A House subcommittee meeting may have previewed the fate of data privacy and children’s online safety legislation in this Congress. Two key bills advanced unanimously to the full House Energy and Commerce Committee during last Thursday’s markup session, but lawmakers on both sides of the aisle raised concerns, including the chair and ranking member of the full committee.

The House Energy and Commerce Innovation, Data and Commerce Subcommittee markup session featured debate on an updated discussion draft of the American Privacy Rights Act (APRA), which would establish comprehensive data privacy regulations, and the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) which would set a duty of care for the largest social media companies and require strong default privacy and safety settings and features for young users.

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