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WASHINGTON- The House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee holds public hearings today on the National Emergency Petroleum Act, sponsored by Congressman Harley Staggers of West Virginia.

The legislation contains most of the emergency measures to deal with the energy shortage requested by President Nixon one week ago including reduced speed limits, cutbacks in airline flights, restrictions on nonessential fuel use and temporary switch-overs to coal by power plants.

Staggers, who heads the 43-member committee, said the hearings would last from 9 a.m. until "whenever we've heard from everyone."

That "everyone" ^{means} ~~includes~~ more than two dozen witnesses including members of the Energy Policy Council, several cabinet officers, representatives of industry as well as consumers and environmentalists.

Staggers, who introduced the bill along with Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.) three weeks before the President's energy speech, said he would push for speedy Congressional approval of the legislation.

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