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### Statement by the Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Chairman

Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on  
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**Subcommittee Markup: H.R. 4501**, the “Guarantee of a Legitimate Deal Act of 2009”; **H.R. 2480**, the “Truth in Fur Labeling Act of 2009”; **H.R. 5156**, the “Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act of 2010”; **H.R. 1796**, the “Residential Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act”; and **H.R. 4678**, the “Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act of 2010”

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WASHINGTON — “Good morning. The Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection will now come to order. Today’s mark-up will focus on H.R. 4501, the “Guarantee of a Legitimate Deal Act of 2009”; H.R. 2480, the “Truth in Fur Labeling Act of 2009”; H.R. 5156, the “Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act of 2010”; H.R. 1796, the “Residential Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act”; and H.R. 4678, the “Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act of 2010.

“I commend Ranking Member Whitfield, Congressman Anthony Weiner, Congressman James Moran, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Congressman Jim Matheson, Congresswoman Betty Sutton and Congresswoman Bono-Mack for their leadership in resolving the important issues these bills address.

“Several hearings have been held on all of these bills. All objections and concerns have been raised, and addressed, and the fruits of those efforts are reflected in the actions we’re undertaking today.

“First, “the Guarantee of a Legitimate Deal Act” will protect consumers from unfair or deceptive practices surrounding the selling or trading of precious metals by providing a professional definition of an online seller, mandating that consumers give clear consent before their jewelry is melted or destroyed and requiring those who engage in this business to maintain websites and to be properly insured.

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“Second, the “Truth in Fur Labeling Act” will require all fur apparel to be labeled and permits states to apply more restrictive labeling standards.

“Third, the “Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act” will help our manufacturing industry become more competitive. From environmental degradation and oil spills in the Delta of Niger, in the Gulf of Guinea, to the U.S. energy corridor in the Gulf of Mexico, now is the time for American business to step up to the plate to provide innovative, technology solutions.

“This legislation has the potential to allow American businesses to assert their leadership in a sector that it once dominated. The manager’s amendment will broaden the scope of the definition of clean energy technology to include coal and nuclear energy, and it clarifies that the fund is not a grant program. More importantly, the bill will ensure that our exports improve and increase domestic job creation and small business development.

“Fourth, “the Residential Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act” will increase poisoning prevention through the adoption of mandatory consumer product safety standards.

“This legislation will make it unlawful for any manufacturer, or distributor, to import or distribute any new assembled, or unassembled, residential carbon monoxide detector unless it complies with the new standard.

“And fifth, “The Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act” will allow injured American consumers to bring suit against foreign manufacturers of defective products in American courts.

“I thank all the Members of this subcommittee for their contributions in developing these important pieces of legislation. As I said at the beginning of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, my intention is to always work in a bipartisan fashion. I am, therefore, pleased that with these five bills we have set aside our differences, reached common ground and, as a result, I think that all of us can be proud of the fruits of our labor that we are adopting today on behalf of the best interests of the American people.

“My hope this morning is that we will continue that constructive, bipartisan dialogue in this markup.

“Thank you, again. And with that, I yield the balance of my time.”

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