

it is introducing confusing language into an already settled area of the law for consumer protection.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to reject the motion to recommit, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Ms. TITUS. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

DIRECTING SECRETARY OF ENERGY TO REVIEW AND UPDATE REPORT ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF RE-REFINING OF USED LUBRICATING OIL

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1733) to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1733

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

SECTION 1. ENERGY SAVINGS FROM LUBRICATING OIL.

Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy, in cooperation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall—

(1) review and update the report prepared pursuant to section 1838 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005;

(2) after consultation with relevant Federal, State, and local agencies and affected industry and stakeholder groups, update data that was used in preparing that report; and

(3) prepare and submit to Congress a coordinated Federal strategy to increase the beneficial reuse of used lubricating oil, that—

(A) is consistent with national policy as established pursuant to section 2 of the Used Oil Recycling Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-463); and

(B) addresses measures needed to—

(i) increase the responsible collection of used oil;

(ii) disseminate public information concerning sustainable reuse options for used oil; and

(iii) promote sustainable reuse of used oil by Federal agencies, recipients of Federal grant funds, entities contracting with the Federal Government, and the general public.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill, H.R. 1733, was introduced by Energy and Commerce Committee member SUSAN BROOKS from Indiana on March 27 of this year. The legislation went through regular order, and it was reported by the full committee, without amendment, by a voice vote.

This bill, H.R. 1733, requires the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of re-refining used lubricating oil. The bill reauthorizes a study that was previously directed under the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

We know that recycling used lubricating oil provides environmental benefits. It does, in fact, reduce energy consumption, and, yes, it produces high-quality products for consumers.

H.R. 1733 is a good bipartisan bill. I want to thank Mrs. BROOKS for her hard work on this important issue and the other side of the aisle for working with us to bring the bill to the floor this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 1733, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1733, which would update a 2006 Department of Energy report on the energy and environmental benefits of re-refining used lubricating oil.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1733 represents a commonsense bill aimed at saving energy and protecting the environment by finding additional ways to reuse lubricating oil.

Mr. Speaker, these measures may include increasing the collection of used oil, distributing public information on sustainable reuse, and encouraging the recycling of used oils.

Mr. Speaker, the U.S. is responsible for almost one-quarter of the global lubricating oil market; however, unfortu-

nately, Mr. Speaker, we are currently behind our European counterparts in our ability to recycle this product.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will help conserve energy and protect the environment by providing a Federal strategy to re-refine lubricating oil that can be used in all different types of gas and diesel engines.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend my colleague from the Energy and Commerce Committee, Mrs. BROOKS from Indiana, for sponsoring this bipartisan bill, and I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. BROOKS), who is a member of the committee and the author of this bill.

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Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in favor of H.R. 1733.

Like many Hoosiers, I believe in the value of recycling and the benefits it brings to Indiana and our country. This bill would help us understand how we can better recycle lubricating oil.

H.R. 1733 requires a 2006 study mandated by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 be updated to reflect current information about the benefits or re-refined lubricating oil and how its production and use could be increased in the country.

Re-refining removes contaminants from the oil and blends additives to restore the oil to its original effectiveness. Used oil can be re-refined infinitely and is suitable for use in many types of gas and diesel engines. In fact, the Federal Government already requires re-refined oil to be used within many agencies' vehicle fleets and many State and local governments require its use as well.

Ensuring that Congress has up-to-date data on the value of recycled oil will allow legislators to make smarter decisions when developing environmental and energy policies moving forward. By updating this study, companies across the country that produce re-refined oil, like Indiana's own Crystal Clean, will have a better understanding of the latest trends regarding this product and how they can better anticipate the needs of the Federal Government.

I am proud to say that Members on both sides of the aisle supported this bill when it passed through the Energy and Commerce Committee because it is environmentally conscious and supports an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) for his continued support on this bill, and the Ranking Member on the Energy Subcommittee, Mr. RUSH, as we introduced this together earlier this year to move this through committee.