

Statement from Congressman John Shimkus (R, Illinois-19):

"It was an honor to be able to present myself to the Steering Committee for consideration as chairman of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. I believe I will be a better Member of Congress and better member of the committee having gone through this process.

"I fully support Chairman-elect Upton and look forward to assisting him as our committee has a lot of work ahead of us in the 112th Congress."