

**Statement for the Record
Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr.
House Energy and Commerce Committee
Subcommittee on Energy**

Markup of: H.R. 1733, to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil; H.R. 2872, the Promoting Hydropower Development at Existing Nonpowered Dams Act; and H.R. 2880, the Promoting Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Act

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will consider three bills this morning. The first one, H.R. 1733, introduced by Representatives Brooks and Kennedy, updates a report on recycling lubricating oil that Congress requested in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The bill is non-controversial and deserves to be forwarded to the full committee.

We also have two hydropower bills -- one from Rep. Bucshon and another from Rep. Griffith. These bills build on the workshops and pilot project that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) conducted in response to the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act that this Committee passed in 2013.

I have concerns with the specific language in these bills as introduced, but not with their goals. I understand our staffs have had

very productive conversations about the two bills, and that we are close to reaching agreement on language that would be adopted when the bills are marked up by the full Committee.

Mr. Chairman, with that progress and understanding, we will not be offering any amendments on these bills today. I want to thank Chairman Upton and Chairman Walden, as well as the bills' sponsors – Rep. Bucshon and Rep. Griffith -- for working with Ranking Member Rush and me to develop a bipartisan compromise on these issues. In the end, I am hopeful that we will have two good legislative products that all members will be happy to support.

I yield back the balance of my time.