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2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**  
4 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR CLOTHES**  
5 **WASHERS.**

6 (a) **TECHNOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE AND ECONOMI-**  
7 **CALLY JUSTIFIED.**—Notwithstanding subsections (m),

1 (n), and (o) of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Con-  
2 servation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy  
3 may not—

4 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-  
5 servation standard for a covered product that is a  
6 clothes washer under such section unless the Sec-  
7 retary of Energy determines that the prescription  
8 and imposition of such energy conservation standard  
9 is technologically feasible and economically justified;  
10 or

11 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard  
12 prescribed under such section for a covered product  
13 that is a clothes washer if the Secretary of Energy  
14 determines that enforcement of or compliance with  
15 such energy conservation standard is not techno-  
16 logically feasible or economically justified.

17 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-  
18 SUMERS.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)  
19 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act  
20 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

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24 retary of Energy determines that the prescription  
25 and imposition of such energy conservation standard

1 is not likely to result in additional net costs to the  
2 consumer, including any increase in net costs associ-  
3 ated with the purchase, installation, maintenance,  
4 disposal, and replacement of the covered product; or

5 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard  
6 prescribed under such section for a covered product  
7 that is a clothes washer if the Secretary of Energy  
8 determines that enforcement of or compliance with  
9 such energy conservation standard is likely to result  
10 in additional net costs to the consumer, including  
11 any increase in net costs associated with the pur-  
12 chase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-  
13 placement of the covered product.

14 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-  
15 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of  
16 section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act  
17 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

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19 servation standard for a covered product that is a  
20 clothes washer under such section if the Secretary of  
21 Energy determines that the prescription and imposi-  
22 tion of such energy conservation standard will not  
23 result in significant conservation of energy; or

24 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard  
25 prescribed under such section for a covered product

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2           determines that enforcement of or compliance with  
3           such energy conservation standard will not result in  
4           significant conservation of energy.

5           (d) COVERED PRODUCT; ENERGY CONSERVATION  
6 STANDARD.—In this section, the terms “covered product”  
7 and “energy conservation standard” have the meanings  
8 given such terms in section 321 of the Energy Policy and  
9 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291).