

people across this country can do to try to help people live long and fruitful lives.

Our prayers were answered with Philip Schardein, and this is an opportunity for us to come together, in a bipartisan way, as all the bills were.

I want to close with this. We have been through four bills in the last hour, and they are dealing with touching families, and every one of them has been bipartisan. We have been able to come together and find where we agree and work together, that we can work for infants, for families suffering with leukemia and other blood disorders, for infants with opioid addiction, for parents who have children with early hearing detection, and that is where we have been able to come together and work together.

I appreciate the effort of Ranking Member GREEN in bringing us all together, and our subcommittee chairman, Mr. PITTS.

I look forward to voting for this bill, and I urge my colleagues to vote for H.R. 2820. I appreciate my friend, Mr. SMITH, for bringing it forward.

I yield back the balance of my time. Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 820, the "Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act," would continue critical federal support for the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program. This program includes the Be the Match registry for bone marrow and umbilical cord blood transplantation which continues to provide hope to people in need of a lifesaving transplants.

Each year thousands of patients in need of life saving transplants are unable to find a match within their family and therefore require a nonrelative donor. That is why the Be the Match Registry and its nearly 12.5 million registered bone marrow donors and collection of more than 209,000 cord blood units is so important. The Program also supports the collection and use of transplantation data to advance medical research.

I'd like to thank Representative DORIS MATSUI for her leadership in this area and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2820 to ensure that the lifesaving Be the Match registry continues.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2820.

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.

#### E-WARRANTY ACT OF 2015

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1359) to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1359

*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 "E-Warranty Act of 2015".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Many manufacturers and consumers prefer to have the option to provide or receive warranty information online.

(2) Modernizing warranty notification rules is necessary to allow the United States to continue to compete globally in manufacturing, trade, and the development of consumer products connected to the Internet.

(3) Allowing an electronic warranty option would expand consumer access to relevant consumer information in an environmentally friendly way, and would provide additional flexibility to manufacturers to meet their labeling and warranty requirements.

#### SEC. 3. ELECTRONIC DISPLAY OF TERMS OF WRITTEN WARRANTY FOR CONSUMER PRODUCTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(b) of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty—Federal Trade Commission Improvement Act (15 U.S.C. 2302(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(4)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the rules prescribed under this subsection shall allow for the satisfaction of all requirements concerning the availability of terms of a written warranty on a consumer product under this subsection by—

"(i) making available such terms in an accessible digital format on the Internet website of the manufacturer of the consumer product in a clear and conspicuous manner; and

"(ii) providing to the consumer (or prospective consumer) information with respect to how to obtain and review such terms by indicating on the product or product packaging or in the product manual—

"(I) the Internet website of the manufacturer where such terms can be obtained and reviewed; and

"(II) the phone number of the manufacturer, the postal mailing address of the manufacturer, or another reasonable non-Internet based means of contacting the manufacturer to obtain and review such terms.

"(B) With respect to any requirement that the terms of any written warranty for a consumer product be made available to the consumer (or prospective consumer) prior to sale of the product, in a case in which a consumer product is offered for sale in a retail location, by catalog, or through door-to-door sales, subparagraph (A) shall only apply if the seller makes available, through electronic or other means, at the location of the sale to the consumer purchasing the consumer product the terms of the warranty for the consumer product before the purchase."

#### (b) REVISION OF RULES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Trade Commission shall revise the rules prescribed under such section to comply with the requirements of paragraph (4) of such section, as added by subsection (a) of this section.

(2) AUTHORITY TO WAIVE REQUIREMENT FOR ORAL PRESENTATION.—In revising rules under paragraph (1), the Federal Trade Commission may waive the requirement of section 109(a) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 2309(a)) to give interested persons an opportunity for oral presentation if the Commission determines that giving interested persons such opportunity would interfere with the ability of the Commission to revise rules under paragraph (1) in a timely manner.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) and the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials into the RECORD on the bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, the E-Warranty Act of 2015 modernizes current warranty requirements by allowing manufacturers to post product warranty information online.

I certainly want to thank Senator FISCHER and Congressman MULLIN for crafting bipartisan legislation opening a path for manufacturers to conduct their business more efficiently in the digital age.

This legislation will give consumers better access to warranty information, while retaining flexibility for sellers and reducing costs for manufacturers. The Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously forwarded the companion bill, H.R. 3154, to the House floor in July after consideration by the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.

The subcommittee has been studying how the use of the Internet and other advanced technologies is generating great advances for consumers and creating jobs. Simple things like this will create savings across multiple industries.

We will continue to look for ways to roll back outdated regulations that slow down our e-commerce, economy and hurt jobs. This legislation does just that by bringing warranty regulations into the 21st century. I urge my colleagues to vote for S. 1359.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1359, the E-Warranty Act of 2015. I am pleased the House is considering this bipartisan, bicameral legislation. S. 1359 is identical to H.R. 3154, the E-Warranty Act of 2015, which I was very, very happy to introduce with my good friend, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN).

This commonsense legislation will bring product warranties into the 21st century by allowing warranty information to be posted online. This solution makes sense for both manufacturers and consumers, as many of which prefer the option of providing or receiving warranty information in electronic rather than paper form.

Not only will this bill reduce waste, it will make it easier for consumers to



find warranty information quickly and easily, without worrying that it will be lost or discarded.

I thank the committee for bringing this bill forward, and I urge support for this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN), the author of the House-sponsored legislation.

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Chairman BURGESS and the committee for allowing this bill to come to the floor. This is one of those common-sense bills that brings a regulation that was put in place nearly 40 years ago and brings it to today's technology.

This bill has passed the Senate by unanimous consent and is identical to H.R. 3154 that Congressman LOEBSACK and I introduced and which passed the committee by voice vote. This bipartisan E-Warranty Act of 2015 gives manufacturers the option of fulfilling their warranty notice requirements by posting the information on the Web site.

Our current Federal regulation, as I stated earlier, was developed nearly 40 years ago. The world has changed since then, and, like many regulations, this has become outdated. Warranty requirements ensure consumers get important information when they purchase a product, and we need to make sure the methods for delivering this information keep pace with innovation.

I urge all Members to vote "yes" on this commonsense bill.

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, it appears that I have no further speakers, so I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I would just simply add that I encourage all Members to vote in favor of the legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1359, the E-Warranty Act. And I want to thank Mr. LOEBSACK and Mr. MULLIN for their contributions to the bill.

The bill directs the Federal Trade Commission to amend its current rules on warranty notice to allow the pre-sale notice requirements to be fulfilled by making warranty information available online. While I support this commonsense proposal, I would like to highlight one point that the bill rightly acknowledges—there are many consumers and small business owners without Internet access.

This bill requires that contact information of the product manufacturers be made available so consumers may obtain warranty information by non-electronic means. To ensure that consumers and small business owners without Internet access are not disadvantaged, this Committee expects the FTC to require that consumers be provided with a toll-free phone number and warrantors respond to non-Internet requests for free and in a timely manner.

Moreover, I am confident that when the FTC changes its rules pursuant to this bill, it will maintain the protections that currently exist for consumers and small business owners who do not have Internet access, including requiring manufacturers to ensure sellers can fulfill their obligations under the bill and the rules.

This bill will help modernize the rules regarding pre-sale warranty notice by allowing warranty information to be made available online. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1359.

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. BURGESS. 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 motion 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 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 57 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 (Mrs. WALORSKI) at 6 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

## E-WARRANTY ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on the motion to suspend the rules previously postponed.

The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1359), 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 Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 388, nays 2, not voting 43, as follows:

[Roll No. 490]

YEAS—388

Abraham  
Adams  
Aderholt  
Allen  
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Ashford  
Babin  
Barletta  
Barr  
Barton  
Bass  
Beatty  
Becerra  
Bera  
Beyer  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (MI)  
Bishop (UT)  
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Blackburn  
Boustany  
Boyle, Brendan  
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Brady (TX)  
Brat  
Bridenstine  
Brooks (AL)  
Brooks (IN)  
Brown (FL)  
Brownley (CA)  
Buchanan  
Buck  
Bucshon  
Burgess  
Bustos  
Butterfield  
Byrne  
Calvert  
Capps  
Capuano

Cárdenas  
Carney  
Carson (IN)  
Carter (GA)  
Cartwright  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chabot  
Chaffetz  
Chu, Judy  
Cicilline  
Clark (MA)  
Clawson (FL)  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Coffman  
Cohen  
Cole  
Collins (GA)  
Collins (NY)

Comstock  
Conaway  
Connolly  
Conyers  
Cook  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello (PA)  
Courtney  
Crawford  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Curbelo (FL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis, Danny  
Davis, Rodney  
DeGette  
Delaney  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Denham  
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DeSaulnier  
DesJarlais  
Deutch  
Diaz-Balart  
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Doyle, Michael  
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Edwards  
Ellison  
Ellmers (NC)  
Emmer (MN)  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Esty  
Farenthold  
Farr  
Fattah  
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Fitzpatrick  
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Flores  
Fortenberry  
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Fox  
Frankel (FL)  
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Gallego  
Garamendi  
Garrett  
Gibbs  
Gibson  
Gohmert  
Goodlatte  
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Gowdy  
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Graves (GA)  
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Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
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Grothman  
Guinta  
Guthrie  
Hahn  
Hardy  
Harper  
Hartzler  
Hastings  
Heck (NV)  
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Hensarling  
Hice, Jody B.  
Hill  
Himes  
Hinojosa  
Holding  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Hudson  
Huelskamp  
Huizenga (MI)

Hunter  
Hurd (TX)  
Hurt (VA)  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson Lee  
Jeffries  
Jenkins (KS)  
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Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (OH)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jolly  
Jordan  
Joyce  
Kaptur  
Katko  
Keating  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
Kennedy  
Kilmer  
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King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kinzinger (IL)  
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Labrador  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
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Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
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Lawrence  
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Lieu, Ted  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
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Lowenthal  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
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(NM)  
Lujan, Ben Ray  
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Lynch  
MacArthur  
Maloney  
Carolyn  
Marchant  
Massie  
Matsui  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClintock  
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Poe (TX)  
Polis  
Pompeo  
Posey  
Price (NC)  
Price, Tom  
Ratcliffe  
Reed  
Reichert  
Renacci  
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Roby  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
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Ros-Lehtinen  
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Ross  
Rothfus  
Rouzer  
Royce  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Russell  
Ryan (OH)  
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Sánchez, Linda  
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Sanchez, Loretta  
Sanford  
Sarbanes  
Scalise  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Schweikert  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, Austin  
Scott, David  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Sewell (AL)  
Sherman  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sinema  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (MO)  
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Speier  
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Stewart  
Stivers  
Stutzman  
Swalwell (CA)  
Takai  
Takano  
Thompson (CA)  
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Tonko  
Trott  
Tsongas  
Turner  
Upton