

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. MOORE
ON THE PETITION REQUESTING MANDATORY FIRE STANDARDS FOR
CANDLES AND CANDLE ACCESSORIES

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I am voting today to defer a decision on the petition requesting mandatory fire standards for candles and candle accessories. *Procedurally* the petition comes before us at the appropriate time, but procedural timeframes do not always present us with options at the optimum moment. After a slow start, the candle industry appears to be making good progress on voluntary standards for various types of candles and has finished much of its work in that area. Work has not started yet on candle holders, but we have no reason to think industry will not continue to work diligently to devise standards to address the flammability of holders. Because of the progress being made, I see no reason to grant the petition at this time. However, since progress still needs to be made in certain areas and evaluations will need to be done on the effectiveness of all of the candle-related standards, it does not seem appropriate to deny the petition at this time either.

Thus I am voting to defer and I join with Chairman Nord in directing the staff to provide periodic status reports to the Commission on the voluntary standards work on candles and candle accessories.