

Statement of Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX)
Ranking Member, Committee on Science and Technology
Full Committee Markup

- H.R. 3957, *the Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act*
- H.R. 2339, *the Produced Water Utilization Act of 2008*
- H.R. 6323, *the Heavy Hybrid Truck Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 2008*

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Mr. Chairman, thank you for holding this markup today to advance the three bills before us today. I will keep my opening remarks brief.

H.R. 3957, the Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act introduced by Mr. Matheson would create a water technology research program at the EPA. Research and development of technologies that promote greater efficiencies in water use is one of the several responses we can make to the water shortages many of our constituents are experiencing.

The second bill, H.R. 2339, the Produced Water Utilization Act of 2008 is one I introduced, and I feel strongly about its potential to benefit our dual needs of energy and water. This bill would provide important funding for research, development, demonstration and commercial application of technologies to purify and use produced water from oil and natural gas extraction for human, agricultural and industrial purposes.

H.R. 6323, Mr. Sensenbrenner's heavy duty hybrid vehicle bill, would establish a program at DOE to provide grants to carry out projects to advance research and development and to demonstrate advanced technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles. While heavy duty trucks make up a small portion of the market, the potential for fuel savings through hybrid technology is substantial.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I support the three bills we're marking up today and hope that our colleagues will as well. I yield back the balance of my time.