

Chairman Rodney Alexander
Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch
House Committee on Appropriations
Government Accountability Office and Government Printing Office Budget Hearings
Opening Statement As Prepared

Good morning. The Subcommittee will come to order.

Today we begin our fiscal year 2014 budget hearings for the various agencies of the Legislative Branch. As all of the Members of the Subcommittee are aware, the President's fiscal year 2014 Budget has not been transmitted to the Congress. We understand that delivery of the President's Budget will be sometime in early March. In order to complete the work of the Subcommittee, in a timely manner, we have decided to begin our hearings without receiving the formal budget.

Advance information received by the Subcommittee reflects that most all the agencies, under our jurisdiction, have requested a budget increase over the amount in the current CR.

With our nation dealing with a national debt of over \$16 trillion dollars it is going to be very difficult, to not only maintain current levels, but to increase funding above the current levels.

Everyone can be assured that we will CONTINUE to lead by example being efficient, effective, and doing more with less. I look forward to working with our Ranking Member, the former Chairwoman of this Subcommittee Ms. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, as we well as the other Members of the Subcommittee.

Mr. Bill Young – Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee, Mr. Jeff Fortenberry, Mr. David Valadao, Mr. Andy Harris, Mr. James Moran, and Mr. Sanford Bishop – the only returning Member to the Subcommittee from the previous Congress.

I also welcome Chairman Harold Rogers – The Full Committee Chairman and Mrs. Nita Lowey – the Full Committee Ranking Member, as they are both ex-officio Members of the Subcommittee.

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