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Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman
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Full Committee Markup of
H.R. 4771, H.R. 4250, H.R. 594, H.R. 699, H.R. 4290, H.R. 5057, and H.R. 4450
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Today, the full Committee will begin consideration of seven bills. I support passage of all seven and I will highlight a few now.

H.R. 594, the Paul. D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education, or MD CARE, Amendments of 2014, will build upon the work of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health to improve research, surveillance, and educational efforts regarding muscular dystrophy. It will also better incorporate the needs of adults with muscular dystrophy into current work in this area. I want to acknowledge the efforts of Congressman Engel and Congressman Burgess on this legislation.

H.R. 669, the Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act, would improve surveillance and data collection on Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths, Sudden Unexplained Deaths in Childhood, and stillbirths. Better data on the number and root causes will be critical in advancing our efforts to reduce these tragic deaths. I would especially like to thank Ranking Member Pallone for his leadership on this bill.

H.R. 4290, the Wakefield Act of 2014, would reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program, which has supported improvements to pediatric emergency care in every U.S. state, territory, and the freely associated states. Congressman Matheson should be commended for his work on this measure.

The goal of H.R. 4250, the Sunscreen Innovation Act, is to allow FDA to act more quickly to review marketing applications for new sunscreen ingredients. As a result of the unwieldy review process that FDA is required by current law to follow, there is an unacceptable backlog of these applications that has resulted in a lengthy delay in new products entering the market. I am glad we were able to work together on a bipartisan basis to create a workable process that will accomplish the goal of speeding access to new sunscreens. There are still a few technical issues that need to be worked out, but I am confident we will be able to do so between now and the Floor.

I applaud Mr. Bilirakis and Mr. Welch, the sponsors of H.R. 4450, for their ongoing commitment to travel promotion and for putting forward a bill that extends the authorization of

the public-private partnership that promotes international travel to the United States. Tourism represents millions of American jobs, billions of dollars in spending, and has untold benefits in creating goodwill toward the U.S. abroad.

Finally, Mr. Tonko and Mr. Gardner have introduced a bill related to the Department of Energy's recent efficiency standards for external power supplies, which are the little black boxes attached to the cords for laptop computers and other consumer products. The bill would establish an exemption to the new standard for spare parts. The spare parts would still be subject to the 2007 standard. DOE also will have the ability to limit the exemption in the unlikely event that it is significantly decreasing energy savings. This is a thoughtful, balanced bill that has broad stakeholder support. I encourage my colleagues to support it.