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Statement by the Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Chairman

Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on
Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection
on the

Markups of H.R. 3655, The Bereaved Consumer's Bill of Rights Act of 2010;

H.R. 3993, the Calling Card Consumer Protection Act;

H.R. 4805, the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act

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WASHINGTON — “The Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection will now come to order. Today, the Subcommittee is meeting to consider H.R. 3655, the “Bereaved Consumer’s Bill of Rights Act”; H.R. 4805, the “Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act,” and H.R. 3993, the “Calling Card Consumer Protection Act.”

“Pursuant to Rule 9, the Chairman and ranking Member will each have five minutes for opening statements and any other committee member desiring to make an opening statement may take up to three minutes.

“I now yield to myself for five minutes for the purpose of making an opening statement.

“We will consider three bills today. Our subcommittee has held legislative hearings on these bills. I will introduce the Manager’s Amendment on each of these bills.

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“The first bill up for consideration is H.R. 3655, the Bereaved Consumer’s Bill of Rights Act. I authored this bill, which was introduced on September 25, 2009.

“H.R. 3655 directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to promulgate rules requiring all cemetery, crematoria and mausoleum owners to provide clear and conspicuous disclosures and pricing information about their products and services, including costly pre-need contracts, memorials, burial rights, grave liners and vaults. These owners would also be required to produce and retain existing records pertaining to the location, date, and rights associated with each internment, inurnment or entombment of human remains.”

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