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- 4 MARKUP ON H.R. 985, CONCRETE MASONRY PRODUCTS, RESEARCH,
- 5 EDUCATION, AND PROMOTION ACT OF 2015;
- 6 H.R. 3154, E-WARRANTY ACT OF 2015;
- 7 H.R. 1344, EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION ACT OF 8 2015;
- 9 H.R. 1462, PROTECTING OUR INFANTS ACT OF 2015;
- 10 H.R. 1725, NATIONAL ALL SCHEDULES PRESCRIPTION ELECTRONIC
- 11 REPORTING REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015; AND
- 12 H.R. 2820, STEM CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION
- 13 ACT OF 2015
- 14 WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015
- 15 House of Representatives,
- 16 Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 17 Washington, D.C.

18 The Committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:00 a.m., in

Room 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. FredUpton [Chairman of the Subcommittee] presiding.

Members present: Representatives Upton, Whitfield,
Shimkus, Pitts, Walden, Burgess, Blackburn, Latta, Guthrie,
Olson, McKinley, Pompeo, Bilirakis, Long, Ellmers, Bucshon,
Flores, Brooks, Mullin, Hudson, Collins, Pallone, Eshoo,
Green, Doyle, Schakowsky, Matsui, Castor, Tonko, Clarke,
Loebsack, Schrader, Kennedy, and Cardenas.

27 Staff present: Clay Alspach, Chief Counsel, Health; 28 Gary Andres, Staff Director; Will Batson, Legislative Clerk; 29 Sean Bonyun, Communications Director; Leighton Brown, Press Assistant; Karen Christian, General Counsel; Noelle Clemente, 30 31 Press Secretary; James Decker, Policy Coordinator, Commerce, 32 Manufacturing, and Trade; Andy Duberstein, Deputy Press 33 Secretary; Graham Dufault, Counsel, Commerce, Manufacturing, 34 and Trade; Melissa Froelich, Counsel, Commerce, 35 Manufacturing, and Trade; Brittany Havens, Oversight 36 Associate, Oversight and Investigations; Kirby Howard, 37 Legislative Clerk; A.T. Johnston, Senior Policy Advisor; 38 Peter Kielty, Deputy General Counsel; Paul Nagle, Chief Counsel, Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade; Katie Novaria, 39 40 Professional Staff Member, Health; Tim Pataki, Professional 41 Staff Member; Graham Pittman, Legislative Clerk; Charlotte 42 Savercool, Legislative Clerk; Adrianna Simonelli, Legislative

43 Associate, Health; Heidi Stirrup, Health Policy Coordinator; Olivia Trusty, Professional Staff, Commerce, Manufacturing, 44 45 and Trade; Jessica Wilkerson, Oversight Associate, Oversight and Investigations; Michelle Ash, Democratic Chief Counsel, 46 Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade; Jen Berenholz, Democratic 47 Chief Clerk; Jeff Carroll, Democratic Staff Director; 48 49 Elizabeth Ertel, Democratic Deputy Clerk; Lisa Goldman, Democratic Counsel; Waverly Gordon, Democratic Professional 50 51 Staff Member; Tiffany Guarascio, Democratic Staff Director 52 and Chief Health Advisor; Ashley Jones, Democratic Director 53 of Communications, Member Services and Outreach; Adam 54 Lowenstein, Democratic Policy Analyst; Tim Robinson, 55 Democratic Chief Counsel; Samantha Satchell, Democratic 56 Policy Analyst; and Matt Schumacher, Democratic Press 57 Assistant.

58 The {Chairman.} It must be 10 o'clock. We are doing 59 the opening statements into this morning, so we will begin, 60 and I will yield myself 5 minutes, but I won't take that for 61 sure.

62 This marks our eighth full committee markup this 63 Congress, and with over 70 hearings on the books we have advanced nearly two dozen bills through the House. 64 This 65 committee has built a proud record of bipartisan success, and 66 we look to continue our momentum as we consider six bills to protect kids, improve the public health, and boost jobs and 67 68 manufacturing. These bills will have indeed have a positive 69 impact certainly in Michigan but across the country as well. 70 We will first consider H.R. 985, legislation that would 71 allow the concrete masonry industry to establish a national 72 checkoff program to help support industry programs related to generic research, promotion, and education. 73 This 74 legislation, authored by Representatives Guthrie and Castor, 75 has strong bipartisan support and offers manufacturers a 76 uniform opportunity to help grow their businesses and in fact 77 create jobs.

We next will consider H.R. 3154, the E-Warranty Act,
authored by Representatives Mullin and Loebsack. This
bipartisan bill provides important regulatory flexibility to

81 manufacturers by allowing them to post product warranties 82 online. We live during a time where Internet connectivity 83 and networked sensors are being integrated into every facet The use of the Internet and other advanced 84 of our lives. 85 technologies is generating significant efficiencies and 86 resource savings for businesses and consumers that should be 87 available to every sector of the economy. This measure helps to extend that opportunity, modernizing guidelines for the 88 89 21st century.

We will also consider four public health bills. H.R. 1344, the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2015, introduced by Health Subcommittee Vice Chair Guthrie and Representative Capps, and would reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment for deaf and hardof-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.

96 H.R. 2820, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act, introduced by Representatives Smith and 97 98 Matsui, would reauthorize the program for early stem cell 99 transplantation program. The home of the largest bone marrow 100 transplant patient unit is in Michigan and discussed a double 101 cord transplant with Ms. Mays. About 30,000 cord blood 102 transplants have been performed nationwide since they began 103 in the mid-1990's and about 10,000 have been double cord 104 transplants. Shortly following the procedure, Ella Mae Mays

105 was soon in remission as she celebrated her 60th birthday 106 last August. Reauthorizing this bill will ensure similar 107 miracles like Ms. Mays are possible.

108 So we have six important bills before us, and I urge 109 their approval, and would note that all members' statements 110 can be entered as part of the record by unanimous consent. 111 [The prepared statement of Chairman Upton follows:]

113 The {Chairman.} And with that, I will yield to the 114 Ranking Member of the committee, Mr. Pallone, for an opening 115 statement.

Mr. {Pallone.} Thank you, Chairman Upton, for convening today's full committee markup on six bills that all successfully passed their relevant subcommittee with unanimous Member support.

As we look to a well-deserved district work period, let me commend you and your staff for their willingness to work with Democrats to ensure that all of the bills before us includes our views.

124 First is H.R. 985, would establish a Concrete Masonry 125 Products Board that would require the collection of fees from 126 manufacturers of concrete masonry products to fund programs 127 and activities that would promote the concrete masonry 128 industry. The bill before us addresses many of the concerns 129 we have heard about this bill and it has my support. Now the 130 bill ensures fairness within the concrete masonry industry 131 and within the construction product industry overall and 132 includes provisions that increase the Concrete Masonry 133 Board's accountability.

134 Second, we will also consider the E-Warranty Act of135 2015, introduced by Representatives Mullen and Loebsack.

136 This bipartisan bill will help modernize the rules regarding 137 pre-sale warranty notice by allowing warranty information to 138 be made available online. While I support this bill, I 139 encourage the FTC to require that the non-electronic means of 140 obtaining warranty information provided for in this bill is 141 available to consumers for free and in a timely manner. Ι 142 also expect that FTC's rulemaking will maintain the current 143 protections for consumers and small business owners without 144 Internet access, including requiring that manufacturers 145 ensure sellers can fulfill their pre-sale notice obligations. 146 Third, we will also consider a number of important public health bills including the NASPER Reauthorization Act, 147 148 will help States establish and maintain prescription drug 149 monitoring programs in order to combat prescription drug 150 abuse, a public health crisis affecting so many communities 151 across the country, and this is an important step in our 152 efforts, and I look forward to working with Reps. Whitfield, 153 Kennedy and Bucshon to find ways to ensure it receives 154 critical funding.

Our fourth bill, H.R. 1462, the Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015, also addresses the opioid epidemic. Unfortunately, there has been a steep increase in the incidence of neonatal abstinence syndrome or NAS, a negative health outcome that occurs in newborns who were exposed to

painkillers while in their mother's womb. This important bill, introduced by Rep. Katherine Clark, would require HHS to develop recommendations for the treatment and prevention of prenatal opiate abuse and NAS. It would also require collection of data to better monitor the problem, and the development of a coordinated research strategy at HHS.

Our fifth bill, H.R. 2820, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act, introduced by Representative Matsui, continues our highly successful Be the Match Registry to ensure continued federal support to help patients in need of bone marrow transplants find their match. This program is truly lifesaving.

172 And the final bill, the sixth one, H.R. 1344, the Early 173 Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2015, would 174 reauthorize the successful Early Hearing Detection and 175 Intervention Program. This program ensures that 97 percent 176 of newborns receive screening for hearing loss. As a result, 177 children gain early access to interventions and treatments 178 that are critical in minimizing a hearing-impaired child's 179 risk of developmental delays. Thank you to Representative Capps for her leadership on this important public health 180 181 issue.

182 So Mr. Chairman, thank you again for working with us to 183 move these bills forward, and I yield back the balance of my

184	time.

185 [The prepared statement of Mr. Pallone follows:]

The {Chairman.} The gentleman yields back.

188 Other members wishing to make an opening statement? The 189 Chair would recognize the Chair of the Health Subcommittee, 190 Mr. Pitts, for 5 minutes.

191 Mr. {Pitts.} Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

During this full committee markup, members will consider four bipartisan public health bills to improve healthcare for newborns, infants and children, strengthen the national marrow donor program and cord blood donation, and a bill designed to curb prescription drug abuse.

197 The Health Subcommittee approved each of these bills 198 unanimously last Thursday, and my remarks today will be 199 limited to these bills.

As many of you know, one of the Health Subcommittee's top priorities has been helping and protecting children and families, and these bipartisan bills before the full committee today represent our ongoing effort to work together to strengthen public health and solve problems in our Nation's health care system.

H.R. 1344, the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
Act, authored by Health Subcommittee Vice Chairman, Brett
Guthrie, and Representative Lois Capps, amends the Public
Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early

210 detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-211 of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children. The Child Health Act of 2000 first authorized newborn hearing 212 screening, and at that time only 40 percent of newborns were 213 214 being screened. Today, over 95 percent of newborns receive 215 hearing screens. This is essential for the 33 children born 216 every day with hearing impairment, a common congenital condition. Once detected, the child can receive the 217 218 necessary language stimulation and benefit from early 219 intervention.

220 Secondly, H.R. 1462, the Protecting Our Infants Act of 221 2015, authored by Representatives Katherine Clark and Steve 222 Stivers, will combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and 223 neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). Babies born with NAS 224 often need to be hospitalized for weeks, can suffer from 225 seizures, other complications. In recent years, sadly, 226 there's been a steady rise in the number of overdose deaths 227 involving heroin. The bill will address a growing problem 228 and help protect newborns and infants. And Senate Majority 229 Leader Mitch McConnell has sponsored the companion bill, S. 230 799.

Thirdly, H.R. 1725, the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Reauthorization Act, or NASPER, is an important program that helps States combat

234 prescription drug abuse of controlled substances through 235 prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs). NASPER is 236 administered by the Department of Health and Human Services 237 and provides grants to States to establish and improve prescription drug monitoring programs. This legislation will 238 239 ensure States have adequate funding to address the needs of prescription drug abuse and will help prevent patients from 240 241 doctor shopping and abusing prescription drugs. It will 242 ensure appropriate law enforcement, regulatory and State 243 professional licensing authorities have access to 244 prescription history for purposes of investigating drug 245 diversion and errant prescriber or pharmacist prescribing and 246 dispensing practices.

Finally, H.R. 2820, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act, introduced by Representatives Chris Smith and Doris Matsui of California, reauthorizes the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, which provides federal support for cord blood donation and research essential to increasing patient access to transplant.

I support each of the bills and urge their adoption by the committee, and yield back the balance of my time.

255 [The prepared statement of Mr. Pitts follows:]

257 The {Chairman.} The gentleman yields back.

258 Other members wishing to speak? The Chair would 259 recognize the gentlelady from California, Ms. Eshoo.

260 Ms. {Eshoo.} Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good morning 261 to all the members, and thank you for convening this markup 262 of legislation relating to infant death, prescription drugs, 263 and important stem cell transplant programs.

Every bill before us today has bipartisan support, and I think that that is very important to underscore, and reflects the work that has been done not only by the leadership of the committee but by its members as well.

I would like to briefly highlight two of the bills before us today because I am especially pleased that the committee is taking them up.

271 The National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Authorization Act--kind of a mouthful--reauthorizes 272 273 the NASPER program, which assists States in combating 274 prescription drug abuse. This is a very, very big issue 275 across our country. Drug overdose death rates have risen 276 steadily in our country since 1970, and data from the last 277 decade shows that prescription drug abuse is epidemic in the 278 United States. According to NASPER, since 2007, there has 279 been an overall increase in prescription drug abuse and it

280 has increased 149 percent with increases ranging from 222 281 percent for morphine to 1,293 percent for methadone. These 282 are just stunning figures. The legislation will encourage 283 States to adopt prescription monitoring programs, which 284 collect statewide data about prescription drugs and track 285 their flow, and although the success of these monitoring 286 programs is evident, it remains obvious that there is much more work to be done, and I welcome the committee's 287 288 commitment to combating this epidemic.

289 The Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Authorization Act 290 reauthorizes two important programs for saving the lives of 291 thousands of patients who have been diagnosed with life-292 threatening blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma. For 293 these patients, a bone marrow or cord blood transplant may be 294 their only hope for a cure. Over the last 30 years, the 295 National Cord Blood Inventory and the C.W. Bill Young Cell 296 Transplantation programs have matched patients with over 11 297 million potential donors and 193,000 cord blood units donated 298 by mothers. And through international coordination, the 299 registries now include over 24.5 million international donors 300 and 622,000 cord blood units worldwide. So we are building 301 on an excellent foundation that has already out there. 302 The other four bills on the docket today are also deserving of the committee's support. The concrete masonry

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304 bill has over 260 cosponsors, had over 260 cosponsors in the 305 last Congress, so it has earned its way to the dais today. 306 Again, thank you to everyone that has been involved in 307 shaping the bills, the leadership that has worked together to 308 bring them forward, and I think that the committee can go off 309 for its August break and be pleased about the work that it 310 has done.

311 With that, I yield back the balance of my time. I don't 312 have any balance of time, but thank you.

313 [The prepared statement of Ms. Eshoo follows:]

The {Chairman.} The gentlelady's time has expired.
Other members wishing to speak? The Chair would
recognize the gentlelady from Illinois, Ms. Schakowsky, 3
minutes.

319 Ms. {Schakowsky.} Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

All six bills have bipartisan support, and this is a great way to head into the August district work period, and I hope it is a sign of things to come.

I am very proud of this committee. I think it is probably the only one that has really put so many bills out on the Floor.

326 Last week, the Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade 327 Subcommittee held a markup on H.R. 985, the Concrete Masonry 328 Products, Research, Education, and Promotion Act. I have 329 heard from many of my constituents including concrete masonry 330 manufacturers and workers about the benefits this bill would 331 bring. A Manager's Amendment was offered and accepted that 332 will better ensure that this program is effective in terms of both management and oversight. I thank Representative 333 334 Guthrie, Representative Castor, and others who have fought 335 for this bill for their willingness to incorporate those 336 changes.

337 Another bill from the CMT Subcommittee, the E-Warranty

Act, would allow companies to post product warranties online. This is a commonsense modernization of existing standards but it will also importantly ensure that consumers can still get warranties in paper form in store when they purchase a product.

I am also proud to support the four bills that have been reported out of the Health Subcommittee. H.R. 1344, the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act, will reauthorize and expand the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program through 2022. In Illinois alone, over 19,000 children are served by our State's early intervention are program.

We have seen an increasing number of neonatal abstinence syndrome cases over the last decade. In response, H.R. 1462, the Protecting Our Infants Act, will develop recommendations for treatment and prevention, and improve coordination across the Federal Government to reduce this trend.

In response to devastating increases in prescription drug opioid abuse, H.R. 1725, the NASPER Reauthorization Act, will support State prescription drug monitoring programs, an important tool in combating abuse and addiction.

And I support H.R. 2820, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act, which helps individuals in need of bone marrow transplant find bone marrow and cord blood

362 matches.

363 So again, let me just end by saying we should all feel 364 really good about the Energy and Commerce Committee. I want 365 to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and the ranking member and all 366 the subcommittee chairs, et cetera. We are doing a good job, 367 and I am proud of that. 368 Thank you. I yield back.

369 [The prepared statement of Ms. Schakowsky follows:]

371 The {Chairman.} I appreciate the kind words.

372 Other members wishing to give an opening statement? The 373 Chair would recognize the gentlelady from California, Ms. 374 Matsui.

375 Ms. {Matsui.} Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I 376 want to thank you and the ranking member for all the bills 377 that we are marking up today in a very bipartisan manner, and 378 I associate my remarks with those of my colleague who just 379 spoke.

380 I support every single one of them. I want to really 381 make sure that I emphasize H.R. 2820, which is the Stem Cell 382 Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act that is for 383 markup today. This legislation will reauthorize funding for 384 the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation program operated by 385 the National Marrow Donor program, otherwise known as Be The It will also reauthorize a National Cord Blood 386 Match. 387 Inventory. These programs provide hope to the thousands of 388 Americans who suffer from blood cancers or other blood 389 disorders and are searching for a match to lifesaving bone 390 marrow or cord blood transplant. Every 4 minutes, someone is 391 diagnosed with blood cancer or another blood disorder, and 392 often, the only cure for these fatal diseases is a bone 393 marrow or cord blood transplant. And during the last 30

394 years, the national registry has grown to 11 million adult 395 volunteer donors and 193 cord blood units. The growth is 396 promising but we must continue our efforts to encourage the 397 The bone marrow registry and cord blood bank also donors. 398 support critical medical research that improves outcomes for 399 the more than 70 conditions for which transplant is a cure 400 and helps to find ways to battle additional conditions. The 401 C.W. Bill Young Transplantation program also includes the 402 Office of Patient Advocacy, which helps patients navigate the 403 complexities of the healthcare system as they battle life-404 threatening diseases. This all came about because of our 405 former Congressman, C.W. Bill Young, to work on this critical 406 legislation. Mr. Young met an 11-year-old girl named Brandy 407 at a hospital in his district in Florida back in 1987. She 408 was admitted to the hospital with a form of leukemia for 409 which the only treatment was a bone marrow transplant, but 410 there were no siblings and thus no chance for finding a match 411 donor. That night she died. Our former colleague, Bill 412 Young, asked Brandy's doctors, what could have been done. 413 They said the answer would have been a transplant from an 414 unrelated donor. The program we are working to reauthorize 415 today could have made that possible. Finding a match is the 416 key necessary to unlock the potential cure that bone marrow cord blood transplant offers. This legislation we move 417

418 forward today will give patients and their families hope of 419 access for a curative transplant. I hope we can move this 420 legislation swiftly to passage before the program expires at 421 the end of September, and I thank you all for your support 422 and I yield back.

423 [The prepared statement of Ms. Matsui follows:]

425 The {Chairman.} The gentlelady's time has expired.
426 Other members wishing to make a statement? The Chair
427 would recognize the gentlelady from Tennessee, Mrs.
428 Blackburn.

Mrs. {Blackburn.} Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I want to say just a little bit about the concrete
checkoff bill, and I appreciate that we are moving that
forward.

433 In Tennessee, we have Middle Tennessee State University, 434 which had one of the first concrete industry management 435 programs and the first Center of Excellence for the concrete 436 industry management, and they have done a fantastic job for 437 They are excited that we are taking this action, that this. 438 we are moving forward with a concrete checkoff, so I thank 439 you for your leadership on that, and I look forward to having 440 this on the Floor so that we can help encourage more 441 development in the concrete masonry industry and create jobs 442 for those that are looking for these jobs in the building 443 trades.

I also want to express thanks for the public health bills that are before us today. We have heard on each of these bills from different members of the healthcare industry in our State, and we appreciate the leadership on those, and

448 with that, I yield back.

449 [The prepared statement of Mrs. Blackburn follows:]

451	The ·	Chairman.	} The	gentlelady	yields	back.
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452 Other members wishing to make an opening statement?

453 H.R. 985

The {Chairman.} Seeing none, the Chair will call up H.R. 985 as favorably reported by the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade on July 23rd, and ask the clerk to report.

The {Clerk.} H.R. 985, to enable concrete masonry product manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promote to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

463 [The bill follows:]

465 The {Chairman.} And without objection, the first 466 reading of the bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be 467 open for amendment at any point. 468 Are there any bipartisan amendments to the bill? 469 Are there any other amendments to the bill? Seeing none, the question now occurs on favorably 470 471 reporting H.R. 985 as amended to the House. 472 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye. 473 All those opposed, say no. 474 The ayes have it, and the bill is favorably reported.

475 H.R. 3154

476 The {Chairman.} The chair now calls up H.R. 3154 and 477 asks the clerk to report.

The {Clerk.} H.R. 3154, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet Web sites, and for other purposes.

482 [The bill follows:]

484 The {Chairman.} Without objection, the first reading of 485 the bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for 486 amendment at any point. 487 Are there any bipartisan amendments to the bill? 488 Are there any amendments to the bill? Seeing none, the question now occurs on favorably 489 490 reporting H.R. 3154 to the House. 491 All those in favor will say aye. 492 Those opposed, say no. 493 In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. The bill 494 is favorably reported.

495 H.R. 1344

496 The {Chairman.} The Chair now calls up H.R. 1344 as 497 favorably reported by the Subcommittee on Health on July 23rd 498 and asks the clerk to report.

The {Clerk.} H.R. 1344, to amend the Public Health Sol Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.

503 [The bill follows:]

505	The {Chairman.} And without objection, the first
506	reading of the bill is dispensed with and the bill again will
507	be open for amendment at any point.
508	Are there any bipartisan amendments to the bill?
509	Are there any amendments to the bill?
510	Seeing none, the question now occurs on favorably
511	reporting H.R. 1344 to the House.
512	All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.
513	All those opposed, say no.
514	In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and the
515	bill is favorably reported.

516 H.R. 1462

517 The {Chairman.} The chair now calls up H.R. 1462 and 518 asks the clerk to report.

519 The {Clerk.} H.R. 1462, to combat the rise of prenatal 520 opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

- 521 [The bill follows:]

523	The {Chairman.} And without objection, the first
524	reading of the bill is dispensed with and the bill will be
525	open for amendment at any point.
526	Are there any bipartisan amendments to the bill?
527	Are there any amendments to the bill?
528	Seeing none, the question now occurs on favorably
529	reporting H.R. 1462 to the House.
530	All those in favor will say aye.
531	All those opposed, say no.
532	In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and the
533	bill is favorably reported.

534 H.R. 1725

535 The {Chairman.} The Chair now calls up H.R. 1725 and 536 asks the clerk to report.

537 The {Clerk.} H.R. 1725, to amend and reauthorize the 538 Controlled Substance Monitoring program under section 3990 of 539 the Public Health Service Act, and for other purposes.

540 [The bill follows:]

542 The {Chairman.} And without objection, the first 543 reading of the bill is dispensed with and the bill will be 544 open for amendment at any point. 545 Are there any bipartisan amendments to the bill? 546 Are there any amendments to the bill? Seeing none, the question now occurs on favorably 547 548 reporting H.R. 1725 to the House. 549 All those in favor will say aye. 550 Those opposed, say no. 551 In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. The bill is favorably reported. 552

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553 H.R. 2820

554 The {Chairman.} The chair now calls up H.R. 2820 and 555 asks the clerk to report.

556 The {Clerk.} H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell 557 Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes. 558 [The bill follows:]

The {Chairman.} Without objection, the first reading of 560 561 the bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for 562 amendment at any point. Are there any bipartisan amendments to the bill? 563 564 Are there any amendments to the bill? 565 Seeing none, the question now occurs on favorably 566 reporting H.R. 2820 to the House. 567 All those in favor will say aye. 568 Those opposed, say no. 569 In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. The bill 570 is favorably reported. 571 Without objection, staff is authorized to make technical 572 and conforming changes to the bills reported by the committee 573 today. So ordered. 574 And without objection, the committee stands adjourned. 575 [Whereupon, at 10:25 a.m., the Committee was adjourned.]