

Opening Statement of the Honorable Fred Upton
Subcommittee on Energy
Markup of H.R. 3477, the Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization
Act
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Energy Efficiency provides benefits for consumers, for job-creating businesses and for the environment, which is why it is so important to have policies in place that are effective in encouraging energy efficiency. That is the reason this subcommittee is undertaking a comprehensive review of the Department of Energy's appliance standards efficiency program to see if there are ways to update and improve upon it. That comprehensive review is ongoing, but in the meantime we are here to today to mark up a very targeted bill that would improve the efficiency regulations affecting ceiling fans.

H.R. 3477, the "Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act," was sponsored by my good friend from North Carolina Richard Hudson, and has an all-star cast of bipartisan cosponsors, including Mr. Rush, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Butterfield.

As most of you know, ceiling fans often come with lights and thus serve two purposes for consumers. DOE regulates the energy efficiency of both the ceiling fans and the ceiling fan lights, and stringent new standards are scheduled to take effect over the next two years

But for some reason, DOE set the deadline for the ceiling fan light kits in 2019 while the ceiling fan standard takes effect in 2020.

H.R. 3477 would take the logical step of aligning the deadlines for ceiling fans and ceiling fan light kits so that both take effect in 2020. This should ease the compliance burden for some manufacturers and may help lower costs for consumers.

Although ceiling fan regulations may not be the weightiest matter before Congress, we ought to take every opportunity to streamline federal regulations and help keep compliance costs down. That is why I urge all of my colleagues to vote yes on H.R. 3477. Thank you.