

safety. It is a compromise bill in the best sense.

Some Members on the other side wanted bigger changes to the 2008 act and some Members on our side do not believe every provision in the bill is needed. But thanks to the hard work of my colleagues, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. BARTON and Mr. DINGELL, and the leadership of Chairman UPTON, we have arrived at a bill that I can support and urge my colleagues to join in supporting as well.

I think we have struck the right balance. We have fixed valid problems and keep in place valuable health and safety protections for children. That has been my primary goal throughout this process.

It was a long road to get to this place and after many hours and many months of tough negotiating, what we have here is a compromise that epitomizes bipartisanship. Neither side got everything it wanted, but both sides gave up enough that we were able to come up with something that was sensible and reasonable and that we can move quickly through this body. I hope the Senate sees it that way and can move quickly on this bill.

We all share the belief that American businesses should be able to grow and flourish. I also think we all share the belief that consumers, especially children, deserve safe products.

Again, I commend Chairwoman BONO MACK and Chairman UPTON for their willingness to hear us out and to work with us. I thank Mr. BUTTERFIELD for fighting for a balanced approach that keeps large and small businesses competitive and continues to keep our children safe from potentially dangerous products.

I also want to thank the other members of the Energy and Commerce Committee that have been active and helped us to get to today, including Mr. DINGELL, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. DEGETTE, and Ms. ESHOO.

Mrs. BONO MACK. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, it doesn't appear that I have any other speakers on this side. I think their attention might be directed in another direction today; so I am prepared to close.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all of the individuals, all of the Members, all of the staff who have played a part in crafting this compromise. It's a good bipartisan compromise that we can all live with. I look forward to the President signing it into law after the Senate passes it, hopefully very soon, and hopefully our small businesses will be able to continue to be profitable.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, I also just want to echo the sentiments of both my colleagues who just spoke about the importance of this bill and thank them for their cooperation and the hard work that they put into this over the weekend. Again, I would like

to thank the staffs of both the minority and the majority side.

I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise as an original co-sponsor and in strong support of H.R. 2715, a bill that will fix many of the unintended consequences of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008. I, along with my colleagues, Messrs. RUSH, BARTON, WHITFIELD, and WAXMAN, helped write CPSIA in response to the massive influx of dangerous and tainted Chinese imports during what some have termed "the summer of recalls" in 2007. The House's bill was negotiated in a bipartisan manner. It was reported favorably by the Committee on Energy and Commerce through a unanimous vote and then passed by the full House, 407-1. Then our dear friends in the Senate got hold of the bill, and we have been trying to fix the mess ever since.

Although this process has taken over two-and-a-half years, I am pleased that H.R. 2715 will solve in great measure the problems CPSIA has caused. This bill will ensure that CPSIA's lead limits are prospective. It will put in place a waiver process to exempt from CPSIA's lead limits products that do not pose a danger to children's health and safety. H.R. 2715 will make the common-sense clarification that CPSIA's lead limits do not apply to bicycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and books. Finally, the bill will allow the Commission discretion to prescribe alternative third-party testing requirements with a view toward helping smaller businesses with more finite resources comply with the law. It bears mentioning that all of these changes will not undo the strict protections built into CPSIA to keep kids safe from dangerous products.

H.R. 2715's significant improvements to CPSIA come as a result of bipartisan negotiation and cooperation. Despite the turmoil and rancor in Congress over the past few months, this bill shows that the House of Representatives can still legislate and do so in a manner befitting our Founding Fathers' vision of representative government. I would like to thank my friends and colleagues, Messrs. UPTON, WAXMAN, and BUTTERFIELD for their fine work on H.R. 2715. Mrs. BONO MACK, in particular, deserves praise and congratulations for her success on this bill, her first as Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. Although often overlooked, the work of staff on H.R. 2715 demands deserved recognition, especially that of Gib Mullan and Michelle Ash, Republican and Democratic counsels, respectively. Their steadfast determination and hard work have made this bill a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote in support of H.R. 2715 and in so doing help put CPSIA's long and storied legislative saga to rest. We should all support this bill with the knowledge that it—in a manner pleasing to Hippocrates—will do no harm. I pray our colleagues in the other body will adhere to this principle in their expeditious consideration of H.R. 2715.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this bi-partisan legislation that will help protect consumers against dangerous products that may do them harm. This legislation affects a broad spectrum of our economy, from the manufacturers of toys to

the children that play with them. I am truly delighted that Democrats and Republicans were able to come together to support a plan to increase the safety of all children's products manufactured in this country. I am also pleased that this bipartisan agreement addresses some of the unintended consequences of the original legislation without sacrificing the safety requirements that I believe are necessary to protect our children.

Our committee has had several months of consultation with industry officials to alleviate the burden placed on them by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act's (CPSIA) new standards and regulations. These common sense reforms such as allowing flexibility for the CPSC to exempt specific products and exclude certain used children's products were supported by many of the stakeholders that will be affected by the legislation we are considering today.

I again want to commend Chairman BONO MACK and Ranking Member BUTTERFIELD for coming together and bringing this improved legislation to the floor. I encourage my colleagues to vote yes on this legislation, I also urge my colleagues to continue to work together in the spirit of bi-partisanship to protect the standards of safety that our constituents demand of us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. BONO MACK) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2715.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM) at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 2715, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 398, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1933, by the yeas and nays.

The first two electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

PROVIDING GREATER AUTHORITY AND DISCRETION TO CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2715) to provide the Consumer Product Safety Commission with greater authority and discretion in enforcing the consumer product safety laws, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mrs. BONO MACK) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 421, nays 2, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 683]

YEAS—421

Ackerman	Cassidy	Filner
Adams	Castor (FL)	Fincher
Aderholt	Chabot	Fitzpatrick
Akin	Chaffetz	Flake
Alexander	Chandler	Fleischmann
Altmire	Chu	Fleming
Amash	Cicilline	Flores
Andrews	Clarke (MI)	Forbes
Austria	Clarke (NY)	Fortenberry
Bachus	Clay	Fox
Baldwin	Cleaver	Frank (MA)
Barletta	Clyburn	Franks (AZ)
Barrow	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Bartlett	Coffman (CO)	Fudge
Barton (TX)	Cohen	Galleghy
Bass (CA)	Cole	Garamendi
Bass (NH)	Conaway	Gardner
Becerra	Connolly (VA)	Garrett
Benish	Conyers	Gerlach
Berg	Cooper	Gibbs
Berkley	Costa	Gibson
Berman	Costello	Gingrey (GA)
Bigert	Courtney	Gonzalez
Bilbray	Cravaack	Goodlatte
Bilirakis	Crawford	Gosar
Bishop (GA)	Crenshaw	Gowdy
Bishop (NY)	Critz	Granger
Bishop (UT)	Crowley	Graves (GA)
Black	Cuellar	Graves (MO)
Blackburn	Culberson	Green, Al
Blumenauer	Cummings	Griffin (AR)
Bonner	Davis (CA)	Griffith (VA)
Bono Mack	Davis (IL)	Grijalva
Boren	Davis (KY)	Grimm
Boswell	DeFazio	Guinta
Boustany	DeGette	Guthrie
Brady (PA)	DeLauro	Gutierrez
Brady (TX)	Denham	Hahn
Braley (IA)	Dent	Hall
Brooks	DesJarlais	Hanabusa
Broun (GA)	Deutch	Hanna
Brown (FL)	Diaz-Balart	Harper
Buchanan	Dicks	Harris
Bucshon	Dingell	Hartzler
Buerkle	Doggett	Hastings (FL)
Burgess	Dold	Hastings (WA)
Burton (IN)	Donnelly (IN)	Hayworth
Butterfield	Doyle	Heck
Calvert	Dreier	Heinrich
Camp	Duffy	Hensarling
Campbell	Duncan (SC)	Herger
Canseco	Duncan (TN)	Herrera Beutler
Cantor	Edwards	Higgins
Capito	Ellison	Himes
Capps	Ellmers	Hinojosa
Capuano	Emerson	Hirono
Cardoza	Engel	Hochul
Carnahan	Eshoo	Holden
Carney	Farenthold	Holt
Carson (IN)	Farr	Honda
Carter	Fattah	Hoyer

Huelskamp	Meeks	Sanchez, Loretta
Huizenga (MI)	Mica	Sarbanes
Hultgren	Michaud	Scalise
Hunter	Miller (FL)	Schakowsky
Hurt	Miller (MI)	Schiff
Inslee	Miller (NC)	Schilling
Israel	Miller, Gary	Schmidt
Issa	Miller, George	Schock
Jackson (IL)	Moran	Schrader
Jackson Lee	Mulvaney	Schwartz
(TX)	Murphy (CT)	Schweikert
Jenkins	Murphy (PA)	Scott (SC)
Johnson (GA)	Myrick	Scott (VA)
Johnson (IL)	Nadler	Scott, Austin
Johnson (OH)	Napolitano	Scott, David
Johnson, E. B.	Neal	Sensenbrenner
Johnson, Sam	Neugebauer	Serrano
Jones	Noem	Sessions
Jordan	Nugent	Sewell
Kaptur	Nunes	Sherman
Keating	Nunnelee	Shimkus
Kelly	Olson	Shuler
Kildee	Owens	Shuster
Kind	Palazzo	Simpson
King (IA)	Pallone	Sires
King (NY)	Pascarell	Slaughter
Kingston	Pastor (AZ)	Smith (NE)
Kinzinger (IL)	Paul	Smith (NJ)
Kissell	Paulsen	Smith (TX)
Kline	Payne	Smith (WA)
Labrador	Pearce	Southerland
Lamborn	Pelosi	Speier
Lance	Pence	Stark
Langevin	Perlmutter	Stearns
Lankford	Peters	Stivers
Larsen (WA)	Peterson	Stutzman
Larson (CT)	Petri	Sullivan
Latham	Pingree (ME)	Sutton
LaTourette	Pitts	Terry
Latta	Platts	Thompson (CA)
Lee (CA)	Poe (TX)	Thompson (MS)
Levin	Polis	Thompson (PA)
Lewis (CA)	Pompeo	Thornberry
Lewis (GA)	Posey	Tiberi
Lipinski	Price (GA)	Tierney
LoBiondo	Price (NC)	Tipton
Loeb	Quayle	Tonko
Lofgren, Zoe	Quigley	Towns
Long	Rahall	Tsongas
Lowe	Rangel	Turner
Lucas	Reed	Upton
Luetkemeyer	Rehberg	Van Hollen
Lujan	Reichert	Velázquez
Lummis	Renacci	Visclosky
Lungren, Daniel	Reyes	Walberg
E.	Ribble	Walden
Lynch	Richardson	Walsh (IL)
Mack	Richmond	Walsh (MN)
Maloney	Rigell	Wasserman
Manzullo	Rivera	Schultz
Marchant	Roby	Waters
Marino	Roe (TN)	Watt
Markey	Rogers (AL)	Waxman
Matheson	Rogers (KY)	Webster
Matsui	Rogers (MI)	Welch
McCarthy (CA)	Rohrabacher	West
McCarthy (NY)	Rokita	Westmoreland
McCaul	Rooney	Whitfield
McClintock	Ros-Lehtinen	Wilson (FL)
McCollum	Roskam	Wilson (SC)
McCotter	Ross (AR)	Wittman
McDermott	Ross (FL)	Wolf
McGovern	Rothman (NJ)	Womack
McHenry	Roybal-Allard	Woodall
McIntyre	Royce	Woolsey
McKeon	Runyan	Wu
McKinley	Ruppersberger	Yarmuth
McMorris	Ryan (OH)	Yoder
Rodgers	Ryan (WI)	Young (AK)
McNerney	Sanchez, Linda	Young (FL)
Meehan	T.	Young (IN)

NAYS—2

Kucinich

NOT VOTING—9

Baca	Gohmert	Landry
Bachmann	Green, Gene	Moore
Giffords	Hinchey	Oliver

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUSPENDING IMMIGRATION STATUS PETITION AND INTERVIEW TIME REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 398) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to toll, during active-duty service abroad in the Armed Forces, the periods of time to file a petition and appear for an interview to remove the conditional basis for permanent resident status, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 426, nays 0, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 684]

YEAS—426

Ackerman	Cardoza	Duncan (TN)
Adams	Carnahan	Edwards
Aderholt	Carney	Ellison
Akin	Carson (IN)	Ellmers
Alexander	Carter	Emerson
Altmire	Cassidy	Engel
Amash	Castor (FL)	Eshoo
Andrews	Chabot	Farenthold
Austria	Chaffetz	Farr
Bachus	Chandler	Fattah
Baldwin	Chu	Filner
Barletta	Cicilline	Fincher
Barrow	Clarke (MI)	Fitzpatrick
Bartlett	Clarke (NY)	Flake
Barton (TX)	Clay	Fleischmann
Bass (CA)	Cleaver	Fleming
Bass (NH)	Clyburn	Flores
Becerra	Coble	Forbes
Benish	Coffman (CO)	Fortenberry
Berg	Cohen	Fox
Berkley	Cole	Frank (MA)
Berman	Conaway	Franks (AZ)
Bigert	Connolly (VA)	Frelinghuysen
Bilbray	Conyers	Fudge
Bilirakis	Cooper	Galleghy
Bishop (GA)	Costa	Garamendi
Bishop (NY)	Costello	Gardner
Bishop (UT)	Courtney	Garrett
Black	Cravaack	Gerlach
Blackburn	Crawford	Gibbs
Blumenauer	Crenshaw	Gibson
Bonner	Critz	Gingrey (GA)
Bono Mack	Crowley	Gohmert
Boren	Cuellar	Gonzalez
Boswell	Culberson	Goodlatte
Boustany	Cummings	Gosar
Brady (PA)	Davis (CA)	Gowdy
Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)	Granger
Braley (IA)	Davis (KY)	Graves (GA)
Brooks	DeFazio	Graves (MO)
Broun (GA)	DeGette	Green, Al
Brown (FL)	DeLauro	Griffin (AR)
Buchanan	Denham	Griffith (VA)
Bucshon	Dent	Grijalva
Buerkle	DesJarlais	Grimm
Burgess	Deutch	Guinta
Burton (IN)	Diaz-Balart	Guthrie
Butterfield	Dicks	Gutierrez
Calvert	Dingell	Hahn
Camp	Doggett	Hall
Campbell	Dold	Hanabusa
Canseco	Donnelly (IN)	Hanna
Cantor	Doyle	Harper
Capito	Dreier	Harris
Capps	Duffy	Hartzler
Capuano	Duncan (SC)	Hastings (FL)