

**Chairman Richard Shelby Opening Statement
Senate Committee on Appropriations**

Markup of H.R. 5430, United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act

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(As prepared for delivery)

The committee will come to order.

Today, we meet to consider H.R. 5430, the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act, or “USMCA.”

The Appropriations Committee shares jurisdiction over the USMCA with the Finance, Budget, Environment and Public Works, Commerce, HELP, and Foreign Relations Committees.

The Appropriations Committee’s jurisdiction specifically relates to the \$843 million in discretionary, emergency spending that will be available to implement the agreement.

I want to make my colleagues aware that this legislation is considered pursuant to Trade Promotion Authority fast-track procedures.

Amendments are therefore prohibited, so our task here today is limited to voting to report the bill out of the committee.

Recognizing that Members have a number of competing obligations this morning, I would invite those that have statements to submit them for the record.

I now recognize Vice Chairman Leahy to offer his remarks and make a motion.

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