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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

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The February 13, 1986, meeting of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission was convened in open session by Acting Chairman Carol G. Dawson. Commissioners Sandra Brown Armstrong, Anne Graham, Terrence Scanlon and Stuart M. Statler were present.

Agenda Matter.

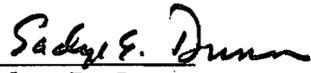
Upholstered Furniture Flammability Program

The Commission considered staff recommendations for continuing CPSC activities on upholstered furniture flammability in Fiscal Year 1986, specifically by (1) working with the Upholstered Furniture Action Council's (UFAC) Technical Committee to investigate new materials and techniques to improve resistance of upholstered furniture to cigarette ignition; (2) encouraging UFAC to consider contract research directed toward the development of materials and techniques for further improving the cigarette ignition resistance of upholstered furniture; and (3) preparing a consumer alert to discuss cigarette ignition of furniture manufactured without box welts or covered with predominantly cellulosic fabrics. The staff had reported to the Commission at the Commission Meeting of November 7, 1985, that industry voluntary efforts through UFAC had resulted in significant improvements in the resistance of upholstered furniture to cigarette ignition among UFAC member manufacturers, but noted also the need and the possibilities for further improvements, and recommended continued CPSC involvement in this effort in FY 1986.

Following discussion, the Commission unanimously (5-0) approved the staff's three-part recommendation as outlined above. The consumer alert is to be drafted for review and approval by the Commission.

There being no further business on the agenda, Acting Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting.

For the Commission:

  
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Secretary