

# Union Calendar No. 420

105<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2873

[Report No. 105-732]

To amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 1997

Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOB SCHAFER of Colorado, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. BOEHNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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Additional sponsors: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. KNOLLENBERG

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. STANDARDS.**

2       Section ~~6(b)(2)~~ of the Occupational Safety and  
 3 Health Act of 1970 (~~29 U.S.C 655(b)(2)~~) is amended by  
 4 inserting after the first sentence the following: “The notice  
 5 in the Federal Register shall include identification of the  
 6 specific industry or industries to which the standard, to  
 7 be promulgated under the rule, will apply. In promulgat-  
 8 ing a standard, the Secretary shall ensure that the stand-  
 9 ard, as applicable to each such industry, is based upon  
 10 an assessment of the risks to workers in such industry  
 11 from the hazard which is the subject of the standard, the  
 12 range of estimates and the best estimate of the quantifi-  
 13 able and nonquantifiable benefits of the standard in each  
 14 such industry, and an analysis of the costs likely to occur  
 15 in each such industry as a result of compliance with the  
 16 standard.”.

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 26 *of the risks to workers in such industry from the hazard*

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2 *and the best estimate of the quantifiable and nonquantifi-*  
3 *able benefits of the standard in each such industry, and an*  
4 *analysis of the costs likely to occur in each such industry*  
5 *as a result of compliance with the standard. To the extent*  
6 *that information is not available on the specific risks to*  
7 *workers in any such industry, the Secretary may determine*  
8 *risks and benefits on information from similar industries,*  
9 *operations, or processes.”.*

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