



Chairman Hal Rogers

House Committee on Appropriations

Full Committee Markup of FY 2015 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill April 9, 2014 *Statement As Prepared*

Now let's turn our attention to our next order of business for the day – the Legislative Branch Bill for Fiscal Year 2015.

I am pleased to recognize our new Subcommittee Chairman, the gentleman from Oklahoma, Mr. Cole, to present his bill to the Committee.

I now recognize the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee, the gentlelady from Florida, Ms. Wasserman Schultz.

Though your bill may be small, it is extremely important, and I know you both worked mighty hard on it. I thank you for your efforts and the careful thought you put into crafting this piece of legislation.

Without this bill, we wouldn't be here today. This bill facilitates the work we do here on Capitol Hill by keeping our doors open, our lights on, and our campus safe from harm.

It also preserves and maintains this hallowed edifice that houses our great democracy, and supports the services that keep the Congress working and informed – like the Government Accountability Office, and the Library of Congress.

And it allows thousands of visitors to witness democracy in action, and to safely visit the buildings where so much history has been made.

In total, this bill provides \$3.32 billion for the operations of the House of Representatives, the historic buildings of the Capitol Complex, the Police who protect it, and the related agencies that assist in the legislative functioning of our republic.

This level is consistent with last year's enacted level – continuing the 14% in reductions for the House of Representatives since Republicans took the majority in January 2011.

We must continue to adhere to the same fiscal goals we have set for each and every program and agency across the federal government – and that means tightening our belts and making do with what we have.

I ask that my colleagues support this bill today.

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