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With respect to the remaining bills, there were substantive issues that could not be resolved during this compressed time period, and other issues were regrettably ensnared by unrelated policy debates which were better suited for another day and a more appropriate context. The Chair intends to continue working with the Members to move each of these bills forward.

This will likely be the last meeting of the full Committee for the 110th Congress. We have together accomplished a great deal and have compiled a legislative record of which each of us — Members and staff, Democrats and Republicans — can be proud. The Nation's consumer protection laws have been overhauled, landmark energy legislation has been signed into law, our 911-emergency services have been enhanced and modernized, and key programs to protect the public health and environment have been reauthorized. Today alone, 16 bills and resolutions originating from this Committee, the House will consider.

Among other issues, the Committee has developed substantial records on the problems of global climate change and the safety of our food and drug supplies. The work of this Congress will serve as a solid foundation for legislation that will be signed into law next Congress. I commend each of our Subcommittee Chairmen and Ranking Members for their leadership, and I look forward to continuing the important work of the American people, consistent

with the best traditions of this institution, for years to come.

I have one other announcement: Although this may be the last meeting of the full Committee to consider legislation for the 110th Congress, the Members of the Committee will meet again tomorrow morning at 9:15 a.m. to pose for the official photograph of the Committee for the 110th Congress.

The Chair will insert into the transcript a full opening statement on each of the bills being considered today, and without objection all Members may submit a statement into the transcript on the matters being considered.

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