

of seniors who have fallen prey and unfortunately in many cases have lost their life savings to these unfortunate marketing practices.

This bill will send a very strong message. We are acting for the people of the United States of America who really deserve our help, the seniors of America. I thank everyone.

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Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from the great State of Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), who is a member of the Committee on Ways and Means and also is a better golfer than me.

Mr. CARDIN. I am not sure about the last comment, Mr. Speaker, but let me thank my friend, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, for his work on this legislation and all that is involved in bringing forward the sweepstake legislation.

I know in my district I have heard from many of my seniors who have been victimized by believing that they have won a sweepstake, only to send back information, and the only thing that they found out is that it cost them money to buy magazine subscriptions. They have spent thousands of dollars in hopes of winning the sweepstake that they never won.

The Attorney General in my State, Joe Curran, has documented many, many abuses by many, many sweepstake operators. This is true around the Nation.

This is an important bill. I am glad we are able to move it forward. It is going to affect thousands of our constituents in each one of our districts. Hopefully it is going to change the practice of magazine owners or magazine companies in the way that they sell their subscriptions. They have to be more direct with our constituents and let them know that they have not won a sweepstake.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN), a good friend of this bill and a colleague of mine on the Committee on Armed Services.

As I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, there were many who had input into this process, and he is one of the gentlemen who has spoken to me about a very important related issue with respect to billing processes through the mail.

(Mr. HANSEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I think this is an excellent piece of legislation. I commend the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) for the hard work they have done on this.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of people do not realize that at the end of these sweepstakes they enter, what do they do? A lot say they buy something.

I think it is very interesting. I went down to my little town where I live and

where the gentlemen hold court that are all retired and have their coffee every morning. They told me, they said, "I buy this stuff," and they talked about a certain magazine, nine of them sitting around the table. "We all bought this magazine popular in the Second World War. We paid it immediately."

And then what happened? They kept billing them and billing them and billing them, and they sent their canceled check and nothing would happen. This is an outfit out of Florida, and one time after another.

I started checking into it. I said, well, I think you folks do not understand it. I put one in, paid mine, and immediately they billed me. I paid it, and I got billed five times in a row. I finally had to call them up to get them off of it. I tried that a number of other places. I tried it with one on home repairs, and they billed me and billed me, and finally turned it over to a collection agency.

Then I looked at my father-in-law who is 89 years old. I pay all his bills for him. He paid one bill 10 times because he did not realize he had been billed all these times. I commend the gentleman for what he is doing. I would point out, I think there is a predator billing problem going on in America right now. It has a lot to do with these magazines and all this other paraphernalia they sell through the mail.

There is no way on Earth these people get a response. They send a letter, a copy of their canceled check, and nobody ever responds. There ought to be a way, Mr. Speaker, and maybe it is to the point that this organization called the U.S. House and Senate should do something about it, to take care of the people who are getting bilked by these people.

I thank the gentleman, and I support this legislation. I wanted to add that one further note.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I would like to say that the first amendment that I passed on the floor of this House had to do with going after telemarketing fraud. This sweepstakes issue is just another, I think, head of the same animal.

It is of note that just last week the United States Postal Service, along with key government and civic leaders, had a press conference to announce a nationwide effort to go after telemarketing fraud in a very serious way, and I just want to say that I think the House this evening collaborates in that effort by the passage of this very important piece of legislation.

I thank my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), someone who I have had the pleasure to work with for a few years on this committee, and we have gotten a lot done.

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As we have heard today, this is a good bill. It needs to be acted on now, so let us do that.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 335, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended, and the Senate bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 335, as amended, the legislation just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, 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: House Concurrent Resolution 223, by the yeas and nays; and the conference report on H.R. 1554, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING FREEDOM DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 223.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 223, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 417, nays 0, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 580]

YEAS—417

Abercrombie Deutsch Jones (NC)
 Ackerman Diaz-Balart Jones (OH)
 Aderholt Dickey Karjorski
 Allen Dicks Kaptur
 Andrews Dingell Kasich
 Archer Dixon Kelly
 Armey Doggett Kennedy
 Bachus Dooley Kildee
 Baird Doolittle Kilpatrick
 Baker Doyle Kind (WI)
 Baldacci Dreier King (NY)
 Baldwin Duncan Kingston
 Ballenger Dunn Kleczka
 Barcia Ehlers Klink
 Barr Ehrlich Knollenberg
 Barrett (NE) Emerson Kolbe
 Barrett (WI) Engel Kucinich
 Bartlett English Kuykendall
 Barton Eshoo LaFalce
 Bass Etheridge LaHood
 Bateman Evans Lampson
 Becerra Everett Lantos
 Bentsen Ewing Largent
 Bereuter Farr Larson
 Berkley Fattah Latham
 Berman Filner LaTourette
 Berry Fletcher Lazio
 Biggert Foley Leach
 Bilbray Forbes Lee
 Bilarakis Ford Levin
 Bishop Fossella Lewis (CA)
 Blagojevich Fowler Lewis (GA)
 Bliley Frank (MA) Lewis (KY)
 Blumenauer Franks (NJ)
 Blunt Frelinghuysen Lipinski
 Boehlert Frost LoBiondo
 Boehner Gallegly Lofgren
 Bonilla Ganske Lowey
 Bonior Gejdenson Lucas (KY)
 Bono Gekas Lucas (OK)
 Borski Gibbons Luther
 Boswell Gilchrest Maloney (CT)
 Boucher Gillmor Maloney (NY)
 Boyd Gilman Manzullo
 Brady (PA) Gonzalez Markey
 Brady (TX) Goode Mascara
 Brown (FL) Goodlatte McCarthy (MO)
 Brown (OH) Goodling McCarthy (NY)
 Bryant Gordon McCollum
 Burr Goss McCrery
 Burton Graham McGovern
 Buyer Granger McHugh
 Callahan Green (TX) McInnis
 Calvert Green (WI) McIntosh
 Camp Greenwood McIntyre
 Campbell Gutierrez McKeon
 Canady Gutknecht McKinney
 Cannon Hall (OH) McNulty
 Capps Hall (TX) Meehan
 Capuano Hansen Meek (FL)
 Cardin Hastings (WA) Meeks (NY)
 Carson Hayes Menendez
 Castle Hayworth Metcalf
 Chabot Herley Mica
 Chambliss Herger Millender-
 Clay Hill (IN) McDonald
 Clayton Hill (MT) Miller (FL)
 Clement Hilleary Miller, Gary
 Clyburn Hilliard Miller, George
 Coble Hinckey Minge
 Coburn Hinojosa Mink
 Collins Hobson Moakley
 Combest Hoeffel Mollohan
 Condit Hoekstra Moore
 Conyers Holden Moran (KS)
 Cook Holt Moran (VA)
 Cooksey Hooley Morella
 Costello Horn Murtha
 Cox Hostettler Myrick
 Coyne Houghton Nadler
 Cramer Hulshof Napolitano
 Crane Hunter Neal
 Crowley Hutchinson Nethercutt
 Cubin Hyde Ney
 Cummings Inslee Northup
 Cunningham Isakson Norwood
 Danner Istook Nussle
 Davis (FL) Jackson (IL) Oberstar
 Davis (IL) Jackson-Lee Obey
 Davis (VA) (TX) Oliver
 DeFazio Jefferson Ortiz
 DeGette Jenkins Ose
 Delahunt John Owens
 DeLauro Johnson (CT) Oxley
 DeLay Johnson, E. B. Packard
 DeMint Johnson, Sam Pallone

Pastor Paul Sanders Taylor (NC)
 Payne Pelosi Sawyer Terry
 Peterson (MN) Peterson (PA) Schaffer Thomas
 Peterson (PA) Schakowsky Thompson (CA)
 Petri Phelps Sennsbrenner Thompson (MS)
 Pickering Pickett Serrano Thune
 Price (NC) Pitts Sessions Tierney
 Pryce (OH) Pombo Shadegg Toomey
 Quinn Radanovich Siscoy Visclosky
 Reynolds Rahall Skeen Vitter
 Riley Ramstad Skelton Walden
 Rivers Larson Slaughter Walsh
 Rodriguez LaHood Regula Smith (MI)
 Roemer LaTourette Stabenow Smith (NJ)
 Rogan Lazio Stark Waters Vento
 Rogers Leach Sweeney Wise
 Rohrabacher Stenholm Weller
 Ros-Lehtinen Strickland Weygand
 Rothman Stump Whitfield
 Rukema Stupak Wicker
 Salmon Tauscher Wynn
 Sanchez Taylor (MS) Taylor (AK)

agree to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 1554, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 8, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 581]

YEAS—411

Abercrombie	Davis (FL)	Hostettler
Ackerman	Davis (IL)	Houghton
Aderholt	Davis (VA)	Hoyer
Allen	DeFazio	Hulshof
Andrews	DeGette	Hunter
Archer	Delahunt	Hutchinson
Armey	DeLauro	Hyde
Bachus	DeLay	Inslee
Barcia	DeMint	Isakson
Barr	Deutsch	Istook
Barrett (NE)	Diaz-Balart	Jackson (IL)
Barrett (WI)	Dickey	Jackson-Lee
Bartlett	Dicks (TX)	Jefferson
Barton	Dingell	Jenkins
Bass	Dixon	John
Bateman	Eshoo	Johnson (CT)
Becerra	Fattah	Johnson, E. B.
Bentsen	Ford	Johnson, Sam
Bereuter	Ganske	Jones (NC)
Berkley	Goodlatte	Jones (OH)
Berman	Goodling	Kanjorski
Berry	Goode	Kind (WI)
Biggert	Granger	King (NY)
Bilbray	Hill (IN)	Lantos
Bilarakis	Hill (MT)	Largent
Bishop	Hilleary	Larson
Blagojevich	Hilliard	Latham
Bliley	Hoeffel	LaBiondo
Blumenauer	Hof	Lofgren
Blunt	Hollings (SC)	Lowey
Boehlert	Hoyer	Lucas (KY)
Boehner	Howell	Luther
Bonilla	Hyde	Maloney (CT)
Bonior	Inslee	Maloney (NY)
Bono	Istoek	McCarthy (NY)
Borski	Jordan	McCormick
Boswell	Kwast	McCollum
Boucher	Lantos	McCrory
Boyd	Leahy	McKinney
Brady (PA)	Lofgren	McNulty
Brady (TX)	Long	Meehan
Brown (FL)	McCloskey	Meek (FL)
Brown (OH)	McCormick	Meeks (NY)
Bryant	McCotter	Menendez
Burr	McCotter	Miller, Gary
Burton	McCotter	Miller, George
Buyer	McCotter	Miller, John
Callahan	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Calvert	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Camp	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Campbell	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Canady	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Cannon	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Capps	McCotter	Miller, Tom
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Cardin	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Carson	McCotter	Miller, Tom
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Conyers	McCotter	Miller, Tom
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Cox	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Coyne	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Cramer	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Crane	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Crowley	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Cubin	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Cummings	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Cunningham	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Danner	McCotter	Miller, Tom
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DeFazio	McCotter	Miller, Tom
DeGette	McCotter	Miller, Tom
Delahunt	McCotter	Miller, Tom
DeLauro	McCotter	Miller, Tom
DeLay	McCotter	Miller, Tom
DeMint	McCotter	Miller, Tom

NOT VOTING—16

Chenoweth-Hage	Martinez	Smith (TX)
Deal	Matsui	Spratt
Edwards	McDermott	Wexler
Gephardt	Pascarella	Young (FL)
Hoyer	Hastings (FL)	Scarborough

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1554, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COMMUNICATIONS OMNIBUS REFORM ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 1554.

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. ARMEY) that the House suspend the rules and

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Bateman	Eshoo	Johnson (CT)
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Bereuter	Ganske	Jones (NC)
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