

Committee on Energy and Commerce

**Opening Statement
of
Subcommittee on Energy Ranking Member Bobby Rush**

Markup of H.R. 3477, the Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding today's markup on H.R. 3477, the Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act.

Mr. Chairman, I am not usually supportive of any attempts to delay efficiency standards, however, today I am not only supporting H.R. 3477, but I am also a cosponsor of the bill as well.

The Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act, introduced by Mr. Hudson of North Carolina, would simply extend the compliance deadline for the rule amending the standards for ceiling fan light kits, or CFLKs, to January 21, 2020.

This year-long extension would merely align the compliance deadline for the CFLK standard with a separate standard for ceiling fans.

Mr. Chairman, as I stated many times before, when there are opportunities for Members of this Subcommittee to work together to solve issues in a bipartisan, commonsense manner, then I will always be open to doing so.

While I have not heard much opposition to this bill, my office has met with several manufacturers concerned with the two competing deadlines for ceiling fans with and without lighting.

Mr. Chairman, this bill represents a legislative fix for a minor issue that could result in a major problem for manufacturers, therefore impacting the cost for consumers.

So I am happy to lend my support to my colleague from North Carolina and commend him on his hard work in getting this bill through the Subcommittee today and, hopefully, through the full committee and through the House in short order.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and with that I yield back the balance of my time...