

but equal and enhanced safety measures.

Mr. Speaker, let me finally point out that the existing command and control structure did not help the residents of Durham Woods. It is under the old system of command and control that that explosion took place. We need to invest greater resources in areas that present the greatest risk.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, frankly, I was quite surprised to hear this legislation attacked by my good friend from New Jersey when indeed both New Jersey Senators not only support this legislation, but Senator LAUTENBERG, who has dedicated his life to transportation safety, has been a vigorous supporter of this legislation and, indeed, has put an extensive statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in support of this legislation.

Further, I am surprised to hear attacks on risk assessment, because the risk assessment in this legislation starts with the position the administration has taken on risk assessment and in fact toughens it up.

We all know, nobody disputes, that pipeline is the safest form of transportation we have. Indeed, I think at bottom, what this really boils down to, this debate, is a debate between the old command and control, "Washington knows best" point of view and the point of view which says let's modernize, let's look to the future instead of the past, let's put our focus in those areas where we need the most emphasis and not try to micromanage an industry.

So for all of those reasons, I believe that this bipartisan legislation should be vigorously supported, and I would urge its passage.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1505, the Accountable Pipeline Safety Act. This bill is a modified version of H.R. 1323 which was passed out of the Commerce Committee last year. It is a good bill and will protect the public and the environment from hazards posed by natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. And it will do so in a more cost-effective manner.

I have long been concerned with the safe operation of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. Since 1980, there have been at least seven pipeline ruptures in the State of Virginia. The most recent occurred in Fairfax County, VA, when approximately 9,000 gallons of diesel was spilled due to third party damage to a pipeline. Another accident in 1989 forced the city of Fredericksburg to shut down its city water intake when 5,000 gallons of kerosene were spilled.

I believe it is vitally important that our natural gas and oil pipelines are operated in as safe a manner as possible. S. 1505, like H.R. 1323, takes a new and better approach to pipeline safety. In the past, the Congress approached pipeline safety by requiring the Department of Transportation to implement Federal minimum standards which all pipelines are required to meet. Both industry and DOT agree that this is not an efficient use of resources.

The risk assessment and risk management approach taken in S. 1505 will result in improved safety at lower costs. The Commerce Committee is committed to the concept of risk assessment and I believe it is appropriate to apply it to pipeline safety regulations. In this case, this modified risk approach will benefit those living or working near pipelines by making them safer, as well as benefit consumers who pay for the cost of the pipeline safety program by lowering user fees.

I commend the subcommittee chairman and the chairmen from the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for their hard work on this bill and I urge my colleagues to support it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHUSTER] that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1505. The question was taken.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 15045, the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 4000; and S. 1505.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for the second vote in this series.

RESTORATION OF CERTAIN POW/MIA AUTHORITIES APPLICABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4000, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPENCE] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4000, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 0, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 449]

YEAS—404

Abercrombie	Dingell	Kelly
Ackerman	Dixon	Kennedy (RI)
Allard	Doggett	Kennelly
Andrews	Dooley	Kildee
Archer	Doolittle	Kim
Armey	Dornan	Kingston
Bachus	Doyle	Kleccka
Baesler	Dreier	Klink
Baker (CA)	Duncan	Klug
Baker (LA)	Dunn	Knollenberg
Baldacci	Edwards	Kolbe
Ballenger	Ehlers	LaFalce
Barcia	Ehrlich	LaHood
Barr	Engel	Lantos
Barrett (NE)	English	Largent
Bartlett	Eshoo	Latham
Barton	Evans	LaTourette
Bass	Everett	Laughlin
Bateman	Ewing	Lazio
Becerra	Farr	Leach
Beilenson	Fattah	Levin
Bentsen	Fawell	Lewis (CA)
Bereuter	Fazio	Lewis (KY)
Berman	Fields (LA)	Lightfoot
Bevill	Fields (TX)	Lincoln
Bilbray	Flake	Linder
Billakis	Flanagan	Lipinski
Bishop	Foglietta	Livingston
Bliley	Foley	LoBiondo
Blumenauer	Ford	Lofgren
Blute	Fox	Longley
Boehlert	Frank (MA)	Lowey
Boehner	Franks (CT)	Lucas
Bonilla	Franks (NJ)	Luther
Bonior	Frelinghuysen	Maloney
Bono	Frisa	Manton
Borski	Funderburk	Manzullo
Brewster	Furse	Markey
Browder	Galleghy	Martinez
Brown (CA)	Ganske	Martini
Brown (FL)	Gejdenson	Mascara
Brown (OH)	Gekas	Matsui
Brownback	Gephardt	McCarthy
Bryant (TN)	Geren	McCollum
Bryant (TX)	Gibbons	McCrery
Bunn	Gilchrest	McDade
Bunning	Gillmor	McDermott
Burr	Gilman	McHale
Burton	Gonzalez	McHugh
Buyer	Goodlatte	McInnis
Callahan	Goodling	McIntosh
Calvert	Gordon	McKeon
Camp	Goss	McKinney
Campbell	Graham	McNulty
Canady	Greene (UT)	Meehan
Cardin	Greenwood	Meek
Castle	Gunderson	Menendez
Chabot	Gutierrez	Metcalfe
Chambliss	Gutknecht	Meyers
Chenoweth	Hall (OH)	Mica
Christensen	Hall (TX)	Millender-
Clay	Hamilton	McDonald
Clayton	Hancock	Miller (CA)
Clement	Hansen	Miller (FL)
Clinger	Harman	Minge
Clyburn	Hastert	Mink
Coble	Hastings (FL)	Moakley
Coburn	Hastings (WA)	Molinari
Coleman	Hayworth	Mollohan
Collins (GA)	Hefley	Montgomery
Collins (IL)	Hefner	Moorhead
Combest	Herger	Moran
Condit	Hilleary	Morella
Conyers	Hilliard	Murtha
Cooley	Hinchey	Myers
Costello	Hoke	Myrick
Cox	Holden	Nadler
Coyne	Horn	Neal
Cramer	Hostettler	Nethercutt
Crane	Houghton	Neumann
Crapo	Hoyer	Ney
Creameans	Hunter	Norwood
Cubin	Hutchinson	Nussle
Cummings	Inglis	Oberstar
Cunningham	Istook	Obey
Danner	Jackson (IL)	Oliver
Davis	Jacobs	Ortiz
de la Garza	Jefferson	Orton
Deal	Johnson (CT)	Owens
DeFazio	Johnson (SD)	Oxley
DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.	Packard
DeLay	Johnson, Sam	Pallone
Deutsch	Johnston	Parker
Diaz-Balart	Jones	Pastor
Dickey	Kanjorski	Paxon
Dicks	Kaptur	Payne (NJ)

Payne (VA) Schiff
Pelosi Schroeder
Peterson (MN) Schumer
Petri Scott
Pickett Seastrand
Pombo Sensenbrenner
Pomeroy Serrano
Porter Shadegg
Portman Shaw
Poshard Shays
Pryce Shuster
Quinn Sisisky
Radanovich Skaggs
Rahall Skeen
Ramstad Skelton
Rangel Slaughter
Reed Smith (MI)
Regula Smith (NJ)
Richardson Smith (TX)
Rivers Smith (WA)
Roberts Solomon
Roemer Souder
Rogers Spence
Rohrabacher Spratt
Ros-Lehtinen Stark
Rose Stearns
Roth Stenholm
Roukema Stockman
Roybal-Allard Stokes
Royce Studds
Rush Stump
Sabo Stupak
Salmon Talent
Sanders Tanner
Sanford Tate
Sawyer Tauzin
Saxton Taylor (MS)
Scarborough Taylor (NC)
Schaefer Tejada

Thomas
Thornberry
Thornton
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torres
Towns
Traficant
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmer
Vucanovich
Walker
Smith (MI)
Wamp
Ward
Waters
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Whitfield
Wicker
Williams
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

NOT VOTING—29

Barrett (WI) Fowler
Boucher Frost
Chapman Green (TX)
Chrysler Hayes
Collins (MI) Heineman
Dellums Hobson
Durbin Hoekstra
Ensign Hyde
Filner Jackson-Lee
Forbes (TX)

Kasich
Kennedy (MA)
King
Lewis (GA)
Peterson (FL)
Quillen
Riggs
Thompson
Torrice
White

□ 1727

Mr. YATES changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 449, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" for this important legislation.

ACCOUNTABLE PIPELINE SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 1505.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHUSTER] that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1505, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 276, nays 125, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 450]

YEAS—276

Fields (TX)
Flanagan
Foley
Frank (MA)
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Geren
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Greene (UT)
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Hefner
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Inglis
Istook
Jefferson
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kim
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Lincoln
Linder
Livingston
Lucas
Martini
Mascara
McCarthy
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Mica
Miller (FL)
Minge
Molinari
Mollohan
Montgomery
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nethercutt

NAYS—125

Abercrombie
Ackerman

Andrews
Becerra

Beilenson
Bevill

Blumenauer
Bonior
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clyburn
Collins (IL)
Conyers
Cummings
Davis
DeFazio
DeLauro
Deutsch
Dingell
Engel
Eshoo
Evans
Fattah
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Gilman
Gutierrez
Hastings (FL)
Hilliard
Hinchey
Jackson (IL)
Jacobs
Johnson (CT)
Johnston
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kelly
Kennedy (RI)

NOT VOTING—32

Barrett (WI) Fowler
Berman Fox
Boucher Frost
Chapman Green (TX)
Chrysler Hayes
Collins (MI) Heineman
Dellums Herger
Dixon Hoekstra
Durbin Hyde
Filner Jackson-Lee
Forbes (TX)

□ 1736

Mrs. MORELLA and Mr. SHAYS changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 450 I was called away from the House floor and therefore was not recorded on rollcall No. 450. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3937

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3937.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Vermont?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)