



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20207

Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Acting Chairman Thomas H. Moore
 Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall

ITEM:

Termination of Baby Walker Rulemaking Proceeding

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (2-0) to terminate the baby walker rulemaking proceeding that is ongoing under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA). Acting Chairman Moore filed a statement regarding his vote, copy attached.

For the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd A. Stevenson", written over a large, stylized checkmark or initial.

Todd A. Stevenson
Secretary

* Ballot vote due May 1, 2002



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**STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. MOORE
ON THE TERMINATION OF THE BABY WALKER RULEMAKING
PROCEEDING**

May 1, 2002

I was not a member of the Commission when it voted to consider the mandatory regulation of baby walkers. Even so, it is gratifying to see that the efforts of the ASTM Walker Subcommittee have produced a creative voluntary solution to a hazard that was injuring far too many children.

One of the advantages of a voluntary standard is that it can be changed fairly easily as new information about the product comes to light. In that regard, I would like to ask our staff and the Subcommittee to keep a watchful eye on this product. In particular, I would like them to consider whether the standard should include tests for ensuring that friction strips maintain their ability to stop a walker over time and that they can not easily be detached from the walker. One of the injury reports involving a new walker mentioned the walker was missing a friction strip. While it is too early to tell if detaching friction strips will be a recurring problem, and also too early to tell how well friction strips will work over the life of the product, it is not too early to be mindful of these issues.