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### Implementation of National Consensus Appliance Agreements Act of 2011

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Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 27, 2011
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Sep 6, 2011

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 18, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Energy

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4480	Related bill	<b>Jul 10, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
112 HR 5710	Related bill	<b>May 11, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
112 S 1000	Related bill	<b>Sep 6, 2011:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 151.
112 HR 482	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
112 S 156	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Implementation of National Consensus Appliance Agreements Act of 2011 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) to expand the definition of "energy conservation standard" under such Act to mean one or more performance or design requirements relating to energy and water efficiency.

Establishes energy conservation standards for: (1) central air conditioners and heat pumps; (2) through-the-wall central air conditioners; (3) through-the-wall central air conditioning heat pumps; (4) small duct, high velocity systems; and (5) non-weatherized furnaces.

(Sec. 3) Establishes energy conservation standards for: (1) heat pump pool heaters, and (2) GU-24 lamps, lamp sockets, and adaptors.

(Sec. 5) Establishes energy conservation standards and test procedures for bottle-type water dispensers, commercial hot food holding cabinets, and portable electric spas.

(Sec. 6) Allows any person to petition the Secretary of Energy (DOE) to prescribe or amend test procedures for covered products and equipment. Establishes deadlines for responding to such petitions.

(Sec. 7) Requires the Secretary to publish amended test procedures for refrigerators and freezers, residential clothes washers, and clothes dryers.

(Sec. 8) Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether to update the Energy Star criteria for residential refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, and room air conditioners to incorporate smart grid and demand response features.

(Sec. 9) Requires the Secretary to: (1) conduct a study of video game console energy use and opportunities for energy savings for such use, (2) determine whether to establish minimum energy efficiency standards for such use after completing such study, and (3) conduct a follow-up study if an energy efficiency standard is not established.

(Sec. 10) Revises energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers manufactured as of January 1, 2014.

(Sec. 11) Establishes energy conservation standards for room air conditioners manufactured on or after June 1, 2014.

(Sec. 12) Requires the Secretary to publish a final rule that establishes a uniform energy descriptor and test methods for covered water heaters (i.e., a water heater, a storage water heater, an instantaneous water heater, or an unfired water storage tank).

(Sec. 13) Establishes energy conservation standards for: (1) clothes dryers manufactured on or after January 1, 2015; (2) clothes washers manufactured on or after January 1, 2015, and on or after January 1, 2018; and (3) residential dishwashers manufactured on or after January 1, 2013.

(Sec. 16) Requires the Secretary, in conducting rulemakings for reflector lamps after January 1, 2014, to consider incandescent and nonincandescent technologies and a new energy-related measure other than lumens per watt.

(Sec. 17) Requires the Secretary to publish in the Federal Register a notice of, and explanation for, any DOE decision to grant or deny a petition for a new or amended energy standard and to publish, within three years after granting a petition,

a final rule that contains the new or amended standards or a determination that no new or amended standards are necessary.

(Sec. 18) Amends EPCA to extend provisions of that Act relating to prohibited acts to manufacturers, distributors, retailers, or private labelers.

(Sec. 19) Defines and establishes energy conservation standards for: (1) high light output double-ended quartz halogen lamps and general purpose mercury vapor lamps; (2) gas-fired and oil-fired warm air furnaces; and (3) service over the counter, self-contained, medium temperature commercial refrigerators.

(Sec. 22) Directs the Secretary to: (1) conduct an assessment of electric motors and the electric motor market in the United States and develop recommendations for improving the efficiency of motor systems; and (2) establish a proactive, national program targeted at motor end-users to increase awareness of the energy and cost-saving opportunities in commercial and industrial facilities using higher efficiency electric motors, improvements in motor system procurement and management procedures, and criteria for making decisions for new, replacement, or repair motor and motor system components.

(Sec. 23) Directs the Secretary to study and report on: (1) the degree of compliance with energy standards for appliances; and (2) the costs and benefits of requiring high-quality, direct current electricity supply in buildings and the role of the federal government in imposing such requirements.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 18, 2011:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with amendments. With written report No. 112-18.
- **May 18, 2011:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 54.
- **Apr 12, 2011:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 10, 2011:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-10.
- **Feb 17, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 17, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S890-891)
- **Feb 17, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S891-904)