

of H. Res. 1746, recognizing and supporting the efforts of the non-profit organization, Welcome Back Veterans, in supplementing the world-class care that the Departments of Defense and Veterans' Affairs offer to our returning troops. The grassroots efforts of Welcome Back Veterans, Major League Baseball and the Boston Red Sox Foundation are testaments to the strength of the American spirit and patriotism.

We all owe our veterans a debt of gratitude that we cannot repay easily or quickly. As civilians, we will likely never be able to understand the sacrifice our veterans have made to safeguard the freedom we enjoy, the freedom that makes our Nation the greatest in the world. We can, however, honor our servicemembers by following the examples of Welcome Back Veterans by providing the resources they need to be healthy.

Major League Baseball also deserves praise for supporting the Welcome Back program for supporting the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder research being done at Massachusetts General in Boston, Weill Cornell in New York, the University of Michigan and Stanford University in California. These institutions have also moved into previously uncharted space by providing supportive services to the families of patients suffering from PTSD.

Additionally, the League recently honored service men and women on Veteran's Day. I'm fortunate to represent a veteran who made significant contributions to World War II and Major League Baseball, Hall of Fame Cleveland Indians' pitcher Bob Feller. Mr. Feller was the first major leaguer to volunteer for active duty, enlisting in the Navy on Dec. 9, 1941, two days after Pearl Harbor and 36 days after his 23rd birthday. After surviving some of the most violent, and important sea battles of the war, Feller returned to the Indians and finished his career with 266 wins and 2,581 strikeouts. Mr. Feller, without a doubt, was a phenomenal athlete and still is a true patriot. The League's honor of him and the other veterans reminds us not to take for granted the freedom to have a national pastime.

I am proud of all the veterans in my Congressional District, and in America. Many of these men and women shoulder the psychological burden of war long after they return home, and we must not let them do so alone. Thanks to the efforts of the Boston Red Sox Foundation, Major League Baseball, McCormick Foundation, Entertainment Industry Foundation and University Hospitals at Weill Cornell, the University of Michigan and Stanford University through Welcome Back Veterans and executive agencies, we are making sure our service men and women enjoy the quality of life they so bravely defended. Again, I applaud these efforts, and challenge members of Congress to continuously build public-private partnerships that advance the treatment of PTSD.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today in support of H. Res. 1746, "Recognizing and supporting the efforts of Welcome Back Veterans to augment the services provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs in providing timely and world-class care for veterans and members of the Armed Forces suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and related psychiatric disorders."

I would like to begin by thanking my colleague, Representative ISRAEL, for introducing

this resolution to the House, which encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish innovative public-private partnerships for the treatment and research of PTSD in teaching hospitals across the country. I urge my colleagues to also support this resolution, as it honors the fact that those who have fought for our Nation should remain a priority.

It is important that we, as a Nation, continue to recognize that our great country stands strongly today because of the dedication and sacrifice of American veterans. The United States is surely indebted to the veterans of every conflict, who have made great sacrifices for themselves and their families in defense of our national security. Our freedom is intertwined with the sacrifices of our veterans, whose devotion to our way of life is unparalleled. I am privileged to stand before you today and officially honor their sacrifices and the role they play in our Nation.

Every Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who have served our country around the world in the name of freedom and democracy. The debt that we owe to them is immeasurable. Their sacrifices and those of their families are freedom's foundation. Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and Coast Guardsmen and their families, our country would not live so freely.

Deployed soldiers frequently and continually engage in high-intensity combat operations, exposing them to potential triggers for PTSD or other psychiatric conditions. A 2008 report published by the RAND Corporation estimated that one in five Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are affected by PTSD. Those with PTSD are at high risk for developing other psychological disorders, such as depression.

Furthermore, those suffering with PTSD are more likely to engage in self-destructive behaviors, such as alcohol and substance abuse, and are six times more likely than persons without PTSD to commit suicide. PTSD has been associated with unemployment and a work productivity loss, and when left untreated, exacts an enormous toll on individuals, families, and society as a whole.

This resolution not only solidifies the importance of Veterans Day, but also extends the importance of support for veterans and their health and safety throughout the year. In observing Veterans Day, the people of the United States must also encourage the education of our youth on how those dedicated individuals have contributed to the United States' history and today's society. We must continue the tradition of honoring those who have served for the greatest causes, freedom, democracy, and justice; their commitment to the United States at home and abroad should never be forgotten. I am truly proud to rise in support of the recognition of Welcome Back Veterans for their commitment to taking care of our soldiers.

We recognize and honor the veterans of the Armed Forces not only of today, but also of years past, who have sacrificed their lives for our great Nation. This resolution reaffirms our country's utmost respect and pride for our service people who have contributed to the shaping of the United States' history and our current place in the world today. It shows the true patriotic spirit that many Americans possess, and their willingness to give back to those who have given so much to maintain our freedom.

Currently, our Nation has 3 million troops and reservists, and 23 million veterans, who deserve the greatest respect from their fellow citizens. Our Nation has a proud legacy of appreciation and commitment maintaining the wellbeing of the men and women who have uniforms in defense of this country, and we must ensure that this legacy continues in the future.

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

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I too want to thank my colleague Mr. ISRAEL for his leadership on this issue. I urge my colleagues to unanimously support House Resolution 1746, as amended.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1746, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

EXCLUDING SECURITY AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT FROM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5470) to exclude an external power supply for certain security or life safety alarms and surveillance system components from the application of certain energy efficiency standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5470

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR CLASS A EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLIES.

Section 325(u)(3) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(u)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "(D)" and inserting "(E)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(E) NONAPPLICATION OF NO-LOAD MODE ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS TO EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLIES FOR CERTAIN SECURITY OR LIFE SAFETY ALARMS OR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS.—

"(i) DEFINITION OF SECURITY OR LIFE SAFETY ALARM OR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM.—In this subparagraph:

"(I) IN GENERAL.—The term 'security or life safety alarm or surveillance system' means

equipment designed and marketed to perform any of the following functions (on a continuous basis):

“(aa) Monitor, detect, record, or provide notification of intrusion or access to real property or physical assets or notification of threats to life safety.

“(bb) Deter or control access to real property or physical assets, or prevent the unauthorized removal of physical assets.

“(cc) Monitor, detect, record, or provide notification of fire, gas, smoke, flooding, or other physical threats to real property, physical assets, or life safety.

“(II) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘security or life safety alarm or surveillance system’ does not include any product with a principal function other than life safety, security, or surveillance that—

“(aa) is designed and marketed with a built-in alarm or theft-deterrent feature; or

“(bb) does not operate necessarily and continuously in active mode.

“(ii) NONAPPLICATION OF NO-LOAD MODE REQUIREMENTS.—The No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards established by this paragraph shall not apply to an external power supply manufactured before July 1, 2017, that—

“(I) is an AC-to-AC external power supply;

“(II) has a nameplate output of 20 watts or more;

“(III) is certified to the Secretary as being designed to be connected to a security or life safety alarm or surveillance system component; and

“(IV) on establishment within the External Power Supply International Efficiency Marking Protocol, as referenced in the ‘Energy Star Program Requirements for Single Voltage External Ac-Dc and Ac-Ac Power Supplies’, published by the Environmental Protection Agency, of a distinguishing mark for products described in this clause, is permanently marked with the distinguishing mark.

“(iii) ADMINISTRATION.—In carrying out this subparagraph, the Secretary shall—

“(I) require, with appropriate safeguard for the protection of confidential business information, the submission of unit shipment data on an annual basis; and

“(II) restrict the eligibility of external power supplies for the exemption provided under this subparagraph on a finding that a substantial number of the external power supplies are being marketed to or installed in applications other than security or life safety alarm or surveillance systems.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

I rise today to offer H.R. 5470, a simple piece of legislation that provides a straightforward technical correction to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Specific provisions in the Energy Independence and Security Act intended to increase the energy efficiency requirements for battery chargers and external power supplies have been implemented in a way that includes security and life safety products but yields no energy savings. The law requires the power supplies on these products to meet energy efficiency standards in a number of different modes, including off mode and standby mode. Security and life safety products, however, are always on and never operate in off mode or standby mode. Fire monitors, carbon monoxide monitors, intrusion detection sensors and access control readers require a constant, uninterrupted power supply. Security products are always in active mode, meaning they are connected to a main power source and remain active to detect and monitor various readings. To disconnect these devices from the transformer would destroy the integrity of the security system and compromise public safety and security.

This legislation will provide an exemption for security and life safety products from these Federal energy efficiency requirements while still retaining the law's active mode efficiency requirements for these products. Without creating this correction for security and life safety products, the industry will be forced to spend millions of dollars to comply with an energy standard that will yield no energy savings and could actually cost jobs.

Mr. Speaker, this commonsense correction to current law is supported by the security industry and a broad spectrum of environmental groups, including the Natural Resources Defense Council, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, and the Alliance to Save Energy. The bill also contains language which will mitigate any potential newfound concerns by limiting the duration of the exemption to allow the Department of Energy to modify it after July 2017.

I would also note, Mr. Speaker, that the Department of Energy supports this correction, which is documented in response to a question for the record submitted by Senator BINGAMAN following a Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing. It is also bipartisan. My colleague from Kentucky who is on the floor is also one of the cosponsors of this bill.

I would urge all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this sensible technical correction and vote “aye.”

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I want to thank the gentleman from New Jersey for introducing this important legislation. We anticipate that over the next 25 years, the demand for electricity in America is going to almost double. One of the ways, not the only way, but one of the ways that we

are going to have to address this problem is to have consumer products that are more efficient, that use less electricity.

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That was certainly the purpose of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which sought to clarify requirements in the measurement of energy consumption in certain consumer devices. Some of the devices, however, that were not excluded in this legislation included security devices such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

When we have regulations to make products more efficient, it's always a balancing act. We want them to be more efficient, but we don't want them to have to be redone in such a way that it raises the price to the consumer and makes the manufacturer of that product less competitive in the global marketplace.

This legislation, H.R. 5470, is designed to do particularly that, to exclude from this legislation of 2007 these security devices such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This legislation is going to help clarify that, because we went to the Department of Energy and asked them to modify the requirements, and they refused, saying that they could issue a ruling only to modify regulations written by the Department, not amend a law passed by Congress. Mr. PALLONE's legislation does expressly that. I would urge all of our Members to support it.

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

Mr. PALLONE. I would also yield back the balance of my time and urge passage of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5470.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GUARANTEE OF A LEGITIMATE DEAL ACT OF 2010

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4501) to require certain return policies from businesses that purchase precious metals from consumers and solicit such transactions through an Internet website, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4501

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Guarantee of a Legitimate Deal Act of 2010”.

SEC. 2. RETURN REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASERS OF PRECIOUS METALS.

(a) UNLAWFUL CONDUCT.—It shall be unlawful for any purchaser of precious metals to—