



Committee: House Energy & Commerce Committee

Event: [Full Committee Markup of Fifteen Bills](#)

Date: December 3, 2025

Executive Summary: The Don't Mess With My Home Appliances Act ([H.R. 4626](#)) passed out of Committee on party lines.

Member Toplines:

Full Committee Chair Brett Guthrie (R-KY-02): Guthrie asserted that today's bills will improve consumer choice, grid security, and energy prices. He noted that the Don't Mess with My Home Appliances Act ([H.R. 4626](#)) requires that the Department of Energy (DOE) consider an appliance's full life cycle cost, including maintenance, when determining if a new standard is justified.

Full Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-NJ-06) Pallone stated that six of today's 15 bills are bipartisan and aim to solve permitting delays pertaining to broadband deployment. He then acknowledged the affordability crisis and stated that the bills attacking energy efficiency will lead to increased energy consumption and higher costs, emphasizing that electricity prices are climbing twice as fast as inflation.

Legislation of Interest Considered:

- I. [H.R. 4626](#) – Don't Mess With My Home Appliances Act
 - A. Rep. **Rick Allen** (R-GA-12) asserted that the bill would prevent future administrations from "prioritizing a radical... green agenda" over affordability and reliability. He stated that the DOE has exceeded the original scope and statutory authority of the *Energy Policy & Conservation Act*, asserting that appliance standards have led to a 34 percent increase in appliance costs, while life cycles have shortened. He explained that his bill eliminates the requirement to review and update energy conservation standards every six years, establishes a new process to revoke or revise finished standards, and amends the statutory criteria for determining whether an energy conservation standard is justified. He added that his bill aligns all compliance dates to be five years following a final rule, requires that test procedures must be issued 180 days prior to rulemaking action, and clarifies DOE's authority to amend water efficiency standards.
 - B. Rep. **Doris Matsui** (D-CA-07) highlighted the value of energy efficiency, particularly with mounting energy costs.
 - C. Rep. **Buddy Carter** (R-GA-01) expressed his support for the bill, asserting this would improve appliance affordability.
 - D. Rep. **Kathy Castor** (D-FL-14) proposed Amendment 12, which requires DOE to publish a certification that the impact of revoking existing energy conservation standards on costs, monetary benefits, and pollution will not harm consumers.

1. Allen spoke in opposition, arguing that the amendment was unnecessary.
 2. The amendment failed, 23 to 25.
- E. The bill passed out of Committee, 26 to 22.