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ACTION	·	Jept: 15, 1902	H0905
Remarks by Mr. Waxman			
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	DEFEAT OF H.R. 6444, PATEN LAW RESTORATION URGEI	IT)	
	(Mr. WAXMAN asked and was g	iven	
	permission to address the House f minute and to revise and extend remarks.)		
	Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, 1 today, we will be asked to vote of		
	issue on suspension, H.R. 6444, wi seeks to extend the patent period	hich	
	pharmaceuticals. The pharmaceutindustry argues that when the	tical	
	ernment takes up the time du which they otherwise would rec	eive	
	profits from their drugs because of drug approval process, they ough	t to	
	have the patent time extended. T have an argument to make, but v they seek to do in this legislation	vhat	
	extend the patent period to inc. the time that they take to do tes	lude	
	to see if the drug is safe and effec If there were no Government age	tive.	
	involved, they would still have to this testing to be sure they are	o do	
	going to be hurting people and bec liable for injuries.	ome	
	The consequences of a longer pa period will mean that the senior	s in	
	this country who are the primary chasers of drugs will be paying bishest possible price for these dr	the	
	highest possible price for those dr There cannot be competition with generic equivalent until that pa	the	
	period runs out. This bill is excessive. It is going t		
	a great deal of harm to people on ited fixed incomes. I think it is un	lim- nec-	
	essary. If it were to be passed at a should be passed in a much more	11, it .	
	strictive form.		