

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**Opening Statement as Prepared for delivery**  
**of**  
**Subcommittee on Energy Chairman Bobby L. Rush**

*Markup of 6 Bills*

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you for calling Members of the full Committee together for this important markup. Today's meeting presents an opportunity to advance pieces of legislation that will support the Federal Government's response to a variety of looming and pressing challenges. Among these challenges is the resiliency, reliability, and security of our energy systems, especially in the face of bad actors and other looming threats, like climate change.

In the wake of the recent Colonial Pipeline crisis, our Committee has demonstrated its steadfast and bipartisan commitment to move legislation that will confront cyber and physical security vulnerabilities within our energy system. This is illustrated by my bill, H.R. 3119, the Energy Emergency Leadership Act, which is co-lead by my colleague, Congressman Walberg and which I am pleased will be considered today. Through this legislation, a new Department of Energy Assistant Secretary position with jurisdiction over all energy and security functions would be created.

I was also pleased to join Ranking Member Upton, Chairman Pallone, and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers in introducing H.R. 3078, the Pipeline and LNG Facility Cybersecurity Preparedness Act, which would create a program at DOE to improve the physical and cyber security of pipelines and related facilities. These bills, along with others being considered by this Committee, are necessary first steps in strengthening the Federal Government's ability to prevent and respond to future incidents.

Today's markup also includes a resolution to reinstate Obama-era methane emission rules, which are essential to reducing the impact on climate change, as well as legislation to restore the FTC's 13(b) authority. Reinstating the 13(b) authority is critical to the FTC's work and is crucial to allowing the FTC to secure monetary compensation for those who have been harmed by bad actors. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these bills, and, with that, I yield back.