

CASTRO MOTION TO SUBPOENA DOCUMENTS

I appreciate this hearing but what we need is a complete picture of the Administration's policies in the region. Issues regarding Venezuela have deep implications for the region, especially in Nicaragua. Today's witness even said "without Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela and with the Cuban regime in tatters, Murillo and Ortega are increasingly isolated at home and abroad". But the administration has provided no information as to what our relationship with Venezuela looks like after Maduro, and how that affects U.S. policy towards the Western Hemisphere, particularly in Nicaragua. We are not meeting our most basic oversight responsibility if we don't have relevant information in front of us. **So, with that, Mr. Chairman, pursuant to Clause 2(M) of House Rule 11, Clause 2(K)(6) of House Rule 11, I move that this Subcommittee issue subpoenas to produce the agreement text between the U.S. and North American Blue Energy Partners (NABEP) and the agreement between NABEP, run by Alejandro Betancourt, and interim President Delcy Rodriguez by Tuesday September 22nd.**