything into
7409 consideration.

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7410 And lastly, my constituents, people all over America,
7411 there is videos all over the Internet about how poorly some
7412 of these appliances now work. People are like, "My washing
7413 machine doesn't even work, my dishwasher doesn't work because
7414 it doesn't dry the dishes.'" People are fed up. They want
7415 something that works.

7416 And that is what these bills do. It is common sense.
7417 It is common sense. Let's be good about our environment.
7418 Let's have reasonable energy efficiency standards. But not
7419 this craziness, craziness and government top-down mandates on
7420 American people.

7421 And with that I yield back.

7422 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
7423 further discussion?

7424 Ms. Eshoo is recognized.

7425 *Ms. Eshoo. You know what, colleagues? I find this
7426 really embarrassing. I really do. This committee is _ has
7427 demonstrated itself to have serious legislators, and this is
7428 not a part of it.

7429 I can't help but note that there are _ taking up bills
7430 here from Members of Congress that are not members of this

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7431 committee. So I think your screening is not very good.

7432 And you know, we have a lot of challenges in the
7433 country, but I haven't heard one person talk to me about
7434 their washer, their dryer, their dishwasher. So I think that
7435 _ enough of this. This is really a source of embarrassment.

7436 And I yield back.

7437 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. Mr. Palmer is
7438 recognized.

7439 *Mr. Palmer. If you want to talk about what is
7440 embarrassing, it ought to be embarrassing that three-quarters
7441 _ 78 percent of workers in the United States are now living
7442 paycheck to paycheck because of the inflationary policies of
7443 my Democratic colleagues, 81 percent of women, Mr. Chairman,
7444 are now living paycheck to paycheck. And it is amazing to me
7445 that anyone would be opposing legislation that is trying to
7446 deflate the cost of everything, particularly on appliances
7447 that everyday Americans need.

7448 But I want to repeat 78 percent of workers are now
7449 living paycheck to paycheck, 81 percent are women.

7450 And I yield back.

7451 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. Is there

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7452 further discussion on the bill?

7453 Ms. Schrier, Dr. Schrier is recognized.

7454 *Ms. Schrier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to
7455 strike the last word and speak on this collection of bills
7456 meant to roll back common-sense energy standards.

7457 I would like to associate myself with my colleagues.
7458 You know, a wide-ranging group of stakeholders jointly
7459 recommended efficiency standards for washers, dryers,
7460 refrigerators, freezers, and dishwashers. Home appliance
7461 manufacturers, environmental groups, consumer advocates, and
7462 energy and water efficiency advocates all came together and
7463 agreed on a fair efficiency standard that would work for
7464 everyone, and also save money for consumers. I note that two
7465 of the groups were included in the majority and minority
7466 witnesses in our hearings in September, when we had hearings
7467 on energy efficiency.

7468 This is really a non-issue. Industry needs
7469 predictability to know what to manufacture. They agree with
7470 these energy efficiency standards. These bills would take us
7471 backwards, and we should all agree that energy efficiency is
7472 good.

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7473 Instead of these frivolous bills, we should be focusing
7474 on matters that are important to this committee and to this
7475 country and to our national security, like streamlining
7476 permitting reform in a smart way and building out much-needed
7477 transmission.

7478 Thank you, and I yield back.

7479 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
7480 further discussion?

7481 All right. We are going to go into recess and hold the
7482 vote. The committee will now recess and reconvene 15 minutes
7483 after the last floor vote is called. The committee stands in
7484 recess.

7485 [Recess.]

7486 *Mr. Duncan. The subcommittee _ I mean the full
7487 committee will come back to order.

7488 And where we are in the agenda, we are going to have a
7489 roll call vote on the H.R. 7673, Liberty in Laundry Act, and
7490 the clerk will call the roll.

7491 *The Clerk. Burgess?

7492 [No response.]

7493 *The Clerk. Latta?

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7494 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
7495 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
7496 Guthrie?
7497 [No response.]
7498 *The Clerk. Griffith?
7499 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
7500 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
7501 Bilirakis?
7502 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
7503 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
7504 Bucshon?
7505 [No response.]
7506 *The Clerk. Hudson?
7507 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
7508 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
7509 Walberg?
7510 [No response.]
7511 *The Clerk. Carter?
7512 [No response.]
7513 *The Clerk. Duncan?
7514 [No response.]

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7515 *The Clerk. Palmer?
7516 [No response.]
7517 *The Clerk. Dunn?
7518 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
7519 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
7520 Curtis?
7521 [No response.]
7522 *The Clerk. Lesko?
7523 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
7524 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
7525 Pence?
7526 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
7527 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
7528 Crenshaw?
7529 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
7530 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
7531 Joyce?
7532 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
7533 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
7534 Armstrong?
7535 [No response.]

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7536 *The Clerk. Weber?
7537 [No response.]
7538 *The Clerk. Allen?
7539 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
7540 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
7541 Balderson?
7542 [No response.]
7543 *The Clerk. Fulcher?
7544 [No response.]
7545 *The Clerk. Pfluger?
7546 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
7547 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
7548 Harshbarger?
7549 [No response.]
7550 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks?
7551 [No response.]
7552 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
7553 [No response.]
7554 *The Clerk. Pallone?
7555 *Mr. Pallone. No.
7556 *The Clerk. Pallone votes no.

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7557 Eshoo?

7558 *Ms. Eshoo. No.

7559 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes no.

7560 DeGette?

7561 *Ms. DeGette. No.

7562 *The Clerk. DeGette votes no.

7563 Schakowsky?

7564 *Ms. Schakowsky. No.

7565 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes no.

7566 Matsui?

7567 *Ms. Matsui. No.

7568 *The Clerk. Matsui votes no.

7569 Castor?

7570 *Ms. Castor. No.

7571 *The Clerk. Castor votes no.

7572 Sarbanes?

7573 [No response.]

7574 *The Clerk. Tonko?

7575 [No response.]

7576 *The Clerk. Clarke?

7577 [No response.]

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7578 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
7579 [No response.]
7580 *The Clerk. Ruiz?
7581 [No response.]
7582 *The Clerk. Peters?
7583 *Mr. Peters. No.
7584 *The Clerk. Peters votes no.
7585 Dingell?
7586 [No response.]
7587 *The Clerk. Veasey?
7588 [No response.]
7589 *The Clerk. Kuster?
7590 *Ms. Kuster. No.
7591 *The Clerk. Kuster votes no.
7592 Kelly?
7593 *Ms. Kelly. No.
7594 *The Clerk. Kelly votes no.
7595 Barragan?
7596 *Ms. Barragan. No.
7597 *The Clerk. Barragan votes no.
7598 Blunt Rochester?

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7599 [No response.]
7600 *The Clerk. Soto?
7601 *Mr. Soto. No.
7602 *The Clerk. Soto votes no.
7603 Craig?
7604 [No response.]
7605 *The Clerk. Schrier?
7606 *Ms. Schrier. No.
7607 *The Clerk. Schrier votes no.
7608 Trahan?
7609 *Mrs. Trahan. No.
7610 *The Clerk. Trahan votes no.
7611 Fletcher?
7612 *Mrs. Fletcher. No.
7613 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes no.
7614 Chair Rodgers?
7615 *The Chair. Aye.
7616 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
7617 *Mr. Duncan. How am I recorded?
7618 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan is not recorded.
7619 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.

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7620 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan votes aye.

7621 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Walberg recorded?

7622 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg is not recorded.

7623 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

7624 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

7625 *Mr. Duncan. How am I recorded _ Balderson.

7626 *The Clerk. Balderson is not recorded.

7627 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

7628 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.

7629 *Mr. Duncan. Guthrie?

7630 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

7631 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

7632 *Mr. Duncan. Mrs. _

7633 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Miller-Meeks, aye.

7634 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.

7635 *Mr. Curtis. Curtis votes aye.

7636 *Mr. Duncan. How is Diana recorded?

7637 *The Clerk. Okay. Curtis votes aye, Mrs. Harshbarger

7638 is not recorded.

7639 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.

7640 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.

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7641 *Mr. Duncan. Okay. We have some on this side.

7642 Mr. Cardenas?

7643 *Mr. Cardenas. No.

7644 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes no.

7645 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Sarbanes recorded?

7646 *The Clerk. Mr. Sarbanes is not recorded.

7647 *Mr. Sarbanes. Sarbanes votes no.

7648 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes no.

7649 *Mr. Duncan. Mr. Palmer?

7650 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer is not recorded.

7651 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

7652 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.

7653 *Mr. Duncan. Is any other member unrecorded?

7654 How is Mr. Burgess recorded?

7655 *The Clerk. Burgess is not recorded.

7656 *Mr. Burgess. Is this the Liberty Laundry Act?

7657 *Mr. Duncan. Yes.

7658 *Mr. Burgess. I will be aye.

7659 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

7660 *Mr. Duncan. Ms. Clarke?

7661 *The Clerk. Clarke is not recorded.

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7662 *Ms. Clarke. Clarke votes no.
7663 *The Clerk. Clarke votes no.
7664 *Mr. Duncan. Any other member?
7665 *The Clerk. Ruiz is not recorded.
7666 *Mr. Ruiz. No.
7667 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes no.
7668 *Mr. Duncan. Seeing no other member, we have got Mr.
7669 Bucshon, Dr. _
7670 *The Clerk. Bucshon is not recorded.
7671 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
7672 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
7673 *Mr. Duncan. Mr. Veasey?
7674 *Mr. Veasey. How am I recorded?
7675 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey is not recorded.
7676 *Mr. Veasey. Veasey votes no.
7677 *The Clerk. Veasey votes no.
7678 *Mr. Duncan. Is Mrs. Fletcher recorded?
7679 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher is recorded as no.
7680 *Mr. Duncan. Okay. Any other members?
7681 Seeing none, the clerk will report the tally.
7682 [Pause.]

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7683 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote there were 22
7684 ayes and 19 noes.

7685 *Mr. Duncan. The ayes have it, and the bill is agreed
7686 to.

7687 The chair will now call up H.R. 7645 and ask the clerk
7688 to report.

7689 *The Clerk. H.R. 7645, a bill to prohibit the Secretary
7690 of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation
7691 standards for clothes dryers that are not cost effective _

7692 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, the first reading of
7693 the bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open to
7694 amendment at any point.

7695 So ordered.

7696 [The bill follows:]

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7698 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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7700 *Mr. Duncan. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
7701 bill?

7702 The chair will recognize himself and speak in favor of
7703 H.R. 7654.

7704 This bill would prohibit the Secretary of Energy from
7705 prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards
7706 related to clothes dryers that are not cost effective or
7707 technologically feasible. The bill was introduced by
7708 Congressman Mike Ezell from Mississippi. The bill is
7709 straightforward. It clarifies the intent of the Energy
7710 Policy Conservation Act, requires the Department of Energy to
7711 find that new standards will result in a significant
7712 conservation of energy and technologically feasible,
7713 economically justified before moving forward with the
7714 standard.

7715 Again, unfortunately, the Biden Administration has
7716 repeatedly ignored these requirements, and the bill is
7717 especially prudent, given that the Department of Energy
7718 recently set final efficiency standards for residential
7719 clothes dryers and washers. The final rule for residential
7720 dryers, published February 29, 2024, will apply to both

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7721 electric and gas models. Compliance with the standard is
7722 required by March 1, 2028.

7723 I would urge all of my colleagues to support the bill
7724 which prioritizes affordability and consumer choice for all
7725 Americans. And with that I yield back.

7726 Is anyone else seeking recognition on the bill?

7727 Seeing none, a roll call vote has been requested, so I
7728 will ask the clerk to call the roll.

7729 *The Clerk. Burgess?

7730 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

7731 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

7732 Latta?

7733 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

7734 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

7735 Guthrie?

7736 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

7737 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

7738 Griffith?

7739 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

7740 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

7741 Bilirakis?

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7742 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
7743 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
7744 Bucshon?
7745 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
7746 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
7747 Hudson?
7748 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
7749 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.
7750 Walberg?
7751 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
7752 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
7753 Carter?
7754 [No response.]
7755 *The Clerk. Duncan?
7756 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
7757 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
7758 Palmer?
7759 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
7760 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
7761 Dunn?
7762 *Mr. Dunn. Dunn is aye.

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7763 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
7764 Curtis?
7765 [No response.]
7766 *The Clerk. Lesko?
7767 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
7768 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
7769 Pence?
7770 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
7771 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
7772 Crenshaw?
7773 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
7774 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
7775 Joyce?
7776 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
7777 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
7778 Armstrong?
7779 [No response.]
7780 *The Clerk. Weber?
7781 [No response.]
7782 *The Clerk. Allen?
7783 *Mr. Allen. Aye.

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7784 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
7785 Balderson?
7786 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
7787 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
7788 Fulcher?
7789 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
7790 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
7791 Pflugger?
7792 *Mr. Pflugger. Aye.
7793 *The Clerk. Pflugger votes aye.
7794 Harshbarger?
7795 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
7796 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
7797 Miller-Meeks?
7798 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
7799 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
7800 Cammack?
7801 [No response.]
7802 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
7803 [No response.]
7804 *The Clerk. Pallone?

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7805 *Mr. Pallone. No.
7806 *The Clerk. Pallone votes no.
7807 Eshoo?
7808 *Ms. Eshoo. No.
7809 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes no.
7810 DeGette?
7811 *Ms. DeGette. No.
7812 *The Clerk. DeGette votes no.
7813 Schakowsky?
7814 *Ms. Schakowsky. No.
7815 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes no.
7816 Matsui?
7817 *Ms. Matsui. No.
7818 *The Clerk. Matsui votes no.
7819 Castor?
7820 *Ms. Castor. No.
7821 *The Clerk. Castor votes no.
7822 Sarbanes?
7823 *Mr. Sarbanes. No.
7824 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes no.
7825 Tonko?

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7826 [No response.]

7827 *The Clerk. Clarke?

7828 *Ms. Clarke. No.

7829 *The Clerk. Clarke votes no.

7830 Cardenas?

7831 *Mr. Cardenas. No.

7832 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes no.

7833 Ruiz?

7834 *Mr. Ruiz. No.

7835 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes no.

7836 Peters?

7837 *Mr. Peters. No.

7838 *The Clerk. Peters votes no.

7839 Dingell?

7840 [No response.]

7841 *The Clerk. Veasey?

7842 *Mr. Veasey. No.

7843 *The Clerk. Veasey votes no.

7844 Kuster?

7845 *Ms. Kuster. No.

7846 *The Clerk. Kuster votes no.

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7847 Kelly?
7848 *Ms. Kelly. No.
7849 *The Clerk. Kelly votes no.
7850 Barragan?
7851 *Ms. Barragan. No.
7852 *The Clerk. Barragan votes no.
7853 Blunt Rochester?
7854 [No response.]
7855 *The Clerk. Soto?
7856 *Mr. Soto. No.
7857 *The Clerk. Soto votes no.
7858 Craig?
7859 *Ms. Craig. No.
7860 *The Clerk. Craig votes no..
7861 Schrier?
7862 *Ms. Schrier. No.
7863 *The Clerk. Schrier votes no.
7864 Trahan?
7865 *Mrs. Trahan. No.
7866 *The Clerk. Trahan votes no.
7867 Fletcher?

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7868 *Mrs. Fletcher. No.

7869 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes no.

7870 Chair Rodgers?

7871 *The Chair. Aye.

7872 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

7873 *Mr. Duncan. Is any member unrecorded?

7874 Mr. Curtis, how is he recorded?

7875 *The Clerk. Mr. Curtis is not recorded.

7876 *Mr. Curtis. Curtis votes aye.

7877 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.

7878 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mrs. Cammack recorded?

7879 *The Clerk. Mrs. Cammack is not recorded.

7880 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.

7881 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.

7882 *Mr. Duncan. Is any other member unrecorded?

7883 *Mr. Carter. How is Carter recorded?

7884 *The Clerk. Carter is not recorded.

7885 *Mr. Carter. Yes.

7886 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

7887 *Mr. Duncan. Any other member?

7888 Seeing none, the clerk will report the tally.

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7889 [Pause.]

7890 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote there were 25
7891 ayes and 20 noes.

7892 *Mr. Duncan. And the ayes have it, the bill is agreed
7893 to.

7894 Before we move on next bill, there is a lot of chatter
7895 and commotion up here. Members have just requested take your
7896 conversations outside or hush them down a little bit. Let's
7897 focus and get this done.

7898 The chair will now call up H.R. 7637, the Refrigerator
7899 Freedom Act.

7900 *The Clerk. H.R. 7637, a bill to prohibit the Secretary
7901 of Energy from _

7902 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, the first reading of
7903 the bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open to
7904 amendment at any point.

7905 [The bill follows:]

7906

7907 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

7908

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7909 *Mr. Duncan. Any member seeking recognition on the
7910 bill?

7911 And Mrs. Miller-Meeks is recognized.

7912 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to
7913 strike the last word.

7914 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady is recognized for five
7915 minutes.

7916 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would like
7917 to speak in support of my legislation, H.R. 7637, the
7918 Refrigerator Freedom Act, and I thank Chair McMorris Rodgers
7919 for including this bill in our markup today.

7920 The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
7921 Agency under the Biden Administration has done nothing but
7922 continue to pass outrageous regulations that only serve to
7923 limit consumer choice, increase energy prices, and control
7924 everything Americans are able to do on a day-to-day basis,
7925 from forcing every American to buy an electric vehicle to
7926 preventing the sale of gas stoves, and now even to what
7927 refrigerator you can buy or dishwasher or washing machine.

7928 On January 17 the Biden Administration issued a direct
7929 final rule to regulate refrigerators and freezers. These

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7930 regulations only serve to increase prices for these essential
7931 home appliances, reduce consumer choices, and impair their
7932 performance while claiming to fix a problem that does not
7933 exist.

7934 The DoE argues that new efficiency mandates will
7935 eventually save consumers money. But how many years do you
7936 have to wait until you save that money? According to the
7937 DoE's technical support documents, the simple payback period
7938 for refrigerator freezers could be ten years, ten years for a
7939 product that is only expected to last 14 or 15 years, and we
7940 don't even know the lifespan of these new products.

7941 Furthermore, let me just answer some of the comments
7942 that I have heard in this hearing about this cadre of bills
7943 in appliances.

7944 First and foremost, consumers are going to have to pay
7945 higher electric bills. We have seen that in California, we
7946 see that in Germany with their energy policies that they put
7947 forth. So any savings is probably going to be evaporated by
7948 the high electric prices they would pay.

7949 Furthermore, there is nothing that prevents an appliance
7950 manufacturer from producing and manufacturing more energy-

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7951 efficient appliances. However, there is not demand. If
7952 there in fact was a market demand signal, they would want to
7953 be produced.

7954 And let me just say that we can certainly go back in
7955 time. I have an antique washer, if you want to hand crank it
7956 yourself. It requires zero electricity. I also have
7957 clothespins. You could air dry them and not use any
7958 electricity. We can do dishes by hand. That is still how I
7959 do my dishes, and I air dry them. And so I don't use any
7960 electricity on my appliance. And I have a hand-cranked
7961 washer and I have an icebox. So why don't we just go
7962 backwards about 100 years and save a lot of electricity by
7963 utilizing devices that were actually changed and updated and
7964 progressed in order that individuals would be able to save
7965 time in doing household chores?

7966 Furthermore, my bill simply prohibits the Department of
7967 Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy efficient
7968 standards that are not cost effective or technologically
7969 feasible. Any person can go into any place to buy an
7970 appliance, and they can look at the energy efficiencies and
7971 determine whether saving \$9 a year on electricity is worth

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7972 spending 100 to 200 to 500 more on an appliance.

7973 Let's let consumers use the job of their brains to
7974 determine if they think they are going to save any money
7975 through this. Otherwise, we are just going to continue to
7976 see higher prices and less choice.

7977 With that I urge my colleagues to support my bill, and I
7978 yield back.

7979 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. Is there any
7980 further discussion on the bill?

7981 Seeing none, the question now is _ okay, Ms. Kuster is
7982 recognized.

7983 *Ms. Kuster. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike
7984 the last word.

7985 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady is recognized for five
7986 minutes.

7987 *Ms. Kuster. Let me be clear. This is a half-baked
7988 bill that recycles an old framework to attack standards that
7989 save consumers money.

7990 The efficiency standards for refrigerators and freezers
7991 targeted by this bill will save consumers \$36 billion over 30
7992 years. Why are we working on legislation that will cause

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7993 consumers to pay more for their monthly electricity? We know
7994 we can work in a bipartisan way on this committee. The
7995 Atomic Energy Advancement Act and the Hydropower Clean Energy
7996 Futures Act that I sponsor with the chair are two great
7997 examples. But instead of working together on areas where we
7998 can find common ground, the majority is rushing through this
7999 misguided bill.

8000 The efficiency standards targeted by this bill are the
8001 result of a joint recommendation from a wide range of
8002 stakeholders, including the Association of Home Appliance
8003 Manufacturers, Consumer Federation of America, and energy
8004 efficiency advocates. If we are going to disrupt that
8005 consensus recommendation, I think it is important for the
8006 committee members to _ and the public to understand who is
8007 asking us to take this step.

8008 I have a question for counsel.

8009 Counsel, may you please share how many letters of
8010 support the committee has received for H.R. 7637,
8011 Refrigerator Freedom Act, and the names of the organizations
8012 that sent those letters?

8013 *Counsel. Thank you, Congresswoman, for the question.

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8014 Our clerk would be happy to share the list with your staff at
8015 the end of this markup, as we collect letters _

8016 *Ms. Kuster. I think the members would like to know the
8017 names now.

8018 *Counsel. I don't have a list in front of me of the
8019 names.

8020 *Ms. Kuster. Are there any?

8021 *Counsel. I don't have the list in front of me of the
8022 letters for _

8023 *Ms. Kuster. Well, it sounds as though at least the
8024 minority has not been provided with any letters of support.
8025 And if nobody is asking us to roll back these standards, why
8026 is the committee spending taxpayer time and money on this
8027 chaotic bill?

8028 Rather than rushing this misguided partisan bill to the
8029 floor, let's use our common sense to find common ground in
8030 the energy space.

8031 And I yield back my time.

8032 *Mr. Duncan. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
8033 further discussion?

8034 *Mr. Griffith. Mr. Chairman?

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8035 *Mr. Duncan. Mr. Griffith is recognized.

8036 *Mr. Griffith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to
8037 say that I haven't checked with my office to see how many
8038 letters I have gotten, but I have written on these subjects,
8039 two or three of my weekly columns. And when I go out and
8040 talk in my community, people are very positive about what I
8041 have written. They don't like what is going on, and they
8042 want to be able to _ the washing machine _ one goes back two
8043 or three years, where the lady was having to put a hose into
8044 her washing machine to put more water in it. The dishwashers
8045 don't work right. People are talking about how they have to
8046 wash their dishes before they can put them in the dishwasher
8047 because they don't get clean. These are the things.

8048 So I don't know how many letters were written to the
8049 committee, but I can tell you that there are tens of
8050 thousands of people just in the 9th district of Virginia who
8051 commend us for voting on these bills in a positive manner.

8052 And I yield back.

8053 *Mr. Bucshon. Will the gentleman yield?

8054 *Ms. Kuster. Sure _

8055 *Mr. Griffith. I yield my time to the gentleman from _

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8056 *Ms. Kuster. Would the gentleman yield?

8057 *Mr. Griffith. Illinois _ or Indiana, excuse me.

8058 *Mr. Bucshon. I just _ I don't want to speak long, but
8059 the bottom line is letters from industry, it is kind of
8060 ironic, actually. Letters from industry, I don't think,
8061 really matter in this situation. And the reason I say
8062 that _

8063 *Ms. Kuster. Would the gentleman yield?

8064 *Mr. Bucshon. The gentleman will not yield.

8065 The reason I say that is because, to them, these things
8066 are more expensive. They make more money. They make more
8067 money when the product doesn't work, when the product wears
8068 out more quickly, when the product has to be repaired. So I
8069 think to its _ the irony of trying to say that industry
8070 supports all this, well, of course they do. First of all,
8071 they are worried about being shut out of the market by the
8072 big hand of the Federal Government saying, "If you don't
8073 comply with these things, we will shut you down.'`

8074 And I have heard from constituents, just like Morgan
8075 has, that they just want things to work. We all want
8076 efficiencies, but bills that say if it is not technologically

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8077 feasible, it doesn't make any sense why that would be a
8078 problem because it is technologically not feasible to make a
8079 product that actually does what the label says it does is not
8080 something that my that my constituents want to buy.

8081 I yield back to Morgan.

8082 *Mr. Griffith. And I would just say that I understand
8083 we have different districts and maybe, you know, an extra 25,
8084 50, \$75 doesn't matter in districts that have a lot more
8085 money than my district has. But our average household income
8086 in my district is about \$50,000 a year. Out of 435
8087 congressional districts, my district for take-home pay ranks
8088 at 409.

8089 My folks can't afford all these regulations that you
8090 think are going to save them all this money. They can't
8091 afford the machine in the first place. And while they are
8092 perfectly okay with sometimes putting their clothes out on
8093 the line _ that is the way my mother did it when I was
8094 growing up _ sometimes they like to be relieved of that by
8095 being able to push the button and have the clothes dried in
8096 the dryer, or have the clothes washed in the washing machine,
8097 or to be able to have a dishwasher in their home. This is

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8098 not something that is trivial to the constituents in my
8099 district.

8100 And if the gentlelady wants my remainder of time, I am
8101 happy to yield to her, Mr. Chairman.

8102 *Ms. Kuster. Great.

8103 *Mr. Duncan. Will the gentleman yield to me?

8104 *Mr. Griffith. I will yield to the chairman first,
8105 though, thank you.

8106 *Mr. Duncan. I appreciate the gentleman's comments, and
8107 Dr. Bucshon's comments, as well.

8108 You know, when the clothes dryer doesn't clothes _
8109 doesn't dry the clothes in the first cycle, and you go to get
8110 the laundry out and it is still damp or still wet and you
8111 have got to run it again, I don't understand how that is a
8112 cost savings when you have got to cycle it again. Or why not
8113 wash the dishes by hand because the dishwasher isn't drying
8114 them? So when you take _ go to take the dishes out, you have
8115 got to get a towel out and dry the dishes off.

8116 That is what our constituents talk to me about, how they
8117 have to maybe launder their clothes one more time because the
8118 water levels or whatever factor doesn't get the clothes clean

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8119 the first time. I don't see how running another cycle on any
8120 of these appliances due to the standards that are becoming
8121 more and more onerous are actually saving energy when you
8122 have to cycle and cycle and cycle. And that is the reality
8123 that my constituents face.

8124 So I appreciate the gentleman. I yield back to him,
8125 and _

8126 *Mr. Griffith. And I am happy to the gentlelady.

8127 *Ms. Kuster. Thank you.

8128 First of all, I wasn't actually talking about industry
8129 letters. I was talking about consumer advocacy letters,
8130 which we receive from consumers in my district, where the
8131 average income is far below \$50,000, and they are asking for
8132 help because this bill, which is about refrigerators, will
8133 save them thousands of dollars, will save consumers billions
8134 of dollars, \$36 billion over the next 30 years for efficiency
8135 standards for refrigerators and freezers. And my
8136 constituents are working far too hard with two jobs in the
8137 family, they barely have time to do the laundry or anything
8138 else that you are all talking about. They definitely don't
8139 have time to hang it out to dry as our grandmothers did. And

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8140 they would simply like to have the quality of life that they
8141 deserve and to preserve this planet for their children.

8142 And I yield back.

8143 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman's time has expired.

8144 *Mr. Griffith. I yield back.

8145 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. Is there
8146 further discussion on the bill?

8147 If not, we will move to a vote. A roll call has been
8148 requested, and the clerk will call the roll.

8149 *The Clerk. Burgess?

8150 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

8151 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

8152 Latta?

8153 [No response.]

8154 *The Clerk. Guthrie?

8155 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

8156 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

8157 Griffith?

8158 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

8159 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

8160 Bilirakis?

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8161 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
8162 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
8163 Bucshon?
8164 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
8165 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
8166 Hudson?
8167 [No response.]
8168 *The Clerk. Walberg?
8169 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
8170 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
8171 Carter?
8172 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
8173 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
8174 Duncan?
8175 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
8176 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
8177 Palmer?
8178 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
8179 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
8180 Dunn?
8181 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

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8182 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
8183 Curtis?
8184 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
8185 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
8186 Lesko?
8187 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
8188 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
8189 Pence?
8190 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
8191 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
8192 Crenshaw?
8193 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
8194 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
8195 Joyce?
8196 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
8197 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
8198 Armstrong?
8199 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
8200 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
8201 Weber?
8202 [No response.]

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8203 *The Clerk. Allen?
8204 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
8205 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
8206 Balderson?
8207 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
8208 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
8209 Fulcher?
8210 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
8211 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
8212 Pfluger?
8213 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
8214 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
8215 Harshbarger?
8216 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
8217 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
8218 Miller-Meeks?
8219 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
8220 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
8221 Cammack?
8222 [No response.]
8223 *The Clerk. Obernolte?

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8224 [No response.]
8225 *The Clerk. Pallone?
8226 *Mr. Pallone. No.
8227 *The Clerk. Pallone votes no.
8228 Eshoo?
8229 *Ms. Eshoo. No.
8230 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes no.
8231 DeGette?
8232 *Ms. DeGette. No.
8233 *The Clerk. DeGette votes no.
8234 Schakowsky?
8235 [No response.]
8236 *The Clerk. Matsui?
8237 *Ms. Schakowsky. No.
8238 *The Clerk. Oh, Schakowsky votes no.
8239 Matsui?
8240 *Ms. Matsui. No.
8241 *The Clerk. Matsui votes no.
8242 Castor?
8243 *Ms. Castor. No.
8244 *The Clerk. Castor votes no.

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8245 Sarbanes?
8246 *Mr. Sarbanes. No.
8247 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes no.
8248 Tonko?
8249 *Mr. Tonko. No.
8250 *The Clerk. Tonko votes no.
8251 Clarke?
8252 *Ms. Clarke. No.
8253 *The Clerk. Clarke votes no.
8254 Cardenas?
8255 *Mr. Cardenas. No.
8256 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes no.
8257 Ruiz?
8258 *Mr. Ruiz. No.
8259 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes no.
8260 Peters?
8261 [No response.]
8262 *The Clerk. Dingell?
8263 *Mrs. Dingell. No.
8264 *The Clerk. Dingell votes no.
8265 Veasey?

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8266 *Mr. Veasey. No.
8267 *The Clerk. Veasey votes no.
8268 Kuster?
8269 *Ms. Kuster. No.
8270 *The Clerk. Kuster votes no.
8271 Kelly?
8272 *Ms. Kelly. No.
8273 *The Clerk. Kelly votes no.
8274 Barragan?
8275 *Ms. Barragan. No.
8276 *The Clerk. Barragan votes no.
8277 Blunt Rochester?
8278 [No response.]
8279 *The Clerk. Soto?
8280 *Mr. Soto. No.
8281 *The Clerk. Soto votes no.
8282 Craig?
8283 [No response.]
8284 *The Clerk. Schrier?
8285 *Ms. Schrier. No.
8286 *The Clerk. Schrier votes no.

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8287 Trahan?

8288 *Mrs. Trahan. No.

8289 *The Clerk. Trahan votes no.

8290 Fletcher?

8291 *Mrs. Fletcher. No.

8292 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes no.

8293 Chair Rodgers?

8294 [No response.]

8295 *Mr. Duncan. How has Mr. Latta been recorded?

8296 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.

8297 *Mr. Latta. Latta votes aye.

8298 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

8299 *Mr. Duncan. Are any other members unrecorded?

8300 *Ms. Craig. How is Ms. Craig recorded?

8301 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig is not recorded.

8302 *Ms. Craig. Craig is no.

8303 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig votes no.

8304 *Mr. Duncan. The clerk will report the tally.

8305 [Pause.]

8306 *Mr. Duncan. How has Mr. Armstrong been recorded?

8307 *The Clerk. Mr. Armstrong is recorded as aye.

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8308 *Mr. Duncan. Mr. Bilirakis?
8309 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis is recorded as aye.
8310 *Mr. Duncan. Okay, any other member?
8311 If not, the clerk will report the tally.
8312 [Pause.]
8313 *The Chair. How is Rodgers _
8314 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers is not recorded.
8315 *The Chair. Aye.
8316 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
8317 *Mr. Duncan. Mrs. Cammack.
8318 *The Clerk. Mrs. Cammack is not recorded.
8319 *Mrs. Cammack. Cammack votes aye.
8320 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
8321 *Mr. Duncan. Is any other member unrecorded?
8322 Seeing none, now we will get the tally.
8323 [Pause.]
8324 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote there were 25
8325 ayes and 21 noes.
8326 *Mr. Duncan. The ayes have it. The bill is agreed to.
8327 The chair will now call up H.R. 7626, and ask the clerk
8328 to report.

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8329 *The Clerk. H.R. 7626, a bill to prohibit the Secretary
8330 of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation
8331 standards for room air conditioners that are not cost
8332 effective or technologically feasible.

8333 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, further reading of the
8334 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
8335 amendment at any point.

8336 [The bill follows:]

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8338 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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8340 *Mr. Duncan. Does anyone seek recognition to speak on
8341 the bill?

8342 Mr. Crenshaw is recognized.

8343 *Mr. Crenshaw. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last
8344 word.

8345 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman is recognized for five
8346 minutes.

8347 *Mr. Crenshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8348 Look, this Administration has a troubling habit of using
8349 the regulatory process to target the things that we need
8350 most. We talked about it a lot on this committee: plastics,
8351 gasoline, fertilizers, gas stoves, refrigerators. Now air
8352 conditioning. And right here in this room we can tell what
8353 it is like without good air conditioning. We have multiple
8354 members without their jackets on. It is not that
8355 comfortable.

8356 But in all seriousness, for the American people, your
8357 air conditioning is a life-or-death technology, especially in
8358 places like my home state of Texas. The air conditioning
8359 unit was invented in 1902. The installation of air
8360 conditioning in American homes is the reason why the chances

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8361 of dying on an extremely hot day fell 80 percent over the
8362 past half century. That is according to an analysis by
8363 researchers from Tulane, Carnegie Mellon University, the
8364 National Bureau of Economic Research, and MIT.

8365 So this legislation shouldn't be all that controversial.
8366 It simply reaffirms that DoE energy efficiency standards must
8367 be both technologically feasible and economically justified.
8368 It is not actually reversing any of the admin's proposals, or
8369 it is not even changing any standards. It is simply
8370 reaffirming what is already there. It is a pretty moderate
8371 bill.

8372 I am not opposed to the Energy Policy Conservation Act,
8373 or the ability for the Department of Energy to set energy
8374 efficiency standards. I am also not opposed to increased
8375 energy efficiency. And by the way, neither are the
8376 manufacturers who compete vigorously with each other to show
8377 consumers that their product will save them money on their
8378 electric bills. The market is already driving innovation.
8379 These new regulations appear to assume that the market is
8380 broken, that there is a market failure wherein no one has an
8381 incentive to produce more energy efficient products. But of

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8382 course, that is not true.

8383 Consumers have to be able to make purchasing decisions
8384 that work best for them. If they want a really high
8385 efficiency unit that they want to keep for 30 years, that is
8386 great. If they want a lower-cost model that they can
8387 actually afford, then they should have that choice.

8388 And by the way, who do you think is more likely to be
8389 buying cheaper in-room ACs, the kind that fit in your window?
8390 It is your lower-income population, and they are the last
8391 people who can afford a more expensive AC unit that might pay
8392 for itself in energy savings in five years. They need those
8393 savings now, because they need to be able to afford the
8394 groceries that are 30 percent higher than just a few years
8395 ago.

8396 We shouldn't be forcing those who are impacted the most
8397 by higher costs to choose between taking out a high-interest
8398 loan or not having air conditioning. My Democratic
8399 colleagues will likely cite all sorts of cost-saving
8400 estimates from the rules. However, these estimates fail to
8401 consider the market-driven increases in efficiency that would
8402 have taken place anyway, the kind of innovation we have

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8403 already seen.

8404 And this bill doesn't undermine the ability of the DoE
8405 to set energy efficiency standards for air conditioners. It
8406 simply protects American consumers from unrealistic and
8407 costly regulations by simply affirming what is already there.
8408 It is common sense.

8409 I hope we can all agree on it and vote for this bill,
8410 and I yield back.

8411 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. Is there any
8412 further discussion on the bill?

8413 Seeing none, the clerk will call the roll.

8414 *The Clerk. Burgess?

8415 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

8416 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

8417 Latta?

8418 [No response.]

8419 *The Clerk. Guthrie?

8420 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

8421 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.

8422 Griffith?

8423 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

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8424 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
8425 Bilirakis?
8426 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
8427 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
8428 Bucshon?
8429 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
8430 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
8431 Hudson?
8432 [No response.]
8433 *The Clerk. Walberg?
8434 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
8435 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
8436 Carter?
8437 [No response.]
8438 *The Clerk. Duncan?
8439 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
8440 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
8441 Palmer?
8442 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
8443 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
8444 Dunn?

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8445 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
8446 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
8447 Curtis?
8448 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
8449 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
8450 Lesko?
8451 [No response.]
8452 *The Clerk. Pence?
8453 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
8454 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
8455 Crenshaw?
8456 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
8457 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
8458 Joyce?
8459 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
8460 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
8461 Armstrong?
8462 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
8463 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
8464 Weber?
8465 [No response.]

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8466 *The Clerk. Allen?
8467 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
8468 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
8469 Balderson?
8470 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
8471 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
8472 Fulcher?
8473 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
8474 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
8475 Pfluger?
8476 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
8477 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
8478 Harshbarger?
8479 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
8480 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
8481 Miller-Meeks?
8482 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Yes.
8483 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
8484 Cammack?
8485 [No response.]
8486 *The Clerk. Obernolte?

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8487 [No response.]
8488 *The Clerk. Pallone?
8489 *Mr. Pallone. No.
8490 *The Clerk. Pallone votes no.
8491 Eshoo?
8492 *Ms. Eshoo. No.
8493 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes no.
8494 DeGette?
8495 *Ms. DeGette. No.
8496 *The Clerk. DeGette votes no.
8497 Schakowsky?
8498 *Ms. Schakowsky. No.
8499 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes no.
8500 Matsui?
8501 *Ms. Matsui. No.
8502 *The Clerk. Matsui votes no.
8503 Castor?
8504 *Ms. Castor. No.
8505 *The Clerk. Castor votes no.
8506 Sarbanes?
8507 *Mr. Sarbanes. No.

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8508 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes no.
8509 Tonko?
8510 *Mr. Tonko. No.
8511 *The Clerk. Tonko votes no.
8512 Clarke?
8513 *Ms. Clarke. No.
8514 *The Clerk. Clarke votes no.
8515 Cardenas?
8516 *Mr. Cardenas. No.
8517 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes no.
8518 Ruiz?
8519 *Mr. Ruiz. No.
8520 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes no.
8521 Peters?
8522 [No response.]
8523 *The Clerk. Dingell?
8524 *Mrs. Dingell. No.
8525 *The Clerk. Dingell votes no.
8526 Veasey?
8527 *Mr. Veasey. No.
8528 *The Clerk. Veasey votes no.

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8529 Kuster?
8530 *Ms. Kuster. No.
8531 *The Clerk. Kuster votes no.
8532 Kelly?
8533 *Ms. Kelly. No.
8534 *The Clerk. Kelly votes no.
8535 Barragan?
8536 *Ms. Barragan. No.
8537 *The Clerk. Barragan votes no.
8538 Blunt Rochester?
8539 [No response.]
8540 *The Clerk. Soto?
8541 *Mr. Soto. No.
8542 *The Clerk. Soto votes no.
8543 Craig?
8544 *Ms. Craig. No.
8545 *The Clerk. Craig votes no.
8546 Schrier?
8547 *Ms. Schrier. No.
8548 *The Clerk. Schrier votes no.
8549 Trahan?

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8550 *Mrs. Trahan. No.

8551 *The Clerk. Trahan votes no.

8552 Fletcher?

8553 *Mrs. Fletcher. No.

8554 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes no.

8555 Chair Rodgers?

8556 *The Chair. Aye.

8557 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

8558 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Latta recorded?

8559 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.

8560 *Mr. Latta. Latta votes aye.

8561 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

8562 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Carter recorded?

8563 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter is not recorded.

8564 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

8565 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

8566 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mrs. Lesko recorded?

8567 *The Clerk. Lesko is not recorded.

8568 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.

8569 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko votes aye.

8570 *Mr. Duncan. Is any other member unrecorded?

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8571 Seeing none, the clerk will report the tally.

8572 [Pause.]

8573 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote there were 24
8574 ayes and 21 noes.

8575 *Mr. Duncan. The ayes have it, and H.R. 7626 is agreed
8576 to.

8577 The chair will now call up H.R. 7700, the SUDS Act, and
8578 ask the clerk to report.

8579 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, can you repeat the bill
8580 number, please?

8581 *Mr. Duncan. H.R. 7700.

8582 *The Clerk. H.R. 7700, a bill to prohibit the Secretary
8583 of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation
8584 standards _

8585 *Mr. Duncan. Without objection, the first reading the
8586 bill is dispensed with, and bill will be open for amendment
8587 at any time.

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8590 [The bill follows:]

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8592 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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8594 *Mr. Duncan. And the chair will recognize Mr. Latta to
8595 describe _ explain the bill.

8596 *Mr. Latta. Strike the last word, Mr. Chairman.

8597 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman is recognized for five
8598 minutes.

8599 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much.

8600 This bill is straightforward. It clarifies the intent
8601 of the Energy Policy Conservation Act, which requires the
8602 Department of Energy find that efficiency standards they set
8603 meet three requirements: number one, they conserve
8604 significant amounts of energy; number two, they are
8605 technologically feasible; and number three, they are
8606 economically justified.

8607 According to the Biden Administration's proposed rule,
8608 it would take over 12 years for the proposed efficiency
8609 upgrades to pay themselves back. That means the American
8610 consumer will have to pay more money up front for a
8611 dishwasher, and they won't get paid back for 12 years. The
8612 existing energy and water efficiency regulations for
8613 dishwashers are already causing problems for consumers, and
8614 this new standard will make matters even worse for Americans.

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8615 Under this Administration's misguided leadership,
8616 Americans are paying more and getting less. Dishwashers are
8617 getting more expensive, and they take hours per cycle.
8618 Unfortunately, we are seeing this across the array of home
8619 appliances.

8620 Throughout this Congress I have been a leader for
8621 consumer choice. I am pleased to continue that effort by
8622 supporting H.R. 7700, and I urge all my colleagues to support
8623 this legislation which prioritizes home appliance
8624 affordability and consumer choice for all Americans.

8625 Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

8626 *Mr. Duncan. The gentleman yields back. Is there
8627 further discussion on the bill?

8628 Are there any amendments on the bill?

8629 Seeing none, a roll call vote has been requested, so the
8630 clerk will call the roll.

8631 *The Clerk. Burgess?

8632 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes aye.

8633 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

8634 Latta?

8635 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

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8636 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
8637 Guthrie?
8638 [No response.]
8639 *The Clerk. Griffith?
8640 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
8641 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.
8642 Bilirakis?
8643 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
8644 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
8645 Bucshon?
8646 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
8647 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.
8648 Hudson?
8649 [No response.]
8650 *The Clerk. Walberg?
8651 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
8652 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
8653 Carter?
8654 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
8655 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
8656 Duncan?

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8657 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
8658 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.
8659 Palmer?
8660 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
8661 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.
8662 Dunn?
8663 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
8664 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
8665 Curtis?
8666 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
8667 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
8668 Lesko?
8669 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
8670 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
8671 Pence?
8672 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
8673 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
8674 Crenshaw?
8675 *Mr. Crenshaw. Aye.
8676 *The Clerk. Crenshaw votes aye.
8677 Joyce?

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8678 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
8679 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
8680 Armstrong?
8681 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
8682 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
8683 Weber?
8684 [No response.]
8685 *The Clerk. Allen?
8686 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
8687 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
8688 Balderson?
8689 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
8690 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
8691 Fulcher?
8692 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
8693 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
8694 Pfluger?
8695 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
8696 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
8697 Harshbarger?
8698 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.

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8699 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
8700 Miller-Meeks?
8701 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
8702 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
8703 Cammack?
8704 [No response.]
8705 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
8706 [No response.]
8707 *The Clerk. Pallone?
8708 [No response.]
8709 *The Clerk. Eshoo?
8710 *Ms. Eshoo. No.
8711 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes no.
8712 DeGette?
8713 [No response.]
8714 *The Clerk. Schakowsky?
8715 *Ms. DeGette. DeGette votes no.
8716 Schakowsky?
8717 [No response.]
8718 *The Clerk. Matsui?
8719 *Ms. Matsui. No.

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8720 *The Clerk. Matsui votes no.
8721 Castor?
8722 *Ms. Castor. No.
8723 *The Clerk. Castor votes no.
8724 Sarbanes?
8725 *Mr. Sarbanes. No.
8726 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes no.
8727 Tonko?
8728 *Mr. Tonko. No.
8729 *The Clerk. Tonko votes no.
8730 Clarke?
8731 *Ms. Clarke. No.
8732 *The Clerk. Clarke votes no.
8733 Cardenas?
8734 *Mr. Cardenas. No.
8735 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes no.
8736 Ruiz?
8737 *Mr. Ruiz. No.
8738 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes no.
8739 Peters?
8740 [No response.]

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8741 *The Clerk. Dingell?
8742 *Mrs. Dingell. No.
8743 *The Clerk. Dingell votes no.
8744 Veasey?
8745 *Mr. Veasey. No.
8746 *The Clerk. Veasey votes no.
8747 Kuster?
8748 *Ms. Kuster. No.
8749 *The Clerk. Kuster votes no.
8750 Kelly?
8751 *Ms. Kelly. No.
8752 *The Clerk. Kelly votes no.
8753 Barragan?
8754 *Ms. Barragan. No.
8755 *The Clerk. Barragan votes no.
8756 Blunt Rochester?
8757 [No response.]
8758 *The Clerk. Soto?
8759 *Mr. Soto. No.
8760 *The Clerk. Soto votes no.
8761 Craig?

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8762 *Ms. Craig. No.
8763 *The Clerk. Craig votes no.
8764 Schrier?
8765 *Ms. Schrier. No.
8766 *The Clerk. Schrier votes no.
8767 Trahan?
8768 *Mrs. Trahan. No.
8769 *The Clerk. Trahan votes no.
8770 Fletcher?
8771 *Mrs. Fletcher. No.
8772 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes no.
8773 Chair Rodgers?
8774 *The Chair. Aye.
8775 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
8776 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Guthrie recorded?
8777 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
8778 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
8779 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Pallone recorded?
8780 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone is not recorded.
8781 *Mr. Pallone. Votes no.
8782 *The Clerk. Pallone votes no.

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8783 *Mr. Duncan. How is Mr. Hudson recorded?

8784 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson is not recorded.

8785 *Mr. Hudson. Hudson votes aye.

8786 *The Clerk. Hudson votes aye.

8787 *Mr. Duncan. How is Ms. Schakowsky recorded?

8788 *The Clerk. Mr. Schakowsky is not recorded.

8789 *Ms. Schakowsky. No.

8790 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes no.

8791 *Mr. Duncan. Are there any other members unrecorded?

8792 Seeing none, the clerk will report the tally.

8793 [Pause.]

8794 *The Clerk. Chair Duncan, on that vote there are 25

8795 ayes and 21 noes.

8796 *Mr. Duncan. And the ayes have it, the bill is agreed

8797 to.

8798 [Pause.]

8799 *Mr. Carter. [Presiding] The chair calls up House

8800 Resolution 7650, and asks the clerk to report.

8801 *The Clerk. H.R. 7650, a bill to facilitate efficient

8802 state implementation of National Ambient Air Quality

8803 Standards, and for other purposes.

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8804 *Mr. Carter. Without objection, the first reading of
8805 the bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
8806 amendment at any point.

8807 So ordered.

8808 [The bill follows:]

8809

8810 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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8812 *Mr. Carter. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
8813 bill?

8814 The chair recognizes himself for five minutes to speak
8815 on the bill. I am proud to be the lead sponsor of this
8816 legislation, which makes common-sense, practical reforms to
8817 help states implement National Ambient Air Quality Standards,
8818 and I am grateful we will consider it this morning.

8819 As I have described in previous hearings, these issues
8820 are not esoteric to me. My district is poised to become the
8821 industrial and manufacturing hub of the southeastern United
8822 States. With the second largest port on the East Coast,
8823 access to rail and interstates, affordable and reliable
8824 energy, and a supportive business environment, we are ready
8825 to grow. But to grow we need permits, and we need a law that
8826 works for people, not one that works against their
8827 livelihoods and welfare.

8828 Unfortunately, recent EPA actions to set more stringent
8829 particle _ particulate matter standards underscore the
8830 problem and have threatened to make 80 percent of new and
8831 expanded projects impossible because of an inability to
8832 obtain air permits. We can fix this.

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8833 Congress came together in the late 1970s, and again in
8834 the late 1980s to update the Clean Air Act. Those actions
8835 helped set the course for massive improvements in air
8836 quality. But as air quality has improved dramatically, the
8837 Clean Air Act's decade-old processes now make it more
8838 difficult for states to achieve new health standards. The
8839 air in communities today is far better than in 1977 or even
8840 in 1990. What is not better are requirements designed for
8841 the 1970s, not the 21st century.

8842 Tight review timelines force states to scramble to focus
8843 on new standards before they can even implement existing
8844 standards. And convoluted rules mean the most effective ways
8845 to improve air quality and to meet the standards like
8846 wildfire mitigation are prevented by red tape and litigation.
8847 Meanwhile, important provisions Congress enacted 50 years
8848 ago, requirements to consider the negative welfare and public
8849 health impacts of standards implementation, have been totally
8850 ignored. Yet these requirements are more important than
8851 ever.

8852 H.R. 7650 takes practical steps to update the Clean Air
8853 Act so it can work for people, not against them. It elevates

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8854 the role of EPA's co-regulators, the states, in setting air
8855 quality standards. It makes essential reforms to encourage
8856 proactive steps to mitigate wildfires, a major source of
8857 emissions. It provides authority to ensure standards are
8858 attainable after confirming they are protective of public
8859 health. It puts in measures to avoid harmful public health
8860 effects ignored by EPA. It protects the states from being
8861 punished for emissions they cannot control. It requires the
8862 agency to produce guidance and regulations to help states
8863 implement air quality standards. It creates a process for
8864 the states to work proactively with the EPA to develop
8865 acceptable state implementation plans, and provides time to
8866 reduce permit gridlock over PM standards.

8867 Simply put, H.R. 7650 helps states implement health
8868 standards.

8869 Unfortunately, these practical reforms have been clouded
8870 by a sea of partisan talking points. Like a broken record,
8871 our Democratic colleagues will assert that we are putting
8872 polluters over people, undermining public health, and harming
8873 at-risk communities.

8874 Contrary to these baseless talking points, we should

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8875 look at the facts: to produce metals and metal products, the
8876 U.S. is approximately 20 percent less emissions-intensive
8877 with respect to nitrogen oxides, 30 percent less intensive in
8878 terms of volatile organic compounds, and 47 percent less
8879 intensive for particulate matter. We also already have the
8880 highest standards in the world by a large margin.

8881 Rather than building on our excellence and supporting
8882 the economic development that brings vitality to our
8883 communities, the Biden Administration is ignoring the law of
8884 diminishing returns and plowing forward with punitive air
8885 quality measures such as the revised PM 2.5 standard and the
8886 so-called Good Neighbor Rule.

8887 Regarding PM 2.5, 25 states, half the country, have sued
8888 the EPA. For the Good Neighbor Rule, 23 state implementation
8889 plans were denied, and 12 states are now before the Supreme
8890 Court seeking a stay. These entities are the agency's co-
8891 regulators. So much for cooperative federalism. This is not
8892 how the Clean Air Act is supposed to operate.

8893 H.R. 7650 updates the Clean Air Act so it serves its
8894 role to help states implement health standards and ensure
8895 opportunity and prosperity for their citizens. I urge my

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8896 colleagues to support the Air Quality Standards

8897 Implementation Act of 2024, and I yield back.

8898 Does anyone care to be recognized on the bill?

8899 The chair recognizes the gentlelady from Michigan, Mrs.

8900 Dingell, for five minutes.

8901 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to

8902 strike the last word.

8903 *Mr. Carter. So ordered.

8904 *Mrs. Dingell. I know many of us support streamlined

8905 permitting that protects public health and our environment

8906 without unnecessary delays. Some of my colleagues in support

8907 of this bill cite the need for the EPA to act on permits and

8908 implementation plans in a timely manner. But unfortunately,

8909 this bill won't accomplish that goal, and does nothing to

8910 help state agencies process permits expeditiously or the EPA

8911 in their efforts to support the states.

8912 The legislation asks our regulators to do far more,

8913 which requires more people, more resources. However, this

8914 bill does not provide any additional funding for the EPA to

8915 carry out these responsibilities. In fact, my Republican

8916 colleagues have voted time and time again to slash the EPA's

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8917 budget.

8918 My top priority is protecting the health of my
8919 constituents in Michigan's 6th district and the health of
8920 people across America. I support strong air quality
8921 standards while also being deeply committed to ensuring we
8922 stay globally competitive. Globally competitive, that does
8923 matter, but this bill does not do that.

8924 I am proud of the work that we have done to enact
8925 climate policies that will promote clean air for our
8926 communities. Let me be clear. This legislation threatens to
8927 undercut our air quality standards and it endangers our
8928 public health. And that is why I cannot vote for it today.

8929 And some of the examples that you are giving? I have
8930 been in a school that is sitting there with some of those
8931 ambient air quality standards that have violated rules, and I
8932 had an asthma attack, the pollution was so bad.

8933 We need to protect our communities, and that is
8934 something we all have a responsibility to do. That is why I
8935 oppose this bill.

8936 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

8937 *Mr. Carter. The gentlelady yields back. The chair

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8938 recognizes the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Allen, for five
8939 minutes.

8940 *Mr. Allen. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
8941 word to speak in favor of 7650.

8942 *Mr. Carter. So ordered.

8943 *Mr. Allen. This bill, led by my colleague, Congressman
8944 Buddy Carter, is required because the Biden Administration's
8945 Environmental Protection Agency continues to propose
8946 regulations that would place undue burden on economic
8947 development and manufacturing nationwide, most recently with
8948 its finalized standard for fine particulate matter, PM 2.5.

8949 I filed a Congressional Review Act resolution to nullify
8950 the finalized 2.5 standards, as this new standard would have
8951 negative economic impacts on all sectors of our economy.
8952 This is an example of the need to update the process for
8953 setting National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

8954 We have heard from many industries and stakeholders on
8955 the improvements needed for setting air quality standards.
8956 Many of these voices come from the states that are charged
8957 with implementing these standards. H.R. 7650 gives more
8958 opportunity for the states to weigh in on these regulations

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8959 and work with the agency to construct acceptable state
8960 implementation plans.

8961 Specifically, this bill requires that the Clean Air
8962 Scientific Advisory Committee include at least three members
8963 from the state air pollution board _ air pollution control
8964 agencies, and ensures such membership represents different
8965 regions of the country.

8966 This bill also provides timely guidance for the state
8967 implementation plans, and ensures that revisions to air
8968 quality standards will not allow to pre-construction permits
8969 until implementation guidance is issued [sic].

8970 H.R. 7650 provides many common-sense changes to the
8971 National Ambient Air Quality standards-setting process, and I
8972 urge all my colleagues to support this bill.

8973 And with that, I thank you and yield back.

8974 *Mr. Carter. The gentleman yields back. Is there
8975 anyone to seek to be recognized on the bill?

8976 On the Democratic side?

8977 The chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania,
8978 Dr. Joyce, for five minutes.

8979 *Mr. Joyce. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last

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8980 word.

8981 *Mr. Carter. So ordered.

8982 *Mr. Joyce. Mr. Chairman, many here in Washington
8983 believe that manufacturing is strictly an urban endeavor.
8984 Pennsylvania's 13th district disproves this belief with a
8985 proud and vibrant manufacturing sector.

8986 As I have said before in this committee, the paper
8987 industry in my district is a great example of how these
8988 factories are the economic lifeblood of the communities.
8989 Companies like Nittany Paper, American Eagle Paper Products,
8990 and International Paper support and provide family-sustaining
8991 jobs and health care to employees across the district.

8992 Very sadly, PM 2.5 will make it harder and harder for
8993 these industries to survive. These companies have stayed in
8994 business by continuing to update and innovate their
8995 production of goods.

8996 International Paper in Biglerville, a union shop
8997 represented by the USW, has great growth potential, which
8998 could mean more jobs, union jobs, and investment in Adams
8999 County, Pennsylvania. Implementing EPA's 2.5 rule would make
9000 that innovation and expansion impossible.

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9001 If my colleagues on this committee are truly pro-growth
9002 and pro-worker, I urge them to support this legislation.

9003 Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I yield the remainder of my
9004 time.

9005 *Mr. Palmer. Would the gentleman yield?

9006 *Mr. Joyce. I yield to Mr. Palmer.

9007 *Mr. Palmer. I thank the gentleman for channeling Jim
9008 Jordan with no jacket.

9009 I just want to point out a couple of things. One is
9010 that there was a study from a University of Chicago economist
9011 that said that the Biden Administration is adding new
9012 regulations that are costing American consumers \$617 billion
9013 per year. That is \$10,000 per household. And it stuns me to
9014 continue to have this debate about whether or not more
9015 regulations are helping or hurting American households with
9016 their inflation rate cumulatively now at 18 percent. As I
9017 pointed out earlier, 78 percent of the workers in America are
9018 living paycheck to paycheck.

9019 That we continue to do this, and then, in particular,
9020 when we talk about PM 2.5, it is _ on certain days, 25
9021 percent of the particulate matter in the sky above Los

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9022 Angeles can be attributed to China. And it is predicted that
9023 eventually a third of all of California's air pollution will
9024 originate in China.

9025 So, Mr. Chairman, I just wonder if we are planning to
9026 sue China for violating these new regulations that the Biden
9027 Administration wants to impose on the American consumer.

9028 With that I yield back.

9029 *Mr. Joyce. The gentleman yields back; I yield back,
9030 Mr. Chairman.

9031 *Mr. Carter. The gentleman yields back. Does anyone
9032 seek to be recognized on the bill?

9033 Okay, for what purpose does the gentlelady from Arizona
9034 seek recognition?

9035 *Mrs. Lesko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike
9036 the last word.

9037 *Mr. Carter. So ordered.

9038 *Mrs. Lesko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I rise in support
9039 of H.R. 7650.

9040 H.R. 7650 puts in place several very practical measures,
9041 including additional time and flexibility for implementing
9042 new standards, timely issuance of implementing regulations

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9043 and guidance, a greater role of state air regulators in the
9044 standard review and assessment process, clearer rules to
9045 reduce wildfire risks and the pollution associated with
9046 wildfires, measures to make it easier for states and areas to
9047 implement standards. These are common-sense and practical
9048 adjustments that will ensure that our air quality continues
9049 to improve.

9050 This bill will help Arizona better implement the
9051 National Ambient Air Quality 2.5 standard. Maricopa County,
9052 which is the fourth-largest county in the nation, where I
9053 live, the State of Arizona, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce
9054 are all against Biden's new standard as written. If
9055 implemented, I have been told that this will completely stop
9056 all new economic development in Arizona. It will require the
9057 new Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation, which is
9058 in my district, a new chip plant funded partially by the
9059 CHIPS Act, to reduce the size of their operation, and will
9060 cost hundreds of jobs if this is not reformed.

9061 I don't think it is any surprise to anyone that Arizona
9062 has deserts. Hey, we have dirt, we have sand. And so when
9063 it is windy, dust blows around. So a one-size-fits-all

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9064 standard for the whole nation where here it rains, or in the
9065 northeast it rains, but in Arizona it doesn't, and there is
9066 wildfires, and there is dust that blows around, and you see
9067 the dust storms that come in on national news _ plus, it is
9068 right next to Mexico. Mexico doesn't have very good air
9069 standards, so then you have pollution coming up from Mexico.

9070 You can't have the same standards in every part of the
9071 country. We are not a one size fits all. And that is why it
9072 is important for individual states and regions to have more
9073 of a say in these standards. The standard, as written, makes
9074 it impossible to meet the standard due just to the natural
9075 occurrence of dust in Arizona deserts. This bill will help
9076 my state better implement NAAQS in a more reasonable manner,
9077 and this is much-needed reform.

9078 And I yield back.

9079 *Mr. Carter. The gentlelady yields back. Does anyone
9080 else seek to be recognized on the bill?

9081 Does anyone have a _ wish to offer a bipartisan
9082 amendment? Bipartisan.

9083 Does anyone offer another amendment?

9084 The chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr.

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9085 Pallone.

9086 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an
9087 amendment at the desk. It looks like D02.

9088 *Mr. Carter. The clerk will report the amendment.

9089 *The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 7650, offered by Mr.
9090 Pallone. Strike subsection B of section 2, and make such
9091 conforming changes _

9092 *Mr. Carter. Without objection, the reading of the
9093 amendment is dispensed with.

9094 [The amendment of Mr. Pallone follows:]

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9096 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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9098 *Mr. Carter. And the gentleman is recognized for five
9099 minutes in support of the amendment.

9100 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My amendment is
9101 simple, and it fixes one of the most egregious provisions in
9102 the bill, the consideration of likely attainability in the
9103 NAAQS-setting process.

9104 And let's not pretend that we are making minor changes
9105 to the program or applying common sense. This is a radical
9106 provision that would allow polluters to override scientists.
9107 It would require EPA to set air quality standards based on
9108 corporate polluter profits, rather than public health.

9109 The bill would make so-called likely attainability a
9110 factor in the scientific decision about how much pollution is
9111 safe for a child to breathe. Requiring EPA to consider
9112 attainability, or the potential cost of attaining an air
9113 quality standard, is a dangerous precedent that ignores the
9114 history and purpose of the Clean Air Act. Since 1970 the
9115 law's science-based, health-protective standards keep our
9116 focus on the end goal: healthy air for everyone.

9117 Cooperative federalism allows EPA to set clean air
9118 standards and states to decide how best to achieve them.

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9119 Furthermore, this provision would overturn a unanimous
9120 Supreme Court decision saying that the goal of the Clean Air
9121 Act is to achieve air quality that is safe to breathe. In
9122 2001 the late Justice Scalia wrote that the Clean Air Act _
9123 and I quote _ "unambiguously bars cost considerations from
9124 the NAAQS-setting process, and thus ends the matter for us,
9125 as well as the EPA.'`

9126 The scientific determination of what is safe to breathe
9127 does not and cannot depend on the technology attainability or
9128 cost of cleaning up pollution. This is not to say that these
9129 factors aren't considered at any point. They come to play in
9130 the second step of the process, when states decide the most
9131 effective way to meet their air quality goals, and that is
9132 the appropriate time to consider costs.

9133 But section 2(b) turns this extremely effective approach
9134 on its head. The considerations set up by this section are
9135 equivalent to a doctor basing a patient's diagnosis on the
9136 cost of treatment and likeliness of a cure. It endangers the
9137 health of American families, children, and workers.

9138 So my amendment would restore current law and ensure
9139 that the NAAQS continue to be purely health-based standards,

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9140 leaving the consideration of cost and attainability to the
9141 states. We must stop fearmongering and presenting false
9142 choices between health and our economy. Almost every time
9143 EPA proposes a significant new requirement, polluters tell us
9144 it can't be done, that it will cost too much, or that it will
9145 turn off the lights. And Republicans are once again peddling
9146 these doomsday scenarios.

9147 Section 2(b) is just the latest in a string of
9148 legislative attacks on these purely health-based air quality
9149 standards, which could unravel the entire framework of the
9150 Clean Air Act.

9151 And I should note that during the Environment
9152 Subcommittee markup, Republicans asserted that this bill
9153 should be bipartisan. I strongly disagree. Endangering
9154 public health should not be a bipartisan goal. Instead,
9155 Congress should be redoubling our efforts to guarantee clean
9156 and healthy air for all Americans. This was the
9157 overwhelmingly bipartisan goal when we first enacted and
9158 subsequently amended the Clean Air Act in this committee, and
9159 we should be fighting for Americans to have both clean air
9160 and a thriving economy, as they have endured throughout the

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9161 history of the successful law.

9162 But let's stop selling the American people short. I
9163 urge adoption of my amendment to ensure we protect the health
9164 of the American people, rather than the pockets of corporate
9165 polluters.

9166 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

9167 *Mr. Carter. The gentleman yields back. Is there
9168 discussion on the amendment?

9169 The chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia, Mr.
9170 Allen, for five minutes.

9171 *Mr. Allen. Mr. Chairman to be clear, section 2(b)
9172 states that the EPA administrator, in consultation with EPA's
9173 Independent Scientific Advisory Committee, finds a range of
9174 levels of air quality are requisite to protect public health
9175 with an adequate margin of safety. Then the administrator
9176 may consider, as a secondary consideration, likely
9177 attainability in establishing and revising the national
9178 primary ambient air quality standard for this pollutant.

9179 The text does not change the Clean Air Acts requirements
9180 that standards be based on protection of public health. The
9181 text simply clarifies that the EPA administrator has the

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9182 discretion to consider attainability of the standard when
9183 choosing among a range of levels identified and supported by
9184 the science as protective of public health. This is a
9185 clarification for future administrators that Congress
9186 considers technically _ technical feasibility to be a
9187 reasonable part of the decision-making process when policy
9188 choices must be made among a range of scientifically valid
9189 options.

9190 I urge a no vote on this amendment, and I yield back.

9191 *Mr. Carter. The gentleman yields back. Is there
9192 discussion on the amendment?

9193 The gentlelady is recognized.

9194 *Ms. Kelly. Me?

9195 *Mr. Carter. Yes.

9196 *Ms. Clarke. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike
9197 the last word.

9198 *Mr. Carter. So ordered.

9199 *Ms. Clarke. I would like to speak in support of the
9200 amendment.

9201 Mr. Chairman, I previously raised my concerns for this
9202 bill in the subcommittee hearing and again in a subcommittee

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9203 markup. I want to reaffirm my belief that to consider the
9204 costs and the likely attainability of a standard is a danger
9205 to public health and safety.

9206 For decades, the EPA has protected the right to clean
9207 air through health-based standards like the National Ambient
9208 Air Quality Standards, or NAAQS. To require the EPA to
9209 consider the likely attainability, instead of solely the
9210 scientific and medical evidence, is a rejection of an
9211 approach that has proven successful for over 50 years. This
9212 bill would insert a cost consideration into the NAAQS-setting
9213 process, directing _ reducing the protective standard which
9214 has guarded public health for years.

9215 The reality is that this bill, which is more aptly
9216 referred to as the smoggy skies act, would worsen the air
9217 quality of already at-risk communities. Children, the
9218 elderly, low-income communities, and communities of color
9219 will be put disproportionately at risk for unhealthy levels
9220 of air pollution. And as many of you know, air pollution is
9221 already responsible for over 100,000 premature deaths in
9222 America every year.

9223 It is beyond me that my Republican colleagues choose to

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9224 promote corporate special interests over America's health,
9225 and choose to downplay their terrible reality by attempting
9226 to turn the NAAQS process into a reflection of how much
9227 public health protection we can afford, instead of what is
9228 safe to breathe. This bill ignores decades of health-based
9229 standards, which we know work.

9230 It is imperative that we protect the EPA's authority to
9231 set air quality standards and to actually protect public
9232 health, so I urge the adoption of the amendment to ensure
9233 these critical standards are based in science alone, not in
9234 the best interest of corporations.

9235 With that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

9236 *Mr. Carter. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
9237 discussion of the amendment?

9238 If there is no further discussion, the vote occurs on
9239 the amendment. A recorded vote has been requested. The
9240 clerk will call the roll.

9241 *The Clerk. Burgess?

9242 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes no.

9243 *The Clerk. Burgess votes no.

9244 Latta?

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9245 *Mr. Latta. No.

9246 *The Clerk. Latta votes no.

9247 Guthrie?

9248 [No response.]

9249 *The Clerk. Griffith?

9250 *Mr. Griffith. No.

9251 *The Clerk. Griffith votes no.

9252 Bilirakis?

9253 *Mr. Bilirakis. No.

9254 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes no.

9255 Bucshon?

9256 [No response.]

9257 *The Clerk. Hudson?

9258 *Mr. Hudson. No.

9259 *The Clerk. Hudson votes no.

9260 Walberg?

9261 *Mr. Walberg. No.

9262 *The Clerk. Walberg votes no.

9263 Carter?

9264 *Mr. Carter. No.

9265 *The Clerk. Carter votes no.

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9266 Duncan?

9267 *Mr. Duncan. No.

9268 *The Clerk. Duncan votes no.

9269 Palmer?

9270 *Mr. Palmer. No.

9271 *The Clerk. Palmer votes no.

9272 Dunn?

9273 *Mr. Dunn. No.

9274 *The Clerk. Dunn votes no.

9275 Curtis?

9276 *Mr. Curtis. No.

9277 *The Clerk. Curtis votes no.

9278 Lesko?

9279 *Mrs. Lesko. No.

9280 *The Clerk. Lesko votes no.

9281 Pence?

9282 [No response.]

9283 *The Clerk. Crenshaw?

9284 [No response.]

9285 *The Clerk. Joyce?

9286 *Mr. Joyce. No.

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9287 *The Clerk. Joyce votes no.
9288 Armstrong?
9289 *Mr. Armstrong. No.
9290 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes no.
9291 Weber?
9292 *Mr. Weber. No.
9293 *The Clerk. Weber votes no.
9294 Allen?
9295 *Mr. Allen. No.
9296 *The Clerk. Allen votes no.
9297 Balderson?
9298 *Mr. Balderson. No.
9299 *The Clerk. Balderson votes no.
9300 Fulcher?
9301 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, no.
9302 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes no.
9303 Pfluger?
9304 [No response.]
9305 *The Clerk. Harshbarger?
9306 *Mrs. Harshbarger. No.
9307 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes no.

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9308 Miller-Meeks?
9309 [No response.]
9310 *The Clerk. Cammack?
9311 *Mrs. Cammack. No.
9312 *The Clerk. Cammack votes no.
9313 Obernolte?
9314 [No response.]
9315 *The Clerk. Pallone?
9316 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
9317 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
9318 Eshoo?
9319 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
9320 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
9321 DeGette?
9322 [No response.]
9323 *The Clerk. DeGette?
9324 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
9325 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
9326 Schakowsky?
9327 [No response.]
9328 *The Clerk. Schakowsky?

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9329 *Ms. Schakowsky. Yes.

9330 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.

9331 Matsui?

9332 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

9333 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

9334 Castor?

9335 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

9336 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.

9337 Sarbanes?

9338 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.

9339 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.

9340 Tonko?

9341 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

9342 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.

9343 Clarke?

9344 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

9345 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.

9346 Cardenas?

9347 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

9348 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.

9349 Ruiz?

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9350 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
9351 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
9352 Peters?
9353 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
9354 *The Clerk. Peters votes aye.
9355 Dingell?
9356 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
9357 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
9358 Veasey?
9359 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
9360 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
9361 Kuster?
9362 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
9363 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
9364 Kelly?
9365 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
9366 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
9367 Barragan?
9368 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
9369 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
9370 Blunt Rochester?

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9371 [No response.]
9372 *The Clerk. Soto?
9373 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
9374 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
9375 Craig?
9376 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
9377 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
9378 Schrier?
9379 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
9380 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
9381 Trahan?
9382 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
9383 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
9384 Fletcher?
9385 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
9386 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
9387 Chair Rodgers?
9388 *The Chair. No.
9389 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes no.
9390 *Mr. Carter. Will the clerk call the names of those who
9391 are not recorded?

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9392 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie?
9393 *Mr. Guthrie. No.
9394 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes no.
9395 Bucshon?
9396 *Mr. Bucshon. No.
9397 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes no.
9398 Mrs. Lesko _ Mr. Pence? Oh _
9399 *Mr. Pence. No.
9400 *The Clerk. Crenshaw?
9401 [No response.]
9402 *The Clerk. Pfluger?
9403 *Mr. Pfluger. Votes no.
9404 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes no.
9405 Miller-Meeks?
9406 [No response.]
9407 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
9408 [No response.]
9409 *The Clerk. Blunt Rochester?
9410 [No response.]
9411 *Mr. Carter. The clerk will report the results.
9412 *The Clerk. Chair Carter, on that vote there were 25

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9413 ayes or _ excuse me, there were 25 noes and 22 ayes.

9414 *Mr. Carter. The amendment is not agreed to. Are there
9415 further amendments?

9416 *Mr. Tonko. Mr. Chair?

9417 *Mr. Carter. The chair recognizes the gentleman from
9418 New York, Mr. Tonko.

9419 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have an amendment
9420 at the desk. I believe it is labeled amendment D_04.

9421 *Mr. Carter. The clerk will report the amendment.

9422 *The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 7650, offered by _ was
9423 the amendment offered by Chair Carter?

9424 *Mr. Carter. Tonko.

9425 *The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 7650, offered by Mr.
9426 Tonko. Amend section 2©, to read as follows. Composition of
9427 independent scientific review _

9428 *Mr. Carter. Without objection, the reading of the
9429 amendment is dispensed with.

9430 [The amendment of Mr. Tonko follows:]

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9432 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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9434 *Mr. Carter. And the gentleman from New York is
9435 recognized for five minutes in support of the amendment.

9436 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to again
9437 express my concerns about the underlying legislation, which I
9438 view as undermining a science-based, well-understood and
9439 effective process to determine health protective air
9440 pollution standards by allowing cost and other considerations
9441 to enter into standards-setting.

9442 There are many provisions within the proposal that I
9443 oppose, but I would like to once again, as I did at the
9444 subcommittee markup, offer an amendment that I do not believe
9445 is unreasonable.

9446 EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee is
9447 required by law to consist of seven members, at least one of
9448 which is required to be a physician, one a National Academies
9449 member, and one a state representative. And as I have stated
9450 on several occasions, I am not inherently opposed to having
9451 greater state representation on the CASAC, provided that the
9452 committee continues to have the technical and the scientific
9453 expertise necessary to properly advise the administrator.

9454 Section 2© of the bill before us changes the composition

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9455 of the committee by increasing the required number of state
9456 representatives from one to three, while keeping the other
9457 representation requirements the same. This amendment
9458 proposes increasing the number of members from 7 to 13, and
9459 requiring that, along with the three state representatives,
9460 there are also three physicians and three National Academies
9461 members.

9462 If the majority's position is to include more
9463 perspectives on the committee, I believe this amendment would
9464 address that concern. This would clearly allow more states
9465 the opportunity to participate in this aspect of the NAAQS
9466 process, without risking erosion of the committee's technical
9467 expertise.

9468 Unfortunately, this amendment was rejected on a party-
9469 line vote at the subcommittee markup. It was suggested that
9470 this amendment was just an attempt to maintain status quo.
9471 If that were true, I could easily propose an amendment to
9472 strike the provision entirely. That would certainly be my
9473 preference. But this is a genuine attempt to understand the
9474 majority's stated concerns and find a workable solution.

9475 So if members would like to have greater state

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9476 representation in this process, this amendment does that, and
9477 I would encourage you to support it. If members are hoping
9478 to stack the committee's membership with representatives that
9479 are assumed to support less stringent standards, then we are
9480 not going to find common ground, and the majority should once
9481 again reject it. But I want to get on the record that, in my
9482 opinion, this bill has a near zero chance of becoming law,
9483 and I believe the majority's dismissal of amendments like
9484 this one does not bode well for the Environment Subcommittee
9485 to accomplish much of anything in the 118th Congress.

9486 So I encourage my colleagues to think about whether you
9487 are happy with having a completely partisan and unproductive
9488 session, as has been the case for the past 15 months, or
9489 would you like to try to find some issues where we may be
9490 able to come together and try to legislate?

9491 I hope you will support this amendment.

9492 And with that, Mr. Chair, I yield back.

9493 *Mr. Carter. The gentleman yields back. The chair now
9494 recognizes himself to strike the last word to speak in
9495 opposition to this amendment.

9496 Ladies and gentleman, this is nothing more than a cheeky

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9497 attempt to maintain the status quo operation of the CASAC.
9498 By increasing the total members of the committee and
9499 maintaining at least language for all those except state air
9500 pollution control agencies, this language would do nothing to
9501 remedy the diminished voice of the states of the CASAC.

9502 According to testimony received by this subcommittee in
9503 _ by this committee in September, the latest PM 2.5 review
9504 was conducted by the seven-person chartered Clean Air Science
9505 Advisory Committee, CASAC, plus 15 additional panel members,
9506 22 total. Twenty were university research professors and
9507 only one person represented state air pollution control
9508 agencies.

9509 Members of the National Academy of Sciences and
9510 physicians are already well represented through the CASAC and
9511 additional adjunct panels. The intent of the Republican
9512 provision is to increase the role of EPA's co-regulators, the
9513 states.

9514 If the gentleman would like to withdraw the amendment, I
9515 will be happy to continue to working with him toward the full
9516 committee. There are _ these are the kinds of discussions we
9517 look forward to having if we both share the goal of working

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9518 towards a bipartisan bill.

9519 If the amendment is not to be withdrawn, I urge a no
9520 vote, and I will yield back.

9521 Any further discussion?

9522 The gentleman from _ the chair recognizes the gentleman
9523 from Maryland, Mr. Sarbanes.

9524 *Mr. Sarbanes. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. I want
9525 to support _ I move to strike the last word.

9526 *Mr. Carter. So ordered.

9527 *Mr. Sarbanes. And I want to support Ranking Member
9528 Tonko's very common-sense amendment to H.R. 7650.

9529 We have seen versions of this bill in previous
9530 Congresses. Each time its goal is to impair the Clean Air
9531 Act by undermining the National Ambient Air Quality
9532 Standards, or NAAQs, as the ranking member indicated.
9533 Instead of equipping EPA to make science-based determinations
9534 to set reasonable health protective standards, this is
9535 legislation that would strip critical subject matter
9536 expertise from the agency's decision-making process, and it
9537 elevates unfounded industry claims.

9538 Every five years EPA must review the most up-to-date

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9539 research and decide if the latest science indicates that the
9540 current NAAQS sufficiently protect public health, or if they
9541 need to be revised to do so. And the Clean Air Scientific
9542 Advisory Committee, or CASAC, provides independent advice for
9543 this determination based on technical analysis of the latest
9544 scientific information.

9545 Section 2© of the bill under consideration today,
9546 unfortunately, would change the makeup of the CASAC by
9547 increasing the number of members who represent states, but
9548 maintaining the current number of members with scientific and
9549 medical expertise. The effect of this would be to dilute the
9550 ratio of scientists and medical professionals in relation to
9551 other stakeholders, and it would dampen the critical
9552 scientific input into a calculus that must be informed by the
9553 best available data and insights, which is unacceptable.

9554 The amendment offered by Representative Tonko today
9555 would rebalance the CASAC in the underlying bill by
9556 increasing the ratio of members who have the technical
9557 expertise to advise EPA on the latest scientific and medical
9558 information.

9559 I am not opposed, he is not opposed adding more

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9560 perspectives to the CASAC, but we are opposed to adding only
9561 representatives from the states, while effectively drowning
9562 out the voices of the scientists and public health experts
9563 whose guidance we need to follow. So for that reason I
9564 appreciate my colleagues offering the amendment, I urge the
9565 committee to support it, and yield back.

9566 *Mr. Carter. The gentleman yields back. Is there any
9567 more discussion on the amendment?

9568 If there is no further discussion, the vote occurs on
9569 the amendment.

9570 The gentleman requests a recorded vote. The clerk will
9571 call the roll.

9572 *The Clerk. Burgess?

9573 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes no.

9574 *The Clerk. Burgess votes no.

9575 Latta?

9576 *Mr. Latta. No.

9577 *The Clerk. Latta votes no.

9578 Guthrie?

9579 [No response.]

9580 *The Clerk. Griffith?

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9581 *Mr. Griffith. No.
9582 *The Clerk. Griffith votes no.
9583 Bilirakis?
9584 [No response.]
9585 *The Clerk. Bucshon?
9586 *Mr. Bucshon. No.
9587 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes no.
9588 Hudson?
9589 *Mr. Hudson. No.
9590 *The Clerk. Hudson votes no.
9591 Walberg?
9592 [No response.]
9593 *The Clerk. Carter?
9594 *Mr. Carter. No.
9595 *The Clerk. Carter votes no.
9596 Duncan?
9597 *Mr. Duncan. No.
9598 *The Clerk. Duncan votes no.
9599 Palmer?
9600 *Mr. Palmer. No.
9601 *The Clerk. Palmer votes no.

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9602 Dunn?
9603 *Mr. Dunn. No.
9604 *The Clerk. Dunn votes no.
9605 Curtis?
9606 *Mr. Curtis. No.
9607 *The Clerk. Curtis votes no.
9608 Lesko?
9609 *Mrs. Lesko. No.
9610 *The Clerk. Lesko votes no.
9611 Pence?
9612 *Mr. Pence. No.
9613 *The Clerk. Pence votes no.
9614 Crenshaw?
9615 [No response.]
9616 *The Clerk. Joyce?
9617 *Mr. Joyce. No.
9618 *The Clerk. Joyce votes no.
9619 Armstrong?
9620 *Mr. Armstrong. No.
9621 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes no.
9622 Weber?

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9623 *Mr. Weber. No.
9624 *The Clerk. Weber votes no.
9625 Allen?
9626 *Mr. Allen. No.
9627 *The Clerk. Allen votes no.
9628 Balderson?
9629 *Mr. Balderson. No.
9630 *The Clerk. Balderson votes no.
9631 Fulcher?
9632 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, no.
9633 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes no.
9634 Pfluger?
9635 *Mr. Pfluger. No.
9636 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes no.
9637 Harshbarger?
9638 *Mrs. Harshbarger. No.
9639 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes no.
9640 Miller-Meeks?
9641 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. No.
9642 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes no.
9643 Cammack?

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9644 *Mrs. Cammack. No.
9645 *The Clerk. Cammack votes no.
9646 Obernolte?
9647 [No response.]
9648 *The Clerk. Pallone?
9649 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
9650 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
9651 Eshoo?
9652 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
9653 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
9654 DeGette?
9655 [No response.]
9656 *The Clerk. Schakowsky?
9657 Oh, sorry, DeGette?
9658 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
9659 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
9660 Schakowsky?
9661 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
9662 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
9663 Matsui?
9664 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

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9665 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
9666 Castor?
9667 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
9668 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
9669 Sarbanes?
9670 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
9671 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
9672 Tonko?
9673 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
9674 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
9675 Clarke?
9676 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
9677 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
9678 Cardenas?
9679 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
9680 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
9681 Ruiz?
9682 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
9683 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
9684 Peters?
9685 [No response.]

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9686 *The Clerk. Dingell?
9687 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
9688 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
9689 Veasey?
9690 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
9691 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
9692 Kuster?
9693 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
9694 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
9695 Kelly?
9696 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
9697 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
9698 Barragan?
9699 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
9700 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
9701 Blunt Rochester?
9702 [No response.]
9703 *The Clerk. Soto?
9704 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
9705 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
9706 Craig?

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9707 *Ms. Craig. Aye.

9708 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.

9709 Schrier?

9710 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

9711 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.

9712 Trahan?

9713 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

9714 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.

9715 Fletcher?

9716 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

9717 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

9718 Chair Rodgers?

9719 *The Chair. No.

9720 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes no.

9721 *Mr. Carter. Will the clerk call the names of those who

9722 have not voted?

9723 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie?

9724 *Mr. Guthrie. No.

9725 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes no.

9726 Mr. Bilirakis?

9727 *Mr. Bilirakis. No.

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9728 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes no.

9729 *Mr. Carter. The clerk will report the result.

9730 *The Clerk. Chair Carter, on that vote there were 21
9731 ayes and 25 noes.

9732 *Mr. Carter. The amendment is not agreed to. Are there
9733 further amendments?

9734 *Ms. Castor. Mr. Chairman?

9735 *Mr. Carter. For what purpose does the chair _ does the
9736 gentlelady from Florida seek recognition?

9737 *Ms. Castor. I have an amendment at the desk, 05.

9738 *Mr. Carter. The clerk will report the amendment.

9739 *The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 7650, offered by Ms.
9740 Castor. Page 4, line 7, strike concurrently _

9741 *Mr. Carter. Without objection, the reading of the
9742 amendment is dispensed with.

9743 [The amendment of Ms. Castor follows:]

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9745 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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9747 *Mr. Carter. And the gentlelady from Florida is
9748 recognized for five minutes in support of the amendment.

9749 *Ms. Castor. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. This
9750 is a simple, targeted amendment that strikes section 2(e) of
9751 the bill, which is a provision that creates a very dangerous
9752 loophole in the Clean Air Act.

9753 I think we all recognize that the Clean Air Act has
9754 saved lives by improving the air we breathe over time. Like
9755 you, I have seen improvements in air quality in the Tampa Bay
9756 area since the Clean Air Act was adopted. The air has
9757 improved year after year, yet we still have many challenges.
9758 Air pollution presents a very serious health risk to our
9759 communities every day. Over 100 million Americans live in
9760 counties with unhealthy levels of air pollution, with
9761 children and the elderly, working-class communities,
9762 communities of color disproportionately at risk.

9763 Air pollution is associated with over 100,000 premature
9764 deaths in the United States every year, and particulate
9765 matter is among the most dangerous forms of air pollution.
9766 It is linked to many serious health problems like cancer,
9767 stroke, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,

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9768 obesity, and reproductive, neurological and immune system
9769 disorders.

9770 And in this committee we work together very
9771 collaboratively on health issues. And I think this is an
9772 area where we should also be working together more closely on
9773 the prevention side, preventing cancer, preventing COPD,
9774 ensuring that everyone has clean air to breathe in their
9775 lives.

9776 So this amendment, like I said, would not allow you to
9777 open up this dangerous loophole. So I really _ I recommend
9778 it to you. So let me get into a little explanation.

9779 Under the Clean Air Act it requires any major new or
9780 expanding sources of air pollution to obtain permits before
9781 they start construction. The Act recognizes that part of
9782 cleaning up ongoing pollution is to minimize the amount of
9783 new pollution, according to the existing standards. And to
9784 obtain a permit for a new source, an applicant must first
9785 determine which pollution controls it will install to reduce
9786 that facility's pollution. Then the applicant must estimate
9787 how much pollution the facility will admit, maybe they will
9788 install pollution controls, and then show that this quantity

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9789 of pollution will not cause the area to exceed the current
9790 standard. If the new facility's pollution will cause a
9791 violation of an air quality standard, the applicant must take
9792 additional steps to cut its pollution or obtain offsets for
9793 the excess pollution.

9794 Now, EPA updates and strengthens the national air
9795 quality standards when the science says that it is necessary
9796 to protect the human health. But the GOP bill would allow
9797 certain facilities to pollute, to disregard the science, and
9798 ignore a new standard when obtaining a permit. Under this
9799 bill, if EPA doesn't issue rules and guidance at the same
9800 time that it issues a new air quality standard, the old
9801 protective standard applies for purposes of a pre-
9802 construction permit. This means that when a facility is
9803 demonstrating whether its emissions will violate the air
9804 quality standard, it would use the old, weaker standard as a
9805 benchmark.

9806 In effect, this bill gives new polluters amnesty, a free
9807 pass for them, and dirtier air for everyone else. It will
9808 create exemptions to allow _ that would allow polluters to
9809 pollute more. It is completely unnecessary. I don't know

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9810 why you would put polluters over the public interest here.

9811 After all, states and air quality management agencies
9812 have previously weighed in on this bill. Their common
9813 concern is that this provision would slow down the permitting
9814 process. It would unnecessarily exempt facilities from
9815 meeting health protective air quality standards. And on top
9816 of that, this loophole will be bad for business. If one
9817 facility emits more than its fair share of pollution, that
9818 means the other facilities eventually will have to pick up
9819 the slack and control more.

9820 So by granting amnesty to new sources of pollution, the
9821 bill shifts the pollution control responsibility to existing
9822 businesses. That is not fair. This shift will raise
9823 pollution control costs overall for the manufacturing sector.

9824 And as the Clean Air Act has long recognized, it is
9825 generally far more efficient and cost effective to build
9826 pollution controls into a facility up front, rather than
9827 adding them later. But this provision does the opposite. It
9828 allows new facilities to be built with insufficient pollution
9829 controls, forcing more expensive controls on existing
9830 businesses. That makes no sense.

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9831 So I urge support of the amendment, and I urge you to
9832 strike the amnesty provision from the bill.

9833 I yield back.

9834 *Mr. Carter. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
9835 further discussion on the amendment?

9836 The chair recognizes himself for five minutes to speak
9837 against the amendment.

9838 This amendment strikes an important provision of the
9839 bill, which requires EPA to issue implementation guidance
9840 when it issues new standards. If EPA fails to provide such
9841 information, the standards will not apply to pre-construction
9842 permits until it has been promulgated. This provision
9843 creates an incentive for EPA to be more efficient, and
9844 provides relief for states burdened by regulatory deadlines
9845 and, frequently, a lack of needed guidance from the agency.

9846 EPA has been very slow to issue guidance for states.
9847 According to a CRS review for the committee in all cases when
9848 issuing new or revising standards, EPA guidance has taken
9849 four to eight years to be issued. This creates great
9850 uncertainty for the states and delays permitting projects.

9851 Nothing in this language prevents states, local, or

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9852 tribal permitting authorities from imposing more stringent
9853 permitting requirements for permit applicants, and new
9854 manufacturing and industrial facilities still must install
9855 best available control technology to reduce emissions, even
9856 when EPA fails to issue guidance.

9857 There is no reason EPA shouldn't issue timely
9858 implementing regulations and guidance when it issues new
9859 standards. I ask my colleagues, ask your state regulators if
9860 they want timely guidance.

9861 I urge a no vote on this amendment, and I yield back.
9862 Any other discussion on this amendment?

9863 The chair recognizes the gentlelady from Colorado, Ms.
9864 DeGette.

9865 *Ms. DeGette. Thank you. I rise in support of this
9866 amendment.

9867 Regulated entities claim EPA isn't issuing
9868 implementation rules and guidance quickly enough after
9869 updating a National Ambient Air Quality Standard, or NAAQS.
9870 The bill concludes the solution is to sacrifice public health
9871 by allowing facilities to ignore the new standard. I don't
9872 think we should have this kind of trade-off. I am not

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9873 willing to expose our kids to unhealthy air to speed up
9874 permits.

9875 But let's say you were willing to sacrifice air quality
9876 for faster permits. That is not even what this bill does.
9877 This bill allows some facilities to pollute more while doing
9878 nothing to expedite the permitting process. In fact, it
9879 could do just the opposite.

9880 Under the Clean Air Act, a company that wants to build a
9881 new facility must obtain a pre-construction permit that
9882 requires the facility to control its pollution. The goal of
9883 this permitting process is simple: to ensure the facility
9884 will not significantly increase air pollution above levels
9885 that are safe to breathe. Under section 2(e) of this bill,
9886 if EPA issues a new National Ambient Air Quality Standard,
9887 that standard doesn't apply for permitting purposes unless
9888 and until EPA has issued implementation rules and guidance
9889 for the new standard.

9890 Besides allowing unhealthy levels of air pollution, the
9891 provision doesn't even help states speed up permitting.
9892 Witnesses have testified concurrent guidance isn't always
9893 practical or necessary. EPA has told the committee that most

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9894 guidance evolves after a standard takes effect, as states and
9895 industry raise questions that require EPA guidance.

9896 So it is unclear how EPA could provide guidance on
9897 solving problems even before they know what the problems are.
9898 It is really a Catch-22 for the agency.

9899 On the one hand, EPA could hurry to issue guidance
9900 before hearing questions from states and industry, but then
9901 that guidance would be incomplete, and it wouldn't address
9902 issues that only emerge during the implementation process.
9903 An industry group that wanted to delay implementation of the
9904 new air quality standard could file a lawsuit saying EPA's
9905 guidance wasn't sufficient.

9906 On the other hand, EPA could wait to issue more robust
9907 and helpful guidance, but in the meantime facilities would be
9908 able to obtain permits under the old air quality standard. A
9909 company could build a facility that is allowed to release
9910 more pollution than it would under current law.

9911 In both scenarios, pollution wins and public health
9912 loses, and this would provide an opportunity for even more
9913 lawsuits and delay. You can just see it. Downwind
9914 communities and nearby businesses might challenge a permit

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9915 that allows a new facility to pollute more, and shifts the
9916 burden of pollution reduction on to them.

9917 So in summary, this provision amounts to more
9918 litigation, more confusion, and more pollution. I don't
9919 think it is going to result in faster permitting.

9920 Ms. Castor's amendment would strike the language in the
9921 bill that exempts facilities from complying with new air
9922 quality standards. And so for that reason I really urge
9923 everybody to support this amendment.

9924 And I yield back.

9925 *Mr. Carter. The gentlelady yields back. Is there any
9926 more discussion on the amendment?

9927 Hearing none, the vote occurs on the amendment.

9928 All those in favor _ a recorded vote has been requested.
9929 The clerk will call the roll.

9930 *The Clerk. Burgess?

9931 *Mr. Burgess. Burgess votes no.

9932 *The Clerk. Burgess votes no.

9933 Latta?

9934 *Mr. Latta. No.

9935 *The Clerk. Latta votes no.

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9936 Guthrie?
9937 [No response.]
9938 *The Clerk. Griffith?
9939 *Mr. Griffith. No.
9940 *The Clerk. Griffith votes no.
9941 Bilirakis?
9942 *Mr. Bilirakis. No.
9943 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes no.
9944 Bucshon?
9945 *Mr. Bucshon. No.
9946 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes no.
9947 Hudson?
9948 [No response.]
9949 *The Clerk. Walberg?
9950 [No response.]
9951 *The Clerk. Carter?
9952 *Mr. Carter. No.
9953 *The Clerk. Carter votes no.
9954 Duncan?
9955 *Mr. Duncan. No.
9956 *The Clerk. Duncan votes no.

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9957 Palmer?
9958 *Mr. Palmer. No.
9959 *The Clerk. Palmer votes no.
9960 Dunn?
9961 *Mr. Dunn. No.
9962 *The Clerk. Dunn votes no.
9963 Curtis?
9964 [No response.]
9965 *The Clerk. Lesko?
9966 *Mrs. Lesko. No.
9967 *The Clerk. Lesko votes no.
9968 Pence?
9969 *Mr. Pence. No.
9970 *The Clerk. Pence votes no.
9971 Crenshaw?
9972 [No response.]
9973 *The Clerk. Joyce?
9974 *Mr. Joyce. No.
9975 *The Clerk. Joyce votes no.
9976 Armstrong?
9977 [No response.]

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9978 *The Clerk. Weber?
9979 [No response.]
9980 *The Clerk. Allen?
9981 *Mr. Allen. No.
9982 *The Clerk. Allen votes no.
9983 Balderson?
9984 *Mr. Balderson. No.
9985 *The Clerk. Balderson votes no.
9986 Fulcher?
9987 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, no.
9988 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes no.
9989 Pfluger?
9990 *Mr. Pfluger. No.
9991 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes no.
9992 Harshbarger?
9993 *Mrs. Harshbarger. No.
9994 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes no.
9995 Miller-Meeks?
9996 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. No.
9997 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes no.
9998 Cammack?

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9999 *Mrs. Cammack. No.
10000 *The Clerk. Cammack votes no.
10001 Obernolte?
10002 [No response.]
10003 *The Clerk. Pallone?
10004 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
10005 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
10006 Eshoo?
10007 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
10008 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
10009 DeGette?
10010 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
10011 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
10012 Schakowsky?
10013 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
10014 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
10015 Matsui?
10016 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
10017 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
10018 Castor?
10019 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

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10020 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.
10021 Sarbanes?
10022 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
10023 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
10024 Tonko?
10025 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
10026 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
10027 Clarke?
10028 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
10029 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
10030 Cardenas?
10031 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
10032 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
10033 Ruiz?
10034 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
10035 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
10036 Peters?
10037 [No response.]
10038 *The Clerk. Dingell?
10039 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
10040 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.

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10041 Veasey?
10042 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
10043 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
10044 Kuster?
10045 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
10046 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
10047 Kelly?
10048 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
10049 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
10050 Barragan?
10051 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
10052 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
10053 Blunt Rochester?
10054 [No response.]
10055 *The Clerk. Soto?
10056 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
10057 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
10058 Craig?
10059 [No response.]
10060 *The Clerk. Craig?
10061 *Ms. Craig. Aye.

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10062 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
10063 Schrier?
10064 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
10065 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
10066 Trahan?
10067 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
10068 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
10069 Fletcher?
10070 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
10071 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
10072 Chair Rodgers?
10073 *The Chair. No.
10074 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes no.
10075 *Mr. Carter. The chair _ the clerk will call the names
10076 of those who have not voted.
10077 *The Clerk. Guthrie?
10078 *Mr. Guthrie. No.
10079 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes no.
10080 *Mr. Curtis. Curtis _
10081 *The Clerk. Curtis?
10082 *Mr. Curtis. Curtis votes no.

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10083 *The Clerk. Curtis votes no.

10084 *Mr. Armstrong. Armstrong votes no.

10085 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes no.

10086 *Mr. Carter. The clerk will report the result.

10087 *The Clerk. Chair Carter, on that vote there are 21

10088 ayes and 23 noes.

10089 *Mr. Carter. The amendment is not agreed to. Are there

10090 further amendments?

10091 The chair _ for what purpose does the gentlelady from

10092 California seek recognition?

10093 *Ms. Barragan. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the

10094 desk, D_13.

10095 *Mr. Carter. The clerk will report the amendment.

10096 *The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 7650, offered by Ms.

10097 Barragan. At the end _

10098 *Mr. Carter. Without objection, the reading of the

10099 amendment is dispensed with.

10100 [The amendment of Ms. Barragan follows:]

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10102 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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10104 *Mr. Carter. And the gentlelady from California is
10105 recognized for five minutes in support of the amendment.

10106 *Ms. Barragan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10107 For over 50 years the Clean Air Act has successfully
10108 cleaned up toxic pollution and reduced health care costs.
10109 The Republicans' legislation would undermine that success and
10110 endanger the health of the American people. This legislation
10111 would weaken the process EPA uses to set the National Ambient
10112 Air Quality Standard. It would also delay implementation of
10113 stronger health protective standards, and it would give
10114 polluters a free pass to contaminate our air.

10115 My amendment would ensure that this legislation would
10116 not go into effect until EPA, in consultation with the Clean
10117 Air Scientific Advisory Committee, determines it will not
10118 increase negative health outcomes for minority and low-income
10119 communities.

10120 Far too communities [sic] of color, including Latino
10121 communities, suffer from unhealthy levels of toxic pollution
10122 in the air, such as particulate matter and ozone. This
10123 pollution is a silent killer that leads to premature deaths,
10124 cancers, and respiratory diseases such as asthma. It is also

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10125 a killer for productivity. Poor air quality is linked to
10126 higher school and work absences. For every \$1 invested into
10127 air pollution, there is a \$30 benefit in reduced health care
10128 costs and greater productivity.

10129 Unfortunately, the Republicans' legislation sacrifices
10130 the health of our communities for the profits of polluters.
10131 We can have both clean air and good-paying jobs. We should
10132 not be forced to choose. It is important that EPA can set
10133 science-based air quality standards that are protective of
10134 public health to hold polluters accountable. The American
10135 people deserve clean, safe air.

10136 I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, and with
10137 that I want to yield time to my colleague, Representative
10138 Cardenas.

10139 *Mr. Cardenas. Thank you very much, Congresswoman
10140 Barragan, for introducing your amendment. I agree with your
10141 amendment. It would ensure that it will not harm _ this
10142 bill, H.R. 7650, will not harm vulnerable populations,
10143 particularly minority and low-income communities.

10144 The underlying bill, which is more appropriately
10145 referred to as the smoggy skies act, will endanger the health

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10146 and safety of communities by forcing the EPA to set weaker
10147 standards and allowing polluting industries to pollute more.

10148 The smog under _ growing up in the 1960s and 70s, the
10149 smog stung my eyes, burned our lungs, and induced headaches
10150 and forced kids like myself and elderly community members to
10151 stay indoors when I grew up in Los Angeles. We now know that
10152 high levels of air pollution can also have serious long-term
10153 health effects, including increased risk of cancer,
10154 cardiovascular disease, respiratory diseases, and
10155 reproductive, neurological, and immune system disorders.

10156 Thankfully, Federal standards and stringent state
10157 regulations pushed industries to make changes that drove
10158 innovation, cut emissions, and significantly improved the air
10159 quality in Los Angeles and many communities across the
10160 country. Cleaner air has meant healthier communities and,
10161 unlike when I was a child, my children and grandchildren
10162 today have never known what it is like to have to stay
10163 indoors because of a smog alert.

10164 It is undeniable that the attainment challenges that lie
10165 ahead for California and other parts of the country are
10166 difficult to address. However, H.R. 7650, which would cut

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10167 the Clean Air Act and render the EPA unable to set strong
10168 standards that prioritize public health, is not the answer.
10169 It is important for us to understand that today's proposed
10170 bill is a bad solution that is off base, counterproductive,
10171 and that will ultimately harm our constituents, especially
10172 those who already bear the brunt of this climate crisis that
10173 we all are experiencing.

10174 And also, I would like to take a point of personal
10175 privilege in this committee. I ask that we please change the
10176 monitor here because it was making this half of the room look
10177 completely white, and the other half of the room not. And
10178 now it has been corrected, and now it looks much more
10179 accurate to the way the room actually is.

10180 So with that, I would like to yield back to my
10181 colleague.

10182 *Ms. Barragan. I yield back, Mr. Chair.

10183 *Mr. Carter. The gentlelady yields back. The chair
10184 recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania _

10185 *Mr. Joyce. Mr. Chairman, I move to _

10186 *Mr. Carter. _ to speak on the amendment.

10187 *Mr. Joyce. I move to strike the last word.

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10188 *Mr. Carter. So ordered.

10189 *Mr. Joyce. Mr. Chairman, this is an amendment that
10190 seeks to delay and nullify all of the benefits of this bill.
10191 It seeks to enable _ it is a bill that seeks to enable states
10192 to implement air quality standards more efficiently.
10193 Nothing, nothing in the bill precludes the administrator from
10194 issuing new standards, if warranted, to protect public
10195 health. You cannot get cleaner air if you cannot implement
10196 standards or focus on the air pollution that actually
10197 matters, like wildfires.

10198 The practical reforms in the Air Quality Standards
10199 Implementation Act will ensure that our air quality continues
10200 to improve. Nothing in this pending bill prevents
10201 improvements to air quality. Nothing prevents that from
10202 being realized.

10203 I urge a no vote on this amendment and, Mr. Chairman, I
10204 yield.

10205 *Mr. Carter. Is there any further discussion?
10206 Hearing none, the vote occurs on the amendment.

10207 *Mr. Pallone. We wanted a roll call.

10208 *Mr. Carter. You want a roll call? Okay.

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10209 The gentleman requests a recorded vote. The clerk will
10210 call the roll.

10211 *The Clerk. Burgess?

10212 [No response.]

10213 *The Clerk. Latta?

10214 *Mr. Latta. No.

10215 *The Clerk. Latta votes no.

10216 Guthrie?

10217 [No response.]

10218 *The Clerk. Griffith?

10219 *Mr. Griffith. No.

10220 *The Clerk. Griffith votes no.

10221 Bilirakis?

10222 *Mr. Bilirakis. No.

10223 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes no.

10224 Bucshon?

10225 *Mr. Bucshon. No.

10226 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes no.

10227 Hudson?

10228 [No response.]

10229 *The Clerk. Walberg?

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10230 [No response.]

10231 *The Clerk. Carter?

10232 *Mr. Carter. No.

10233 *The Clerk. Carter votes no.

10234 Duncan?

10235 *Mr. Duncan. No.

10236 *The Clerk. Duncan votes no.

10237 Palmer?

10238 [No response.]

10239 *The Clerk. Dunn?

10240 *Mr. Dunn. No.

10241 *The Clerk. Dunn votes no.

10242 Curtis?

10243 *Mr. Curtis. No.

10244 *The Clerk. Curtis votes no.

10245 Lesko?

10246 *Mrs. Lesko. No.

10247 *The Clerk. Lesko votes no.

10248 Pence?

10249 *Mr. Pence. No.

10250 *The Clerk. Pence votes no.

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10251 Crenshaw?
10252 [No response.]
10253 *The Clerk. Joyce?
10254 *Mr. Joyce. No.
10255 *The Clerk. Joyce votes no.
10256 Armstrong?
10257 *Mr. Armstrong. No.
10258 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes no.
10259 Weber?
10260 *Mr. Weber. No.
10261 *The Clerk. Weber votes no.
10262 Allen?
10263 *Mr. Allen. No.
10264 *The Clerk. Allen votes no.
10265 Balderson?
10266 *Mr. Balderson. No.
10267 *The Clerk. Balderson votes no.
10268 Fulcher?
10269 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is no.
10270 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes no.
10271 Pfluger?

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10272 *Mr. Pfluger. No.
10273 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes no.
10274 Harshbarger?
10275 *Mrs. Harshbarger. No.
10276 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes no.
10277 Miller-Meeks?
10278 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. No.
10279 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes no.
10280 Cammack?
10281 *Mrs. Cammack. No.
10282 *The Clerk. Cammack votes no.
10283 Obernolte?
10284 *Mr. Obernolte. No.
10285 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes no.
10286 Pallone?
10287 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
10288 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
10289 Eshoo?
10290 [No response.]
10291 *The Clerk. DeGette?
10292 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

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10293 *The Clerk. DeGette votes aye.
10294 Schakowsky?
10295 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
10296 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes aye.
10297 Matsui?
10298 [No response.]
10299 *The Clerk. Castor?
10300 [No response.]
10301 *The Clerk. Sarbanes?
10302 *Mr. Sarbanes. Aye.
10303 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes aye.
10304 Tonko?
10305 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
10306 *The Clerk. Tonko votes aye.
10307 Clarke?
10308 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
10309 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
10310 Cardenas?
10311 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
10312 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
10313 Ruiz?

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10314 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
10315 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes aye.
10316 Peters?
10317 [No response.]
10318 *The Clerk. Dingell?
10319 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
10320 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
10321 Veasey?
10322 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
10323 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
10324 Kuster?
10325 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
10326 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
10327 Kelly?
10328 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
10329 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
10330 Barragan?
10331 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
10332 *The Clerk. Barragan votes aye.
10333 Blunt Rochester?
10334 [No response.]

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10335 *The Clerk. Soto?
10336 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
10337 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
10338 Craig?
10339 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
10340 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
10341 Schrier?
10342 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
10343 *The Clerk. Schrier votes aye.
10344 Trahan?
10345 [No response.]
10346 *The Clerk. Trahan?
10347 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
10348 *The Clerk. Trahan votes aye.
10349 Fletcher?
10350 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
10351 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
10352 Chair Rodgers?
10353 *The Chair. No.
10354 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes no.
10355 *The Chair. [Presiding] How is Mr. Burgess _

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10356 *Mr. Burgess. No.

10357 *The Clerk. Mr. Burgess votes no.

10358 *The Chair. How is Ms. Eshoo recorded?

10359 *The Clerk. Ms. Eshoo is not recorded.

10360 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.

10361 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.

10362 *The Chair. How is Mr. Palmer _

10363 *The Clerk. Palmer is not recorded.

10364 *Mr. Palmer. No.

10365 *The Clerk. Palmer votes no.

10366 *Ms. Matsui. How is Matsui _

10367 *The Clerk. Matsui is not recorded.

10368 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

10369 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

10370 Guthrie is not recorded.

10371 *Mr. Guthrie. Votes no.

10372 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes no.

10373 *Ms. Castor. How is Castor _

10374 *The Clerk. Castor is not recorded.

10375 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

10376 *The Clerk. Castor votes aye.

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10377 [Pause.]

10378 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Guthrie recorded?

10379 *The Clerk. Mr. _ I am sorry, Mr. Guthrie is recorded
10380 as no.

10381 *The Chair. Okay, the clerk will report.

10382 *The Clerk. Madam Chair, on that vote there were 21
10383 ayes and 25 noes.

10384 *The Chair. The noes have it. The amendment is not
10385 agreed to.

10386 The question now occurs on approving H.R. 7650, and a
10387 roll call vote has been requested. The clerk will call the
10388 roll.

10389 *The Clerk. Burgess?

10390 [No response.]

10391 *The Clerk. Latta?

10392 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

10393 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
10394 Guthrie?

10395 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

10396 *The Clerk. Guthrie votes aye.
10397 Griffith?

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10398 *Mr. Griffith. Griffith votes aye.

10399 *The Clerk. Griffith votes aye.

10400 Bilirakis?

10401 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes aye.

10402 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

10403 Bucshon?

10404 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.

10405 *The Clerk. Bucshon votes aye.

10406 Hudson?

10407 [No response.]

10408 *The Clerk. Walberg?

10409 [No response.]

10410 *The Clerk. Carter?

10411 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

10412 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

10413 Duncan?

10414 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.

10415 *The Clerk. Duncan votes aye.

10416 Palmer?

10417 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

10418 *The Clerk. Palmer votes aye.

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10419 Dunn?
10420 [No response.]
10421 *The Clerk. Curtis?
10422 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
10423 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
10424 Lesko?
10425 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
10426 *The Clerk. Lesko votes aye.
10427 Pence?
10428 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
10429 *The Clerk. Pence votes aye.
10430 Crenshaw?
10431 [No response.]
10432 *The Clerk. Joyce?
10433 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
10434 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
10435 Armstrong?
10436 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
10437 *The Clerk. Armstrong votes aye.
10438 Weber?
10439 [No response.]

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10440 *The Clerk. Allen?
10441 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
10442 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
10443 Balderson?
10444 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
10445 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
10446 Fulcher?
10447 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
10448 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
10449 Pfluger?
10450 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
10451 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
10452 Harshbarger?
10453 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
10454 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
10455 Miller-Meeks?
10456 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
10457 *The Clerk. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
10458 Cammack?
10459 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
10460 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.

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10461 Obernolte?
10462 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
10463 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
10464 Pallone?
10465 *Mr. Pallone. No.
10466 *The Clerk. Pallone votes no.
10467 Eshoo?
10468 [No response.]
10469 *The Clerk. DeGette?
10470 *Ms. DeGette. No.
10471 *The Clerk. DeGette votes no.
10472 Schakowsky?
10473 *Ms. Schakowsky. No.
10474 *The Clerk. Schakowsky votes no.
10475 Matsui?
10476 [No response.]
10477 *The Clerk. Castor?
10478 [No response.]
10479 *The Clerk. Sarbanes?
10480 *Ms. Castor. No.
10481 *The Clerk. Castor?

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10482 *Ms. Castor. Votes no.
10483 *The Clerk. Sarbanes?
10484 *Mr. Sarbanes. No.
10485 *The Clerk. Sarbanes votes no.
10486 Tonko?
10487 *Mr. Tonko. No.
10488 *The Clerk. Tonko votes no.
10489 Clarke?
10490 *Ms. Clarke. No.
10491 *The Clerk. Clarke votes no.
10492 Cardenas?
10493 *Mr. Cardenas. No.
10494 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes no.
10495 Ruiz?
10496 *Mr. Ruiz. No.
10497 *The Clerk. Ruiz votes no.
10498 Peters?
10499 [No response.]
10500 *The Clerk. Dingell?
10501 *Mrs. Dingell. No.
10502 *The Clerk. Dingell votes no.

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10503 Veasey?
10504 *Mr. Veasey. No.
10505 *The Clerk. Veasey votes no.
10506 Kuster?
10507 *Ms. Kuster. No.
10508 *The Clerk. Kuster votes no.
10509 Kelly?
10510 *Ms. Kelly. No.
10511 *The Clerk. Kelly votes no.
10512 Barragan?
10513 *Ms. Barragan. No.
10514 *The Clerk. Barragan votes no.
10515 Blunt Rochester?
10516 [No response.]
10517 *The Clerk. Soto?
10518 *Mr. Soto. No.
10519 *The Clerk. Soto votes no.
10520 Craig?
10521 *Ms. Craig. No.
10522 *The Clerk. Craig votes no.
10523 Schrier?

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10524 *Ms. Schrier. No.

10525 *The Clerk. Schrier votes no.

10526 Trahan?

10527 *Mrs. Trahan. No.

10528 *The Clerk. Trahan votes no.

10529 Fletcher?

10530 *Mrs. Fletcher. No.

10531 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes no.

10532 Chair Rodgers?

10533 *The Chair. Aye.

10534 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

10535 Burgess?

10536 *Mr. Burgess. Aye.

10537 *The Clerk. Burgess votes aye.

10538 Dunn?

10539 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

10540 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.

10541 *The Chair. Madam Clerk, how is Mr. Walberg recorded?

10542 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg is not recorded.

10543 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

10544 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg votes aye.

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10545 *The Chair. Mr. Weber?

10546 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber is not recorded.

10547 *Mr. Weber. Aye.

10548 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.

10549 *The Chair. Ms. Eshoo?

10550 *The Clerk. Ms. Eshoo is not recorded.

10551 *Ms. Eshoo. No.

10552 *The Clerk. Ms. Eshoo votes no.

10553 *The Chair. Ms. Matsui?

10554 *The Clerk. Matsui is not recorded.

10555 *Ms. Matsui. Matsui votes no.

10556 *The Clerk. Matsui votes no.

10557 [Pause.]

10558 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

10559 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers, on that vote there were 26

10560 ayes and 21 noes.

10561 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

10562 Without objection, staff is authorized to make technical

10563 and conforming changes to the legislation approved by the

10564 committee today.

10565 So ordered.

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10566 Without objection, the committee stands adjourned.

10567 [Whereupon, at 4:15 p.m., the committee was adjourned.]