

and accountability of CAPTA-financed activities.

H.R. 2480 also shifts CAPTA toward a public health focus on prevention of child abuse. The bill streamlines CAPTA research topics to focus on understudied areas such as how to best address trauma, promote racial equity, and serve families with substance use disorders in child welfare systems. The Academy strongly supports the inclusion of a provision to allow funds for research into “sentinel” injuries. This will help develop practices for improving early detection and management of injuries indicative of potential abuse, preventing further maltreatment and fatalities.

The AAP also supports the bill’s requirement for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to create standardized definitions for fatalities and near-fatalities related to maltreatment, and to require data tracking on those incidents. These data will be essential to applying a public health approach to child maltreatment, enabling researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to learn how to better prevent maltreatment from studying the most tragic outcomes.

The AAP also supports the bill’s creation of a new interstate maltreatment registry system. This policy would support essential information sharing to ensure that information about maltreatment a child has experienced can cross state lines. Currently, states do not readily share this information, which can lead to missed opportunities to intervene and protect children from further harm. This is vital to protecting children and preventing child fatalities.

Child maltreatment is a preventable but pervasive public health problem. This bipartisan legislation offers critically needed innovative approaches to improving child welfare systems. The Academy supports this legislation and looks forward to working with you to advance these important policies.

Sincerely,
KYLE E. YASUDA, MD, FAAP,
President.

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AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC.,
Washington, DC, May 9, 2019.

Chairman BOBBY SCOTT,
House Committee on Education and Labor,
Washington, DC.

Representative KIM SCHRIER,
Washington, DC.
Ranking Member VIRGINIA FOXX,
House Committee on Education and Labor,
Washington, DC.

Representative JAMES COMER,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCOTT, RANKING MEMBER FOXX, REPRESENTATIVE SCHRIER, and REPRESENTATIVE COMER: On behalf of the nearly 118,400 members and affiliates of the American Psychological Association (APA), thank you for your extraordinary leadership on H.R. 2480, the Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (Stronger CAPTA). The reforms in this legislation, in concert with the increased funding authorization, are powerful steps toward preventing child abuse and neglect and improving access to treatment and essential services for children and families, especially those recovering from trauma.

APA is a scientific and professional organization representing psychology, comprised of clinicians, researchers, educators, consultants and students across the United States and around the world. APA works to advance the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people’s lives. Many psychologists are specialized in child development and work across research and practice

to serve children and families, including children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

The Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act takes a streamlined and family-oriented approach to addressing key priorities in child welfare. The bill thoroughly emphasizes the importance of strengthening families through a continuum of services and supports including treating traumatic stress, connecting parents and children to mental and physical health services, programs to develop parenting skills, and other core services. Building on the Family First Prevention Services Act, the new Stronger CAPTA includes a greater focus on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. APA is particularly pleased to see trauma and adverse childhood experiences highlighted across the bill’s, research and technical assistance components, as well as the state grants in both Titles I and II. While there is much to be commended in the proposal, APA strongly supports the following elements:

IMPROVEMENTS IN RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION

The priorities set in section 104 focus on key areas of research to identify evidence-based approaches that improve primary prevention efforts, service delivery to children and families, and the wellbeing of victims of child abuse and neglect. The bill emphasizes scalability with an eye toward better serving more children and families, particularly those who have experienced trauma or have complex needs. APA strongly supports the promotion of racial equity within the child welfare system and the development of evidence-based approaches that consider the unique needs of rural, urban, and suburban families. In addition to streamlining research priorities, Stronger CAPTA enables much needed improvements in transparency and state data reporting through an update to the state plan mandates in section 106.

REDUCING FINDINGS OF NEGLECT DUE TO POVERTY

Consistent with APA’s Presidential Initiative on Deep Poverty, APA applauds the new provisions aimed at preventing and reducing findings of child neglect that result from a family’s economic insecurity. Keeping families together, whenever possible, is critically important for healthy development and children should not be separated from loving families due to poverty. As the section 106 grants suggest, families in financial need are better served by connecting them to services, such as nutrition assistance benefits.

ADDRESSING COMPLEX FAMILY NEEDS

GI Stronger CAPTA recognizes the challenges of adequately supporting and improving outcomes for families with complex needs. Some of America’s most vulnerable families are those with multiple risk factors for child abuse and neglect, such as parents with substance use disorders, parents who have experienced domestic violence, caregivers and children with disabilities, and young parents. Across both Titles, the bill encourages comprehensive outreach and treatment strategies to identify and support families with complex needs.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

The national epidemic of opioid use disorders has driven a substantial increase in findings of child abuse and neglect that has resulted in more children in the child welfare system. This bill acknowledges the intersection of substance use disorders and child maltreatment and incorporates new provisions to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration across community and public partners, with the goal of ensuring families are connected to the mental health services and additional supports that they need.

These reforms reflect a responsiveness to current needs identified by state and local agencies and service providers.

INCREASED AUTHORIZATION LEVELS

Congress has long sought myriad improvements to CAPTA but has historically failed to appropriate adequate funds for proper implementation. Additional funding is vital to ensure that the meaningful reforms of this legislation are fully realized, to the benefit of vulnerable children and families. The significant increases to authorization levels in H.R. 2480 illustrate a renewed commitment protecting children from harm. The importance of the increases proposed cannot be overstated, and the changes must be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations legislation accordingly, so as to not risk delays in implementation.

The Stronger Child Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Act represents an encouraging federal commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect before it occurs and proving the best possible continuum of services to support to children and families who have experienced child abuse and neglect. We welcome opportunities to work together to strengthen and advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE MCGUIRE,
Chief Advocacy Officer.

Ms. SCHRIER. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2480. I am so pleased that we worked together in a bipartisan fashion.

Parenting is the hardest job we have, and yet we have no training for it. This bill ensures that parents will have the support they need. It will save lives and prevent child mistreatment, maltreatment, abuse, and neglect.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. SCHRIER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2480, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE STABILIZATION OF IRAQ—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 116-36)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the

emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2019.

Obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 with respect to the stabilization of Iraq.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 20, 2019.

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 5 o'clock and 36 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 (Ms. TITUS) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and:
Pass H.R. 1952; and
Agree to H. Res. 106.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION INFORMATION ACT OF 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1952) to amend the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to require the Secretary of State to report on intercountry adoptions from countries which have significantly reduced adoption rates involving immigration to the United States, and for other purposes, 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 Texas (Mr. CASTRO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 0, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 218]

YEAS—397

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| Allred | Davidson (OH) | Hoyer |
| Amash | Davis (CA) | Hudson |
| Amodei | Davis, Danny K. | Hunter |
| Armstrong | Davis, Rodney | Hurd (TX) |
| Arrington | Dean | Jackson Lee |
| Axne | DeFazio | Jayapal |
| Babin | DeGette | Jeffries |
| Bacon | DelBene | Johnson (GA) |
| Baird | Delgado | Johnson (LA) |
| Balderson | Demings | Johnson (OH) |
| Banks | DeSaulnier | Johnson (SD) |
| Barr | DesJarlais | Johnson (TX) |
| Barragán | Deutch | Jordan |
| Bass | Diaz-Balart | Joyce (OH) |
| Beatty | Dingell | Joyce (PA) |
| Bera | Doyle, Michael | Katko |
| Bergman | F. | Keating |
| Beyer | Duffy | Kelly (IL) |
| Biggs | Duncan | Kelly (MS) |
| Bilirakis | Dunn | Kelly (PA) |
| Bishop (GA) | Emmer | Kennedy |
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| Blunt Rochester | Eshoo | Kilmer |
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| Boyle, Brendan | Evans | King (IA) |
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| Buchanan | Poster | LaMalfa |
| Buck | Foxx (NC) | Lamb |
| Bucshon | Frankel | Lamborn |
| Budd | Fudge | Langevin |
| Burchett | Fulcher | Larsen (WA) |
| Burgess | Gabbard | Larson (CT) |
| Bustos | Gaetz | Latta |
| Butterfield | Gallagher | Lawrence |
| Byrne | Galleo | Lawson (FL) |
| Calvert | Garamendi | Lee (CA) |
| Carbajal | Garcia (IL) | Lee (NV) |
| Cárdenas | Garcia (TX) | Lesko |
| Carson (IN) | Gianforte | Levin (CA) |
| Carter (GA) | Gibbs | Levin (MI) |
| Carter (TX) | Gohmert | Lewis |
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| Casten (IL) | Gomez | Lipinski |
| Castro (TX) | Gonzalez (OH) | Loeb sack |
| Chabot | Gonzalez (TX) | Loftgren |
| Cheney | Gooden | Long |
| Chu, Judy | Gosar | Loudermilk |
| Cicilline | Gottheimer | Lowenthal |
| Cisneros | Granger | Lowe |
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| Clarke (NY) | Graves (LA) | Luetkemeyer |
| Clay | Graves (MO) | Lujan |
| Cleaver | Green (TN) | Luria |
| Cline | Green (TX) | Lynch |
| Cloud | Griffith | Malinowski |
| Clyburn | Grothman | Maloney, |
| Cohen | Guest | Carolyn B. |
| Cole | Guthrie | Maloney, Sean |
| Collins (GA) | Haaland | Marchant |
| Collins (NY) | Hagedorn | Massie |
| Comer | Harder (CA) | Mast |
| Conaway | Harris | Matsui |
| Connolly | Hartzler | McAdams |
| Cook | Hastings | McBath |
| Cooper | Hayes | McCarthy |
| Correa | Heck | McCaul |
| Costa | Hern, Kevin | McClintock |
| Courtney | Hice (GA) | McCollum |
| Cox (CA) | Higgins (LA) | McEachin |
| Craig | Higgins (NY) | McGovern |
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| Mitchell | Rogers (KY) | Taylor |
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| Mooney (WV) | Rose, John W. | Thompson (MS) |
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| Morelle | Roy | Timmons |
| Moulton | Roybal-Allard | Tipton |
| Mucarsel-Powell | Ruiz | Titus |
| Mullin | Ruppersberger | Tonko |
| Murphy | Rutherford | Torres (CA) |
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| O'Halleran | Schweikert | Vargas |
| Ocasio-Cortez | Scott (VA) | Veasey |
| Olson | Scott, Austin | Vela |
| Omar | Scott, David | Velázquez |
| Palazzo | Sensenbrenner | Visclosky |
| Palmer | Serrano | Wagner |
| Panetta | Sewell (AL) | Walberg |
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| Pascrell | Sherman | Waltz |
| Payne | Sherrill | Wasserman |
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| Pressley | Soto | Wenstrup |
| Price (NC) | Spanberger | Westerman |
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| Ratcliffe | Stanton | Williams |
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NOT VOTING—34

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| DeLauro | Pocan | Tlaib |
| Doggett | Porter | Walden |
| Grijalva | Rice (NY) | Walorski |
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| Huizenga | Rush | Young |
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Mr. LEWIS changed his 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.

Stated for:

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 218.

CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS ANNUAL CLAY COMPETITION

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I am here today to talk about the Annual Clay Competition held by the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. I would like to take the time now to congratulate my good friend, AUSTIN SCOTT,