

that our products are the best in the world, the most energy efficient, but yet have commonsense regulations that allow us to continue to push these and make these products here in this country.

So again, I want to thank everybody for their support and hard work on this, and especially from those 1,180 people in Georgia that will be able to maintain employment.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve my time.

Mr. WHITFIELD. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield 3 minutes to the gentlelady from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), who is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I do rise in strong support of H.R. 6582 today. I am so pleased to stand and to thank Mr. WHITFIELD and Mr. ADERHOLT for the work that they have done on this. Also, I want to thank Mr. WAXMAN for his efforts in this bill.

I also want to commend my colleague, Mr. COOPER, from Tennessee. He and I had authored a piece of legislation, H.R. 482, the Water Heater Rating Improvement Act of 2011, and it is now section 3 of the underlying bill.

Essentially, what this section 3 would do is to fix a regulatory problem related to the test methodology that the DOE uses to calculate the efficiency levels of water heaters, which even the DOE has acknowledged that the way they're doing this is broken and it does need to be fixed.

This legislation will also level the playing field for our domestic water heater manufacturers who are currently at a competitive disadvantage with the foreign manufacturers. Of course we all know our focus is on jobs and the economy and getting our domestic manufacturing back to the pace where it should be for global competition.

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Essentially the problem is this: under the current standards, the small and large water heaters are divided into two categories under two separate Federal statutes. These statutes are based on an arbitrary gallon capacity and energy input ratings. The smaller water heaters are covered by the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act and are rated using an Energy Factor, or an EF rating. Now the larger water heaters are within the scope of the Energy Policy Act and are rated using a Thermal Efficiency, or TE rating.

The problem facing American manufacturers is that under the current rules of the road, only the small water heaters are deemed eligible under the ENERGY STAR program. This is nonsensical. It's an outdated measure and disqualifies our large American-made water heaters from being covered by the ENERGY STAR ratings regardless of how advanced or how highly efficient they may be.

The legislation before us today would provide the necessary regulatory and

business certainty that is needed by our manufacturers. This legislation has the potential of adding upwards of 1,000 jobs for domestic water heater manufacturers, many of them in my home State of Tennessee, where there are already 3,000 jobs directly involved in the manufacturing of water heaters.

I thank the chairman again. I thank the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT), and I also want to commend the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COOPER).

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to yield for a period of 3 minutes to Dr. ROE of Tennessee, who is a member of the Education Committee.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I thank the chairman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6582. This legislation would establish a uniform energy-efficiency descriptor for all water heaters, walk-in freezers, and walk-in coolers. The legislation also improves the testing methods that determine whether or not these products are energy efficient, which will provide certainty for the manufacturers of these products.

The importance in my district, in my hometown, is one of our largest manufacturers there is A.O. Smith, which makes up to 8,000 water heaters a day. This is a real jobs issue in my hometown. These jobs have good retirement plans and health insurance. Their competitors are both in Canada and Mexico. And certainly we need to do anything we can to help support these local manufacturers.

This bill will make it easier for consumers to compare the energy efficiency of products and eliminate confusion that stems from having more than one type of label. The decision to invest in a large-scale appliance of this nature is a big one, and during these tough economic times, consumers deserve information that's easily understood so that they can make well-informed decisions. It's also helpful for manufacturers to have clear guidelines for how products will be judged for energy efficiency. And this is why—just to simplify what's going on to make it easier for our manufacturers.

And let me tell you, I've walked through A.O. Smith's plant. I've been through it. It's absolutely incredible to see a piece of sheet metal, to see our manufacturers take a piece of metal and produce 8,000 water heaters in a single day for consumption in the United States. I have one in my home. That's what I use. And I proudly have one in my apartment here in Washington, D.C.

I would encourage support of this measure.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time on my side of the aisle to support this legislation. I know that almost all Democrats that I have talked to think it's a good bill. I have urged the others to join with them in supporting it. I think it's a worthwhile piece of legislation. It's a

small step, but it's a step in the right direction. And it will clarify some issues that still need to be clarified. So let's get this done.

And in pursuit of that objective, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WHITFIELD. I also want to urge everyone to support H.R. 6582, a small, modest, energy-efficiency bill that will save some jobs.

I certainly want to thank the Members of the Senate, the Senate staff, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) and his committee staff, and certainly the Energy and Power staff here on the House side for being involved in these negotiations and working this out.

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

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my support for the American Energy Manufacturing Technical Corrections Act.

The bill would lessen the regulatory burden on deli-style display cases (like the ones in grocery stores) by placing Service-Over-the-Counter (SOTC) refrigerator units into a separate product classification.

Currently, SOTC refrigerator units must meet the efficiency standards designed for commercial refrigerators otherwise called "reach-ins." These SOTC units are designed for maximum product visibility and presentation. They require more glass and lighting than conventional reach-ins. Their inherent design makes it impossible to reach the minimum efficiency standards established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

There are a number of companies that would be affected by this regulation, totaling about 8,500 jobs across the country. One of those five companies is Lennox, employs approximately 1,700 people in the State of Georgia. Kysor/Warren became a subsidiary of Lennox International in 2011, and the company has been a leading manufacturer of refrigerated systems and display cases for supermarkets throughout North America. By creating a separate product class for service-over-the-counter products, we can help save jobs in many communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in support of this important legislation to protect American jobs in our communities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6582, 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. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 1:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YODER) at 1 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motion to suspend on H.R. 6582 and approval of the Journal, each by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

AMERICAN ENERGY MANUFACTURING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6582) to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow American manufacturers to remain competitive, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 398, nays 2, answered “present” 1, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 614]

YEAS—398

Adams	Blackburn	Carnahan
Aderholt	Blumenauer	Carney
Alexander	Bonamici	Carson (IN)
Altmire	Boren	Carter
Amodei	Boswell	Cassidy
Andrews	Boustany	Castor (FL)
Austria	Brady (PA)	Chabot
Bachus	Brady (TX)	Chaffetz
Baldwin	Braley (IA)	Chandler
Barber	Brooks	Chu
Barletta	Broun (GA)	Cicilline
Barrow	Brown (FL)	Clarke (MI)
Barton (TX)	Buchanan	Clarke (NY)
Bass (CA)	Bucshon	Clay
Becerra	Buerkle	Cleaver
Benishek	Burgess	Clyburn
Berg	Burton (IN)	Coble
Berkley	Butterfield	Coffman (CO)
Berman	Calvert	Cohen
Biggert	Camp	Cole
Bilbray	Campbell	Conaway
Bilirakis	Canseco	Connolly (VA)
Bishop (GA)	Cantor	Conyers
Bishop (NY)	Capito	Cooper
Bishop (UT)	Capps	Costa
Black	Capuano	Costello

Courtney	Israel	Payne
Cravaack	Issa	Pearce
Crawford	Jackson Lee	Pelosi
Crenshaw	(TX)	Perlmutter
Critz	Jenkins	Peters
Crowley	Johnson (GA)	Peterson
Cuellar	Johnson (OH)	Petri
Culberson	Johnson, E. B.	Pingree (ME)
Cummings	Johnson, Sam	Pitts
Curson (MI)	Jones	Poe (TX)
Davis (CA)	Jordan	Polis
DeFazio	Kaptur	Pompeo
DeGette	Keating	Posey
DeLauro	Kelly	Price (GA)
DelBene	Kildee	Price (NC)
Denham	Kind	Quayle
Dent	King (IA)	Quigley
DesJarlais	King (NY)	Rahall
Deutch	Kingston	Rangel
Diaz-Balart	Kinzinger (IL)	Reed
Dicks	Kissell	Rehberg
Dingell	Kucinich	Reichert
Doggett	Labrador	Renacci
Dold	Lamborn	Reyes
Donnelly (IN)	Lance	Ribble
Doyle	Landry	Richardson
Dreier	Langevin	Richmond
Duffy	Lankford	Rigell
Duncan (SC)	Larsen (WA)	Rivera
Duncan (TN)	Larson (CT)	Roby
Edwards	Latham	Roe (TN)
Ellison	LaTourette	Rogers (AL)
Elmers	Latta	Rogers (KY)
Engel	Lee (CA)	Rogers (MI)
Eshoo	Levin	Rohrabacher
Farenthold	Lewis (CA)	Rokita
Farr	Lewis (GA)	Rooney
Fattah	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen
Fincher	LoBiondo	Roskam
Fitzpatrick	Loeb sack	Ross (AR)
Flake	Lofgren, Zoe	Ross (FL)
Fleischmann	Long	Roybal-Allard
Fleming	Lowey	Royce
Flores	Lucas	Runyan
Forbes	Luetkemeyer	Ruppersberger
Fox	Lujan	Rush
Frank (MA)	Lummis	Ryan (OH)
Franks (AZ)	Lungren, Daniel E.	Ryan (WI)
Frelinghuysen	Lynch	Sanchez, Linda T.
Fudge	Maloney	Sanchez, Loretta
Gallely	Manzullo	Sarbanes
Garamendi	Marchant	Scalise
Gardner	Markey	Schakowsky
Garrett	Massie	Schiff
Gerlach	Matheson	Schmidt
Gibbs	Matsui	Schock
Gibson	McCarthy (CA)	Schrader
Gohmert	McCarthy (NY)	Schwartz
Gonzalez	McCaul	Schweikert
Goodlatte	McCollum	Scott (SC)
Gosar	McDermott	Scott (VA)
Gowdy	McGovern	Scott, Austin
Granger	McHenry	Scott, David
Graves (GA)	McIntyre	Sensenbrenner
Graves (MO)	McKeon	Serrano
Green, Al	McKinley	Sessions
Green, Gene	McMorris	Sewell
Griffin (AR)	Rodgers	Sherman
Griffith (VA)	McNerney	Shimkus
Grimm	Meehan	Shuler
Guinta	Meeks	Shuster
Guthrie	Mica	Simpson
Gutierrez	Michaud	Sires
Hahn	Miller (FL)	Slaughter
Hall	Miller (MI)	Smith (NE)
Hanabusa	Miller (NC)	Smith (NJ)
Hanna	Miller, George	Smith (TX)
Harper	Moore	Smith (WA)
Harris	Moran	Southerland
Hartzler	Mulvaney	Speier
Hastings (WA)	Murphy (CT)	Stark
Hayworth	Heck	Stearns
Hayworth	Murphy (PA)	Stivers
Heck	Myrick	Stutzman
Hensarling	Nadler	Sutton
Hergert	Napolitano	Terry
Herrera Beutler	Neal	Thompson (CA)
Himes	Neugebauer	Thompson (MS)
Hinojosa	Noem	Thompson (PA)
Hirono	Nugent	Thornberry
Hochul	Nunnelee	Tiberi
Holden	Olson	Tierney
Holt	Oliver	Tipton
Honda	Owens	Tonko
Hoyer	Palazzo	Tsongas
Huelskamp	Pallone	Turner (NY)
Huizenga (MI)	Pascarell	Turner (OH)
Hultgren	Pastor (AZ)	Upton
Hunter	Paulsen	
Hurt		

Van Hollen	Watt	Womack
Velázquez	Waxman	Woodall
Visclosky	Webster	Woolsey
Walberg	West	Yarmuth
Walden	Westmoreland	Yoder
Walsh (IL)	Whitfield	Young (AK)
Walz (MN)	Wilson (FL)	Young (FL)
Wasserman	Wilson (SC)	Young (IN)
Schultz	Wittman	
Waters	Wolf	

NAYS—2

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ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Emerson

NOT VOTING—30

Ackerman	Gingrey (GA)	Miller, Gary
Akin	Grijalva	Nunes
Baca	Hastings (FL)	Paul
Bachmann	Heinrich	Pence
Bartlett	Higgins	Platts
Bass (NH)	Hinchey	Rothman (NJ)
Bonner	Johnson (IL)	Schilling
Bono Mack	Kline	Sullivan
Davis (IL)	Mack	Towns
Fortenberry	Marino	Welch

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Ms. WILSON of Florida changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) 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.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 290, nays 106, answered “present” 2, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 615]

YEAS—290

Aderholt	Butterfield	Cummings
Alexander	Calvert	Davis (CA)
Altmire	Camp	DeGette
Amodei	Campbell	DeLauro
Austria	Canseco	DelBene
Bachus	Cantor	Dent
Barber	Capito	Deutch
Barletta	Capps	Diaz-Balart
Barrow	Carnahan	Dicks
Barton (TX)	Carney	Doggett
Becerra	Carson (IN)	Doyle
Berg	Carter	Dreier
Berkley	Cassidy	Duncan (SC)
Berman	Castor (FL)	Duncan (TN)
Biggert	Chabot	Edwards
Bilbray	Chaffetz	Ellmers
Bilirakis	Chandler	Emerson
Bishop (GA)	Chu	Engel
Bishop (UT)	Cicilline	Farr
Black	Clarke (MI)	Fattah
Blackburn	Clay	Fincher
Blumenauer	Cleaver	Flake
Bonamici	Clyburn	Fleischmann
Boren	Coble	Fleming
Boustany	Cohen	Flores
Brady (TX)	Cole	Forbes
Braley (IA)	Connolly (VA)	Franks (AZ)
Brooks	Conyers	Frelinghuysen
Broun (GA)	Cooper	Fudge
Brown (FL)	Courtney	Gallely
Buchanan	Cravaack	Garamendi
Bucshon	Crenshaw	Gerlach
Buerkle	Cuellar	Gibbs
Culberson	Culberson	Gonzalez