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Markup of 13 Bills, Full Committee

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately, I have to say, this markup is a complete sham. Republicans have spent five hearings this year raising the alarm about rising energy demands from Artificial Intelligence. I'm eager to work together on meaningful, bipartisan solutions to strengthen our electric grid and lower costs for consumers.

But here we are, 6 months into the year, and Republicans have shown zero interest in working across the aisle on serious, bipartisan legislation. Instead, all Republicans have to offer are these old stale ideas that have been kicking around for years. With the exception of Congresswoman Schrier's hydropower bill, many of the bills we're considering today are the same bills this Committee marked up two years ago. And there's a reason they've been kicking around for years—these bills are bad ideas, and they are going nowhere.

So, what are Republicans actually doing? President Trump is actively hollowing out the very federal agencies that are responsible for powering our country. Trump has forced out thousands of workers at the Department of Energy, shuttering programs and illegally withholding funding for energy projects. Trump is even refusing to allow new federal permits for wind farms, despite wind energy providing more than 10% of all U.S. electricity. With just a wave of his hand, Trump is trying to wipe out an entire American industry. Is this the Republican plan for energy abundance?

Meanwhile, Congressional Republicans' big tax boondoggle slashes hundreds of billions of dollars in federal incentives for new energy projects. Already, because of Republicans' attacks on our federal energy programs, more than \$1 billion dollars in new energy projects have been canceled every single month in 2025.

This is just the beginning. If Republicans' tax bill passes, thousands of hardworking Americans will lose their jobs. And families across the country will see their energy bills go up — by nearly \$300 dollars a year. Once again, I ask, is this really the Republicans' plan for energy abundance?

If my Republican colleagues are serious about fixing our electric grid, reducing energy costs, and meeting the energy demands of A-I, then they need to work with Democrats on real solutions. We need forward-looking, bipartisan legislation—not the same old slate of special-interest giveaways.

I yield back the balance of my time.