

Ose	Salmon	Taylor (NC)
Oxley	Sanford	Terry
Packard	Saxton	Thomas
Pease	Sensenbrenner	Thornberry
Petri	Sessions	Thune
Pickering	Shadegg	Tiahrt
Pitts	Shaw	Toomey
Pombo	Shays	Upton
Porter	Sherwood	Vitter
Portman	Shimkus	Walden
Pryce (OH)	Shuster	Walsh
Quinn	Simpson	Wamp
Radanovich	Skeen	Watkins
Ramstad	Smith (MI)	Watts (OK)
Regula	Smith (TX)	Weldon (FL)
Reynolds	Souder	Weldon (PA)
Riley	Spence	Weller
Rogan	Stabenow	Whitfield
Rogers	Stearns	Wicker
Rohrabacher	Stump	Wilson
Ros-Lehtinen	Sununu	Wolf
Roukema	Sweeney	Young (AK)
Royce	Talent	Young (FL)
Ryan (WI)	Tancredo	
Ryun (KS)	Tauzin	

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Abercrombie	Gonzalez	Mollohan
Ackerman	Goode	Moore
Allen	Gordon	Moran (VA)
Andrews	Green (TX)	Murtha
Baird	Gutierrez	Nadler
Baldacci	Hall (OH)	Napolitano
Baldwin	Hall (TX)	Neal
Barcia	Hastings (FL)	Oberstar
Barr	Hill (IN)	Obey
Barrett (WI)	Hilliard	Olver
Becerra	Hinche	Ortiz
Bentsen	Hinojosa	Owens
Berkley	Hoefel	Pallone
Berman	Holden	Pascrell
Berry	Holt	Pastor
Blagojevich	Hooley	Payne
Boniior	Hoyer	Pelosi
Borski	Inslee	Peterson (MN)
Boswell	Jackson (IL)	Phelps
Boucher	Jackson-Lee	Pickett
Boyd	(TX)	Price (NC)
Brady (PA)	John	Rahall
Brown (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Rangel
Brown (OH)	Jones (NC)	Reyes
Capps	Jones (OH)	Rivers
Capuano	Kanjorski	Rodriguez
Cardin	Kaptur	Roemer
Carson	Kennedy	Rothman
Chenoweth-Hage	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Clay	Kilpatrick	Rush
Clayton	Kind (WI)	Sabo
Clement	Klecza	Sánchez
Clyburn	Klink	Sanders
Condit	Kucinich	Sandlin
Conyers	LaFalce	Sawyer
Costello	Lampson	Schaffer
Coyne	Lantos	Schakowsky
Cramer	Larson	Scott
Crowley	Lee	Serrano
Cummings	Levin	Sherman
Danner	Lewis (GA)	Shows
Davis (FL)	Lipinski	Sisisky
Davis (IL)	Lofgren	Skelton
DeFazio	Lowe	Slaughter
DeGette	Lucas (KY)	Smith (NJ)
Delahunt	Luther	Smith (WA)
DeLauro	Maloney (CT)	Snyder
Deutsch	Maloney (NY)	Spratt
Dicks	Manzullo	Stark
Dingell	Markey	Stenholm
Dixon	Martinez	Strickland
Doggett	Mascara	Stupak
Dooley	Matsui	Tanner
Doyle	McCarthy (MO)	Tauscher
Edwards	McCarthy (NY)	Taylor (MS)
Engel	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
Eshoo	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Etheridge	McIntyre	Thurman
Evans	McNulty	Tierney
Farr	Meehan	Towns
Fattah	Meek (FL)	Trafficant
Filner	Menendez	Turner
Forbes	Millender-	Udall (CO)
Ford	McDonald	Udall (NM)
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Velázquez
Frost	Minge	Vento
Gejdenson	Mink	Visclosky
Gephardt	Moakley	Waters

Watt (NC)	Wexler	Woolsey
Waxman	Weygand	Wu
Weiner	Wise	Wynn

NOT VOTING—9

Blumenauer	McKinney	Peterson (PA)
Jefferson	Meeks (NY)	Pomeroy
LaHood	Paul	Scarborough

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Mr. STRICKLAND and Mr. BARCIA changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 480, I was unavoidably detained and was absent during the vote. It was my intention to vote "no" on this rollcall vote.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WELDON of Florida). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

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

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

LATEX ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I use this occasion to recognize this week as Latex Allergy Awareness Week, October 4 through 10, 1999, and to talk about an important health issue, an issue which directly affects a constituent of mine, 9-year-old Jimmy Clark of River Forest, Illinois, whose parents have become leading crusaders to make the public aware of this problem.

Mr. Speaker, Jimmy Clark lives with an ailment that is virtually unrecognized by most Americans and the medical community. Jimmy is latex sensitive. Yes, Jimmy is latex sensitive. He is at risk for serious and potentially fatal allergic reactions when exposed to products made from natural latex.

It is critical that we become fully aware and acknowledge the broad and problematic scope of this issue which the American Academy of Dermatology

has called the next major health concern of the decade.

Something as simple as eating lunch in his school's cafeteria could be fatal to Jimmy, since latex gloves are commonly used in the food service industries. Jimmy and others like him are allergic to thousands of items ranging from the balloons at his best friend's birthday party to the examining gloves in an ambulance or at a doctor's office.

It is heartbreaking to know that for thousands of American citizens like Jimmy, that exposure to even these seemingly harmless items could cause him to die. He cannot even receive needed medical treatment or enjoy eating lunch at school without fear of exposure to potentially deadly latex particles.

Reactions to exposure include immediate allergic reactions from skin contact resulting in itching and hives. Reactions to the airborne latex particles include inflammation of the eyes, shortness of breath, asthma, dizziness, and rapid heart rate.

The most severe cases can result in severe blood pressure drop and loss of consciousness. Latex allergy develops most commonly in people who have frequent or intimate exposure to it. At high risk are those who have had frequent surgical procedures, particularly in infancy and workers with occupational exposure, especially to latex gloves. A history of allergies or hay fever also may be a significant risk factor.

Some studies suggest that some individuals who have had dermatitis or rash and wear latex gloves may be at greater risk. Although the American public knows little about latex allergy, the last 5 years have shown increasing evidence that latex allergy has become a major occupational health problem which has become epidemic in scope among highly exposed health care workers and among others with significant occupational exposure. This is largely because the use of latex rubber has increased, especially in medical devices, because latex is used as a disease-prevention barrier.

However, Mr. Speaker, I am not suggesting who or what is at fault. Nor am I suggesting that latex is not an effective instrument in protecting humans from life-threatening diseases. I am suggesting that we need to increase research in this area and find ways to spare the citizens of this country from unnecessarily developing latex sensitivity.

It is my belief, Mr. Speaker, that an increased awareness will go a long ways towards helping find a solution to this problem.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that our researchers work cooperatively to achieve the right solution, a solution not influenced or marred by special interests from different sides of the spectrum, but a solution developed for those most affected by the disease.