

stamp process into a new age of technology by requiring systems that provide for the electronic issuance, use, and redemption of coupons in the form of electronic benefit transfer cards to be interoperable, and food stamp benefits to be made portable, among all States not later than October 1, 2002.

I appreciate that this bill works in conjunction with the Secretary of Agriculture. The measure appropriately directs the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate regulations that adopt a national standard based upon a standard used by the majority of States and require any electronic benefit transfer contract (as defined by this Act) entered into 30 days or more after promulgation of such regulations be in accordance with the national standard.

The bill also includes language to rectify potential technological difficulties. This piece of legislation authorizes the Secretary to provide a requesting State with a temporary deadline waiver based upon unusual technological barriers.

It is also vitally important that we provide for an interim system until the electronic standard is completed. This bill directs the Secretary to allow a State using a smart card food stamp delivery system to continue such system until a technological method is available for electronic benefit transfer card interoperability. Sets forth the conditions for full Federal payment of State switching costs, including annual fiscal year caps.

In an effort to provide a thorough analysis of this undertaking, this measure directs the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study of alternatives for handling food stamp benefit electronic transactions, including use of a single switching hub.

I am aware that this measure passed the Senate, and I appreciate the bipartisan effort to enact this bill. I support this fine piece of legislation.

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1733, the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Interoperability and Portability Act. I'd like to thank Chairman LARRY COMBEST and Chairman BOB GOODLATTE for bringing this bill to the floor today and for their strong leadership on this important issue.

Interoperability of food stamp EBT systems makes sense both for recipients and retailers. As USDA moves from paper food coupons to EBT cards, interoperability ensures that recipients will retain the same portability as before. Recipients will be able to access stores nearest to their homes and retailers will be able to serve their customers regardless of state boundaries. In areas of the country near state lines, such as in my Congressional District in Southern Missouri, incompatible EBT systems have been a significant problem for both groups. I am very pleased that the bill before us today will resolve this problem and bring the best technology to the food stamp program.

The government and the taxpayer, too, are well served by S. 1733, because it establishes a new mechanism for tracking and policing fraud and abuse in the food stamp program. In my home state of Missouri, the Department of Social Services estimates that an interoperable EBT system would save the federal government as much as \$1 million annually in reduced fraud in Missouri alone.

One aspect of S. 1733 that I would like to highlight is that it provides 100% federal funding of the costs associated with switching and

settling interstate transactions. These costs will not be imposed on other entities, such as retail food stores, states, and food stamp households. This is entirely appropriate because these costs are directly related to administering the program on a nationwide basis, not within a particular state.

Again, I would like to reiterate to my colleagues that this is a very sensible piece of legislation that deserves the support of this House. I urge a strong "Yes" vote.

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. COMBEST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1733.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 1733.

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

There was no objection.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS) at 6 p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, 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 244, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2130, concurring in Senate amendment, 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.

#### PERMITTING USE OF CAPITOL ROTUNDA FOR CEREMONY COMMEMORATING VICTIMS OF HOLOCAUST

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 244.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 244, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 339, nays 0, not voting 95, as follows:

[Roll No. 2]	YEAS—339
Ackerman	Cummings
Aderholt	Cunningham
Allen	Danner
Archer	Davis (FL)
Armey	Davis (VA)
Baca	DeFazio
Bachus	DeLauro
Baird	DeLay
Baker	Deutsch
Baldacci	Dickey
Baldwin	Dicks
Ballenger	Dixon
Barr	Doggett
Barrett (WI)	Doolley
Bartlett	Doolittle
Barton	Doyle
Bentsen	Dreier
Bereuter	Duncan
Berkley	Dunn
Berry	Edwards
Biggert	Ehlers
Bilbray	Emerson
Bilirakis	Engel
Bishop	English
Blagojevich	Eshoo
Billey	Etheridge
Blumenauer	Evans
Blunt	Ewing
Boehlert	Farr
Boehner	Filner
Bonilla	Fletcher
Bonior	Foley
Bono	Forbes
Borski	Ford
Boswell	Fossella
Boyd	Frank (MA)
Brady (PA)	Frelinghuysen
Brady (TX)	Frost
Burr	Gallegly
Buyer	Ganske
Callahan	Gekas
Calvert	Gibbons
Camp	Gilchrest
Canady	Gillmor
Cannon	Gilmor
Capps	Gonzalez
Capuano	Goode
Cardin	Goodlatte
Castle	Gordon
Chabot	Goss
Chenoweth-Hage	Granger
Clay	Green (TX)
Clayton	Green (WI)
Clement	Greenwood
Clyburn	Gutierrez
Coble	Gutknecht
Collins	Hall (OH)
Combest	Hall (TX)
Condit	Hastings (FL)
Conyers	Hastings (WA)
Cook	Hayes
Costello	Hayworth
Coyne	Herger
Cramer	Hill (IN)
Crane	Hill (MT)
Crowley	Hillenary
Cubin	Hilliard

McNulty	Radanovich	Stearns
Meek (FL)	Rahall	Stenholm
Meeks (NY)	Ramstad	Strickland
Menendez	Rangel	Stump
Metcalf	Regula	Stupak
Mica	Reyes	Sununu
Millender-McDonald	Reynolds	Talent
Miller, Gary	Riley	Tancredo
Minge	Roemer	Tanner
Moakley	Rogan	Tauscher
Mollohan	Rogers	Tauzin
Moore	Rohrabacher	Taylor (MS)
Moran (KS)	Ros-Lehtinen	Terry
Moran (VA)	Rothman	Thomas
Morella	Royal-Allard	Thompson (CA)
Murtha	Royce	Thompson (MS)
Nadler	Rush	Thornberry
Napolitano	Ryan (WI)	Thune
Ney	Ryun (KS)	Thurman
Northup	Sabo	Tierney
Norwood	Salmon	Toomey
Nussle	Sandlin	Towns
Oberstar	Sawyer	Traficant
Obey	Saxton	Udall (CO)
Olver	Schakowsky	Udall (NM)
Ortiz	Sensenbrenner	Upton
Ose	Serrano	Velazquez
Oxley	Sessions	Visclosky
Packard	Shaw	Vitter
Pallone	Shays	Walden
Pascarella	Sherman	Walsh
Pastor	Sherwood	Wamp
Paul	Shimkus	Waters
Pease	Shows	Watt (NC)
Pelosi	Simpson	Waxman
Peterson (MN)	Siski	Weiner
Petri	Skeen	Weldon (PA)
Phelps	Skelton	Weller
Pickering	Smith (MI)	Weygand
Pickett	Smith (NJ)	Whitfield
Pitts	Smith (TX)	Wicker
Pomeroy	Smith (WA)	Wise
Porter	Snyder	Wolf
Portman	Souder	Woolsey
Pryce (OH)	Spratt	Wu
Quinn	Stabenow	Wynn
	Stark	

## NOT VOTING—95

Abercrombie	Gephardt	Nethercutt
Andrews	Goodling	Owens
Barcia	Graham	Payne
Barrett (NE)	Hansen	Peterson (PA)
Bass	Hefley	Pombo
Bateman	Hinojosa	Price (NC)
Becerra	Hulshof	Rivers
Berman	Hunter	Rodriguez
Boucher	Isakson	Roukema
Brown (FL)	Istook	Sanchez
Brown (OH)	Jefferson	Sanders
Bryant	Johnson (CT)	Sanford
Burton	Kaptur	Scarborough
Campbell	Kennedy	Schaffer
Carson	Kilpatrick	Scott
Chambliss	Kingston	Shadegg
Coburn	Largent	Shuster
Cooksey	Larson	Slaughter
Cox	Lewis (CA)	Spence
Davis (IL)	Lowey	Sweeney
Deal	Lucas (OK)	Taylor (NC)
DeGette	Markey	Tiahrt
Delahunt	Matsui	Turner
DeMint	McCullum	Vento
Diaz-Balart	McCrary	Watkins
Dingell	McIntosh	Watts (OK)
Ehrlich	Meehan	Weldon (FL)
Everett	Miller (FL)	Wexler
Fattah	Miller, George	Wilson
Fowler	Mink	Young (AK)
Franks (NJ)	Myrick	Young (FL)
Gejdenson	Neal	

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

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.

Stated for:

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 2, I was unavoidably detained. Had

I been present, I would have voted "yea." on rollcall No. 2.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 2, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 2 on January 31, 2000 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 2.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on H. Con. Res. 244, due to travel restrictions, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HILLORY J. FARIAS AND SAMANTHA REID DATE-RAPE PREVENTION DRUG ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 2130.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 2130, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5 minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 339, nays 2, not voting 93, as follows:

[Roll No. 3]

YEAS—339

Ackerman	Canady	Emerson	Maloney (CT)
Aderholt	Capps	Engel	Maloney (NY)
Allen	Capuano	English	Manzullo
Andrews	Cardin	Eshoo	Martinez
Archer	Castle	Etheridge	McCormick (MO)
Armey	Chabot	Evans	McCarthy (NY)
Baca	Clay	Ewing	McCrery
Bachus	Clayton	Farr	McDermott
Baird	Clement	Filner	McGovern
Baker	Clyburn	Fletcher	McHugh
Baldacci	Coble	Foley	McInnis
Baldwin	Collins	Forbes	McIntyre
Ballenger	Combest	Ford	McKeon
Barr	Condit	Fossella	McKinney
Barrett (WI)	Conyers	Frank (MA)	Frelenghuisen
Bartlett	Cook	Frost	Frelinghuisen
Barton	Costello	Galelegy	Chenoweth-Hage
Bentsen	Coyne	Ganske	Paul
Bereuter	Cramer	Gekas	
Berkley	Crane	Gibbons	NOT VOTING—93
Berry	Crowley	Gilcrest	Dingell
Biggert	Cubin	Gillmor	Ehrlich
Blunt	Delahunt	Goss	Barcia
Boehlert	DeLauer	Granger	Everett
Boehner	DeLay	Green (TX)	Lowey
Bonilla	Deutsch	Green (WI)	Lucas (OK)
Bonior	Dickey	Greenwood	Fattah
Bono	Dicks	Gutierrez	Fowler
Borski	Dixon	Gutknecht	Markey
Boswell	Doggett	Hall (OH)	Matsui
Boyd	Dooley	Hall (TX)	McCullum
Brady (PA)	Doolittle	Hastings (FL)	Miller (FL)
Brady (TX)	Doyle	Hastings (WA)	Miller, George
Burr	Dreier	Hayes	Mink
Buyer	Duncan	Hayworth	Myrick
Callahan	Dunn	Herger	Neal
Calvert	Edwards	Hill (IN)	Nethercutt
Camp	Ehlers	Hill (MT)	Owens

Hilleary	Hilliard	Hinchey	McNulty
Hobson	Menendez	Hoeffel	Saxton
Hoekstra	Metcalf	Holden	Schakowsky
Holton	Mica	Holt	Sensenbrenner
Hooley	Shaw	Hooley	Serrano
Horn	Shays	Horn	Sessions
Hostettler	Shay	Hostettler	Sherman
Houghton	Shays	Houghton	Shimkus
Hoyer	Shays	Hoyer	Shows
Hutchinson	Shays	Hutchinson	Simpson
Hyde	Shays	Hyde	Siski
Inslee	Shays	Inslee	Skelton
Jackson (IL)	Shays	Jackson (IL)	Smith (MI)
Jackson-Lee	Shays	Jackson-Lee	Smith (NJ)
(TX)	Shays	(TX)	Smith (TX)
Jenkins	Shays	Jenkins	Smith (WA)
John	Shays	John	Snyder
Johnson, E. B.	Shays	Johnson, E. B.	Souder
Johnson, Sam	Shays	Johnson, Sam	Northup
Jones (NC)	Shays	Jones (NC)	Norwood
Jones (OH)	Shays	Jones (OH)	Nussle
Kanjorski	Shays	Kanjorski	Oberstar
Kasich	Shays	Kasich	Stark
Kelly	Shays	Kelly	Stearns
Kildee	Shays	Kildee	Strickland
Kind (WI)	Shays	Kind (WI)	Stump
King (NY)	Shays	King (NY)	Stupak
Kleczka	Shays	Kleczka	Sununu
Klink	Shays	Klink	Talent
Knollenberg	Shays	Knollenberg	Tancredo
Kolbe	Shays	Kolbe	Tanner
Kucinich	Shays	Kucinich	Tauscher
Kuykendall	Shays	Kuykendall	Taylor (MS)
Lather	Shays	Lather	Terry
LaFalce	Shays	LaFalce	Thomas
LaHood	Shays	LaHood	Thompson (CA)
Lampson	Shays	Lampson	Thompson (MS)
Lantos	Shays	Lantos	Thornberry
Latham	Shays	Latham	Thune
LaTourette	Shays	LaTourette	Thurman
Lazio	Shays	Lazio	Tierney
Leach	Shays	Leach	Toomey
Lee	Shays	Lee	Towns
Levin	Shays	Levin	Traficant
Lewis (GA)	Shays	Lewis (GA)	Udall (CO)
Lewis (KY)	Shays	Lewis (KY)	Udall (NM)
Linder	Shays	Linder	Upton
Lipinski	Shays	Lipinski	Velazquez
LoBiondo	Shays	LoBiondo	Visclosky
Lofgren	Shays	Lofgren	Vitter
Lucas (KY)	Shays	Lucas (KY)	Walden
Luther	Shays	Luther	Walsh
Maloney (CT)	Shays	Maloney (CT)	Wamp
Maloney (NY)	Shays	Maloney (NY)	Waters
Manzullo	Shays	Manzullo	Watt (NC)
Rohrabacher	Shays	Rohrabacher	Waxman
Ros-Lehtinen	Shays	Ros-Lehtinen	Weiner
Rothman	Shays	Rothman	Weldon (PA)
Royal-Allard	Shays	Royal-Allard	Royce
Weygand	Shays	Weygand	Whitfield
Whitfield	Shays	Whitfield	Rush
Ryan (WI)	Shays	Ryan (WI)	Ryan (KS)
Ryan (KS)	Shays	Ryan (KS)	Wise
Sabio	Shays	Sabio	Wolf
Salmon	Shays	Salmon	Woolsey
Sandlin	Shays	Sandlin	Wu
Sawyer	Shays	Sawyer	Wynn
			NAYS—2
			NOT VOTING—93
Abercrombie	Baker	Baker	Dingell
Bartica	Baldacci	Baldacci	Ehrlich
Barrett (NE)	Bartlett	Bartlett	Lewis (CA)
Bass	Bartow	Bartow	Lowey
Bateman	Bast	Bast	Lucas (OK)
Becerra	Bauer	Bauer	Fattah
Berman	Bauer	Bauer	Fowler
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Markey
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Matsui
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	McCullum
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Miller (FL)
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Miller, George
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Payne
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Peterson (PA)
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Pombo
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Price (NC)
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Rivers
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Rodriguez
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Roukema
Berger	Bauer	Bauer	Sanchez