## Sander M. Levin, Ranking Member Committee on Ways and Means Before the Committee on House Administration Tuesday, March 5, 2013

- We are in support of the Ways and Means Committee budget submission.
- We were consulted as this budget was being developed and had an opportunity for input.
- As you can see, the largest part of our funding is dedicated to salaries with the rest going toward equipment, supplies and materials.
- What is apparent by the expenses incurred in 2012 is that if more cuts are forthcoming this Committee cannot operate without cutting core legislative work.
- The Committee on Ways and Means has been tasked with a broad area of jurisdiction that includes Tax and Entitlement Reform, as well as other important legislative issues.
- I am pleased to report that the Democrats will have full control over our 1/3 share of the Committee's budget.
- I hope that you consider this when you make your decision.