

Opening Statement of Congressman Doug Collins
Full Committee Markup of H.R. 1123, the "Divisional Realignment
for the Eastern District of Arkansas Act"

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This legislation reduces the existing divisions in the Eastern District of Arkansas from five to three. By doing so, it will limit the burden caused by two courthouse closures. It will allow the Eastern District of Arkansas to better balance its caseload, account for geographical differences, and better align with the judicial work generated by correctional facilities.

I commend this committee for making this necessary realignment in the Eastern District of Arkansas. I look forward to supporting this commonsense legislation.