

the bids that they have out there. They have many problems. This bill helps small businesses at no cost to taxpayers. There is no Federal enforcement. It helps truckers cope with the high cost of diesel by ensuring that any fuel charge assessed is paid to the person who actually purchased the fuel.

We need to end this series of bankruptcies among small truckers. We need to be sure that we keep competition in this marketplace. Competition is ultimately what keeps prices down and makes our economy work. I am wholeheartedly in support of this bill.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member rises today to express his opposition to H.R. 4441, the Motor Carrier Fuel Cost Equity Act. This legislation would require any motor carrier, broker or freight forwarder regularly providing truckload transportation service, to assess the payer of transportation a fuel surcharge whenever an increase in the price of fuel surpasses the benchmark difference between the current fuel price and the fuel price norm by five cents.

Most assuredly, this Member is very concerned about truckers, especially small and independent trucking firms, regarding the burden of high costs of fuel. However, H.R. 4441 is very ill-considered legislation because it decreases the pressure on the petroleum industry to keep prices down by placing the burden of higher prices on consumers across America. This tactic is clearly a mistake. Federal regulations requiring companies to forward increased prices to consumers will not decrease fuel prices. This Member is committed to helping the small and independent truckers who are hurting from higher gasoline prices by working to decrease the price of fuel.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DICKEY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4441, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 on H.R. 707 and H.R. 4441.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 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.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

S. 2438, de novo;

H.R. 208, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 762, 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.

PIPELINE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 2438.

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. 2438.

The question was taken.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 232, nays 158, not voting 42, as follows:

[Roll No. 519]

YEAS—232

Aderholt	Davis (VA)	Hayes	Brady (PA)	Hilliard	Pascrell
Armeny	Deal	Hayworth	Brown (OH)	Hinchey	Pastor
Bachus	Delahunt	Heffley	Capps	Allen	Paul
Baker	DeLay	Herger	Cardin	Hinojosa	Payne
Baldacci	DeMint	Hill (MT)	Chenoweth-Hage	Hoeffel	Pease
Ballenger	Diaz-Balart	Hilleary	Clay	Baca	Peterson (MN)
Barcia	Dickey	Hobson	Clayton	Holden	Phelps
Barrett (NE)	Dicks	Hooley	Clyburn	Baird	Rahall
Bartlett	Dooley	Horn	Conyers	Baldwin	Rothman
Barton	Doolittle	Hostettler	Costello	Barrett (WI)	Roukema
Bass	Doyle	Houghton	Crowley	Becerra	Royal-Allard
Bentsen	Dreier	Hulshof	Cummings	Bereuter	Rush
Biggert	Duncan	Hunter	Davis (IL)	Berkley	Sabo
Bilbray	Dunn	Hutchinson	DeFazio	Berman	Sanchez
Bilirakis	Edwards	Hyde	DeGette	Bishop	Sanders
Blunt	Ehlers	Isakson	DeLauro	Blumenauer	Sanford
Boehlert	Ehrlich	Istook	Deutsch	Boucher	Scarborough
Boehner	Emerson	Jackson-Lee	Dingell	Bonior	Scakowsky
Bonilla	English	(TX)	Dixon	Borski	Scott
Boyd	Everett	Jenkins	Doggett	Boswell	Serrano
Brady (TX)	Ewing	John	Engel	Bouchez	Shays
Bryant	Fletcher	Johnson, Sam	Evans	Breyer	Sherman
Burr	Foley	Jones (NC)	Filner	Brennan	Skelton
Burton	Fossella	Kanjorski	Forbes	Biggert	Smith (NJ)
Buyer	Fowler	Kelly	Frank (MA)	Bilirakis	Smith (WA)
Callahan	Frost	King (NY)	Frelinghuysen	Bilirakis	Snyder
Calvert	Gallagly	Kingston	Ganske	Brennan	Stabenow
Camp	Gekas	Kuykendall	Gederson	Boehner	Strickland
Canady	Gibbons	LaHood	Gephardt	Bonilla	Thompson (CA)
Cannon	Gilchrest	Lampson	Gordon	Boehner	Thompson (MS)
Capuano	Gillmor	Latham	Hall (OH)	Brennan	Thurman
Castle	Gilman	LaTourette	Hastings (FL)	Boehner	Tierney
Chabot	Gonzalez	Leach	Hastings (FL)	Brennan	Towns
Chambliss	Goode	Lewis (CA)	Hill (IN)	Boehner	Udall (CO)
Clement	Goodlatte	Lewis (KY)	Archer	Brennan	Udall (NM)
Coble	Goodling	Linder	Danner	Boehner	Velazquez
Coburn	Goss	Lucas (KY)	Barr	Brennan	Visclosky
Collins	Graham	Lucas (OK)	Eshoo	Boehner	Wamp
Combest	Granger	Maloney (CT)	Etheridge	Brennan	Waters
Condit	Green (TX)	Martinez	Blagojevich	Brennan	Watt (NC)
Cooksey	Green (WI)	McCrary	Bliley	Brennan	Waxman
Cox	Greenwood	McHugh	Bono	Brennan	Weiner
Cramer	Gutknecht	McInnis	Campbell	Brennan	Wexler
Cubin	Hall (TX)	McIntyre	Carson	Brennan	Woolsey
Cunningham	Hansen	McKeon	Cook	Brennan	
Davis (FL)	Hastings (WA)	Mica	Crane	Brennan	

Millender	Regula	Stump
McDonald	Reynolds	Sununu
Miller, Gary	Roemer	Sweeney
Minge	Rogan	Tancredo
Moakley	Rogers	Tanner
Mollohan	Rohrabacher	Tauscher
Moran (KS)	Ros-Lehtinen	Tauzin
Moran (VA)	Royce	Taylor (MS)
Murtha	Ryan (WI)	Taylor (NC)
Myrick	Ryun (KS)	Terry
Napolitano	Neal	Thomas
Nethercutt	Salmon	Thornberry
Ney	Sandlin	Thune
Northup	Schafer	Tiahrt
Northup	Sensenbrenner	Toomey
Nussle	Sessions	Traficant
Ortiz	Shadegg	Turner
Ose	Shaw	Upton
Oxley	Shimkus	Vitter
Packard	Shows	Walden
Peterson (PA)	Shuster	Walsh
Petri	Simpson	Watkins
Pickering	Sisisky	Watts (OK)
Pickett	Skeen	Weldon (FL)
Pitts	Slaughter	Weldon (PA)
Pomeroy	Smith (MI)	Weller
Portman	Smith (TX)	Whitfield
Price (NC)	Souder	Wicker
Pryce (OH)	Spence	Wolf
Quinn	Spratt	Wynn
Radanovich	Stearns	Young (AK)
	Stenholm	Young (FL)

NAYS—158

Abercrombie	Hoyer	Hilliard
Ackerman	Ingle	Hinchey
Allen	Hinojosa	Pastor
Andrews	Hoeffel	Paul
Baca	Holden	Payne
Baldacci	Holt	Pease
Baird	Hoyer	Peterson (MN)
Baldwin	Inslie	Phelps
Barrett (WI)	Jackson (IL)	Rahall
Becerra	Johnson (CT)	Rangel
Bereuter	Johnson, E. B.	Rivers
Berkley	Jones (OH)	Rodriguez
Berman	Kaptur	Rothman
Berry	Kennedy	Roukema
Bishop	Kildeee	Royal-Allard
Blumenauer	Kilpatrick	Rush
Bonior	Kind (WI)	Sabo
Borski	Lantos	Sanchez
Boswell	Larson	Sanders
Boucher	Lee	Sanford
Bryad (PA)	Levin	Scarborough
Brown (OH)	Lipinski	Scakowsky
Capps	LoBiondo	Scott
Cardin	LoFgren	Serrano
Chenoweth-Hage	Lofgren	Shays
Clay	Loyce	Sherwood
Clayton	Luther	Skelton
Clyburn	Maloney (NY)	Smith (NJ)
Conyers	Manzullo	Smith (WA)
Costello	Markay	Snyder
Crowley	McCarthy (MO)	Stabenow
Cummings	McCarthy (NY)	Strickland
Davis (IL)	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
DeFazio	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
DeGette	McKinney	Thurman
DeLauro	McNulty	Tierney
Deutsch	Matsui	Towns
Dingell	McCarthy (NY)	Udall (CO)
Dixon	McCarthy (NY)	Udall (NM)
Doggett	McCarthy (NY)	Velazquez
Engel	McCarthy (NY)	Visclosky
Evans	McCarthy (NY)	Wamp
Filner	Meek (FL)	Waters
Forbes	Menendez	Watt (NC)
Frank (MA)	Metcalfe	Waxman
Frelinghuysen	Moore	Weiner
Ganske	Morella	Wexler
Gederson	Nadler	Woolsey
Gephardt	Oberstar	
Gordon	Obe	
Hall (OH)	Olver	
Hastings (FL)	Owens	
Hill (IN)	Pallone	

NOT VOTING—42

Archer	Danner	Kasich
Barr	Eshoo	Klink
Blagojevich	Etheridge	Knollenberg
Bliley	Farr	Kolbe
Bono	Fattah	Largent
Brown (FL)	Ford	Lazio
Campbell	Franks (NJ)	McCollum
Carson	Cutierrez	McIntosh
Carson	Hoekstra	Meeks (NY)
Cook	Jefferson	Miller (FL)
Crane		

