



Chairman Hal Rogers

House Committee on Appropriations

**Full Committee Markup of
Interim 302(b) Suballocations for the FY 2015 Legislative Branch and
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bills
April 9, 2014
*Statement As Prepared***

For our last order of business today, we will consider our interim 302(b) suballocations for the Legislative Branch and the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bills. These allocations will allow us to bring the bills considered today to the floor, as per the Rules of the House.

Normally, we would consider all 12 302(b) numbers at this point. However, given the early start to our mark ups and delays caused by the late arrival of the President's budget, we now lack the updated Congressional Budget Office baseline information used to score appropriations bills, which should arrive sometime in mid-April. This makes it difficult to develop accurate suballocations for all 12 bills.

The two bills we considered today are relatively straightforward in terms of scoring, so we were able to develop suballocations for them. However, the other 10 bills individually and combined are increasingly difficult to score without the technical assumptions and assistance provided by CBO's upcoming baseline information.

Once we receive this update, we will put forward the full complement of suballocations for the Committee's approval as expeditiously as possible.

For now, in order to set the gears in motion and assure these bills get to the floor this month, I ask that the Committee approve the two suballocations in front of us today.

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