

**Opening Statement**  
**Rep. Jan Schakowsky**  
**House Energy and Commerce Committee**  
**Full Committee Markup of H.R. 985, H.R. 3154, H.R. 1344, H.R.**  
**1462, H.R. 1725, and H.R. 2820**  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding today's hearing on six bills that have broad bipartisan support. This is a great way to head into the August district work period, and I hope it's a sign of things to come.

Last week, the Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Subcommittee held a markup of H.R. 985, the Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act. I have heard from many of my constituents – including concrete masonry manufacturers and workers – about the benefits this bill will bring.

A manager's amendment was offered and accepted that will better ensure that this program is effective in terms of both management and oversight. I thank Rep. Guthrie, Rep. Castor, and others who have fought for this bill for their willingness to incorporate those changes.

Another bill from the CMT Subcommittee, the E-Warranty Act, would allow companies to post product warranties online. This is a common-sense modernization of existing standards, but it will also importantly ensure that consumers can still get warranties in paper form in-store when they purchase a product.

I am also proud to support the four bills that have been reported out of the Health Subcommittee.

H.R. 1344, the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act, will reauthorize and expand the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program through 2022.

In Illinois alone, over 19,000 children are served by our state's Early Intervention program.

We have seen an increasing number of neo-natal abstinence syndrome cases over the last decade. In response, H.R. 1462, the Protecting our Infants Act, will develop recommendations for treatment and prevention and improve coordination across the federal government to reverse that trend.

In response to devastating increases in prescription opioid abuse, H.R. 1725, the NASPER Reauthorization Act, will support state prescription drug monitoring programs – an important tool in combatting abuse and addiction.

And I support H.R. 2820, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act, which helps individuals in need of a bone marrow transplant find bone marrow and cord blood matches.

Again, I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for their work to advance these bills. I yield back.