

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	Hinchey
Aderholt	Cunningham	Hobson
Allen	Danner	Hoefel
Archer	Davis (FL)	Hoekstra
Armey	Davis (VA)	Holden
Baca	DeFazio	Holt
Bachus	DeLauro	Hooley
Baird	DeLay	Horn
Baker	Deutsch	Hostettler
Baldacci	Dickey	Houghton
Baldwin	Dicks	Hoyer
Ballenger	Dixon	Hutchinson
Barr	Doggett	Hyde
Barrett (WI)	Dooley	Inslee
Bartlett	Doolittle	Jackson (IL)
Barton	Doyle	Jackson-Lee
Bentsen	Dreier	(TX)
Bereuter	Duncan	Jenkins
Berkley	Dunn	John
Berry	Edwards	Johnson, E. B.
Biggert	Ehlers	Johnson, Sam
Bilbray	Emerson	Jones (NC)
Bilirakis	Engel	Jones (OH)
Bishop	English	Kanjorski
Blagojevich	Eshoo	Kasich
Bliley	Etheridge	Kelly
Blumenauer	Evans	Kildee
Blunt	Ewing	Kind (WI)
Boehlert	Farr	King (NY)
Boehner	Filner	Kleczka
Bonilla	Fletcher	Klink
Bonior	Foley	Knollenberg
Bono	Forbes	Kolbe
Borski	Ford	Kucinich
Boswell	Fossella	Kuykendall
Boyd	Frank (MA)	LaFalce
Brady (PA)	Frelinghuysen	LaHood
Brady (TX)	Frost	Lampson
Burr	Galleghy	Lantos
Buyer	Ganske	Latham
Callahan	Gekas	LaTourette
Calvert	Gibbons	Lazio
Camp	Gilchrest	Leach
Canady	Gillmor	Lee
Cannon	Gilman	Levin
Capps	Gonzalez	Lewis (GA)
Capuano	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Cardin	Goodlatte	Linder
Castle	Gordon	Lipinski
Chabot	Goss	LoBiondo
Chenoweth-Hage	Granger	Lofgren
Clay	Green (TX)	Lucas (KY)
Clayton	Green (WI)	Luther
Clement	Greenwood	Maloney (CT)
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Maloney (NY)
Coble	Gutknecht	Manzullo
Collins	Hall (OH)	Martinez
Combest	Hall (TX)	Mascara
Condit	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy (MO)
Conyers	Hastings (WA)	McCarthy (NY)
Cook	Hayes	McDermott
Costello	Hayworth	McGovern
Coyne	Herger	McHugh
Cramer	Hill (IN)	McInnis
Crane	Hill (MT)	McIntyre
Crowley	Hilleary	McKeon
Cubin	Hilliard	McKinney

McNulty	Radanovich	Stearns
Meek (FL)	Rahall	Stenholm
Meeks (NY)	Ramstad	Strickland
Menendez	Rangel	Stump
Metcalf	Regula	Stupak
Mica	Reyes	Sununu
Millender-	Reynolds	Talent
McDonald	Riley	Tancredo
Miller, Gary	Roemer	Tanner
Minge	Rogan	Tauscher
Moakley	Rogers	Tauzin
Mollohan	Rohrabacher	Taylor (MS)
Moore	Ros-Lehtinen	Terry
Moran (KS)	Rothman	Thomas
Moran (VA)	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (CA)
Morella	Royce	Thompson (MS)
Murtha	Rush	Thornberry
Nadler	Ryan (WI)	Thune
Napolitano	Ryan (KS)	Thurman
Ney	Sabo	Tierney
Northup	Salmon	Toomey
Norwood	Sandlin	Towns
Nussle	Sawyer	Traficant
Oberstar	Saxton	Udall (CO)
Obey	Schakowsky	Udall (NM)
Olver	Sensenbrenner	Upton
Ortiz	Serrano	Velazquez
Ose	Sessions	Visclosky
Oxley	Shaw	Vitter
Packard	Shays	Walden
Pallone	Sherman	Walsh
Pascrell	Sherwood	Wamp
Pastor	Shimkus	Waters
Paul	Shows	Watt (NC)
Pease	Simpson	Waxman
Pelosi	Sisisky	Weiner
Peterson (MN)	Skeen	Weldon (PA)
Petri	Skelton	Weller
Phelps	Smith (MI)	Weygand
Pickering	Smith (NJ)	Whitfield
Pickett	Smith (TX)	Wicker
Pitts	Smith (WA)	Wise
Pomeroy	Snyder	Wolf
Porter	Souder	Woolsey
Portman	Spratt	Wu
Pryce (OH)	Stabenow	Wynn
Quinn	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	McCrery	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
Aderholt	Capps	Engel
Allen	Capuano	English
Andrews	Cardin	Eshoo
Archer	Castle	Etheridge
Armey	Chabot	Evans
Baca	Clay	Ewing
Bachus	Clayton	Farr
Baird	Clement	Filner
Baker	Clyburn	Fletcher
Baldacci	Coble	Foley
Baldwin	Collins	Forbes
Ballenger	Combest	Ford
Barr	Condit	Fossella
Barrett (WI)	Conyers	Frank (MA)
Bartlett	Cook	Frelinghuysen
Barton	Costello	Frost
Bayton	Coyne	Galleghy
Bereuter	Cramer	Ganske
Berkley	Crane	Gekas
Berry	Crowley	Gibbons
Biggert	Cubin	Gilchrest
Bilbray	Cummings	Gillmor
Bilirakis	Cunningham	Gilman
Bishop	Danner	Gonzalez
Blagojevich	Davis (FL)	Goode
Bliley	Davis (VA)	Goodlatte
Blumenauer	DeFazio	Gordon
Blunt	Delahunt	Goss
Boehlert	DeLauro	Granger
Boehner	DeLay	Green (TX)
Bonilla	Deutsch	Green (WI)
Bonior	Dickey	Greenwood
Bono	Dicks	Gutierrez
Borski	Dixon	Gutknecht
Boswell	Doggett	Hall (OH)
Boyd	Dooley	Hall (TX)
Brady (PA)	Doolittle	Hastings (FL)
Brady (TX)	Doyle	Hastings (WA)
Burr	Dreier	Hayes
Buyer	Duncan	Hayworth
Callahan	Dunn	Herger
Calvert	Edwards	Hill (IN)
Camp	Ehlers	Hill (MT)

Hilleary	McNulty	Saxton
Hilliard	Meek (FL)	Schakowsky
Hinchey	Meeks (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Hobson	Menendez	Serrano
Hoeffel	Metcalf	Sessions
Hoekstra	Mica	Shaw
Holden	Millender-	Shays
Holt	McDonald	Sherman
Hooley	Miller, Gary	Sherwood
Hyde	Minge	Shimkus
Inslee	Moakley	Shows
Jackson (IL)	Mollohan	Simpson
Jackson-Lee	Moore	Sisisky
(TX)	Moran (KS)	Skeen
Jenkins	Moran (VA)	Skelton
John	Morella	Smith (MI)
Johnson, E. B.	Murtha	Smith (NJ)
Johnson, Sam	Nadler	Smith (TX)
Jones (NC)	Napolitano	Smith (WA)
Jones (OH)	Ney	Snyder
Kanjorski	Northup	Souder
Kasich	Norwood	Spratt
Kelly	Nussle	Stabenow
Kildee	Oberstar	Stark
Kind (WI)	Obey	Stearns
King (NY)	Olver	Stenholm
Klecza	Ortiz	Strickland
Klink	Ose	Stump
Knollenberg	Oxley	Stupak
Kolbe	Packard	Sununu
Kucinich	Pallone	Talent
Kuykendall	Pascrell	Tancredo
LaFalce	Pastor	Tanner
LaHood	Pease	Tauscher
Lampson	Pelosi	Tauzin
Lantos	Peterson (MN)	Taylor (MS)
Latham	Petri	Terry
LaTourette	Phelps	Thomas
Lazio	Pickering	Thompson (CA)
Leach	Pickett	Thompson (MS)
Lee	Pitts	Thornberry
Levin	Pomeroy	Thune
Lewis (GA)	Porter	Thurman
Lewis (KY)	Portman	Tierney
Linder	Pryce (OH)	Toomey
Lipinski	Quinn	Towns
LoBiondo	Radanovich	Traficant
Lofgren	Rahall	Udall (CO)
Lucas (KY)	Ramstad	Udall (NM)
Luther	Rangel	Upton
Maloney (CT)	Regula	Velazquez
Maloney (NY)	Royce	Visclosky
Manzullo	Reynolds	Vitter
Martinez	Riley	Walden
Mascara	Roemer	Walsh
McCarthy (MO)	Rogan	Wamp
McCarthy (NY)	Rogers	Waters
McCrery	Rohrabacher	Watt (NC)
McDermott	Ros-Lehtinen	Waxman
McGovern	Rothman	Weiner
McHugh	Roybal-Allard	Weldon (PA)
McInnis	Royce	Weygand
McIntyre	Rush	Whitfield
McKeon	Ryan (WI)	Wicker
McKinney	Ryan (KS)	Wise
	Sabo	Wolf
	Salmon	Woolsey
	Sanders	Wu
	Sandlin	Wynn
	Sawyer	

NAYS—2

Chenoweth-Hage Paul

NOT VOTING—93

Abercrombie	Dingell	Larson
Barcia	Ehrlich	Lewis (CA)
Barrett (NE)	Everett	Lowe
Bass	Fattah	Lucas (OK)
Bateman	Fowler	Markey
Becerra	Franks (NJ)	Matsui
Berman	Gejdenson	McCullum
Boucher	Gephardt	McIntosh
Brown (FL)	Goodling	Meehan
Brown (OH)	Graham	Miller (FL)
Bryant	Hansen	Miller, George
Burton	Hefley	Mink
Campbell	Hinojosa	Myrick
Cannon	Hulshof	Neal
Carson	Hunter	Nethercutt
Chambliss	Isakson	Owens
Coburn	Istook	Payne
Cooksey	Jefferson	Peterson (PA)
Cox	Johnson (CT)	Pombo
Davis (IL)	Kaptur	Price (NC)
Deal	Kennedy	Rivers
DeGette	Kilpatrick	Rodriguez
DeMint	Kingston	Roukema
Diaz-Balart	Largent	Sanchez