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Rogers Announces Schedule for House to Complete Appropriations Bills “On Time and On Budget”

Also releases notional subcommittee funding limits for Fiscal Year 2012

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers today announced the schedule for the completion of work on the 12 fiscal year 2012 Appropriations bills by the end of the fiscal year on September 30th. The plan includes marking up and approving each bill at both the Subcommittee and Full Committee levels in the next few months before the August recess.

While the House floor schedule is maintained and directed by the House Leadership, the Chairman’s schedule helps pave the way for at least nine of the 12 bills to be considered on the House floor before August 5th, with the consideration of the remaining bills in September before the end of the fiscal year on September 30th.

Chairman Rogers said that this schedule will help avoid a perilous budget situation like the one that occurred earlier this year, which caused the final FY 2011 Appropriations to be approved seven months late and prompted arduous negotiations and threats of a government shutdown.

“I promised when I became Chairman that I would complete our Appropriations work on time and on budget, and I will do everything I can to fulfill that promise,” Chairman Rogers said. “Congress has a responsibility to the American people to complete this legislation before the end of the fiscal year so that vital programs and services can be funded adequately and sensibly. We must rebuild Americans’ confidence in the way the government spends its taxpayer dollars and avoid the uncertainty and expense often caused by past-due Appropriations bills.”

In addition, reflecting the critical need for significant budget reductions to help cut back the nation’s looming debt, Rogers announced lean funding limits for each of the 12 Appropriations subcommittees. The levels are based on the Budget Resolution the House passed last month and include a reduction of nearly \$46 billion from last year’s (FY 2011) levels for non-security programs.

“Facing record-high deficits, this year, more than ever, we must make the hard budget decisions to help rein in spending. The Appropriations bills this year will include double-digit reductions for virtually every non-security area of government, while providing additional resources for the

nation’s critical and urgent needs – such as our national defense. Many of these cuts will not win any popularity contests, but these types of reductions are imperative to overcoming our unparalleled fiscal crisis so that we can get our economy moving, create jobs and provide future financial security,” Chairman Rogers said.

FY 12 Mark Up Schedule by Subcommittee

Chairman Rogers’s schedule for the consideration of Appropriations bills follows. The Chairman’s schedule is subject to change. The House floor schedule is maintained and directed by the House Leadership.

Homeland Security	Subcommittee: May 13 Full Committee: May 23
Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies	Subcommittee: May 13 Full Committee: May 23
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies	Subcommittee: May 24 Full Committee: May 31
Defense	Subcommittee: June 1 Full Committee: June 14
Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies	Subcommittee: June 2 Full Committee: June 15
Legislative Branch	Subcommittee: June 2 Full Committee: June 15
Financial Services	Subcommittee: June 16 Full Committee: June 23
Interior, Environment and Related Agencies	Subcommittee: July 6 Full Committee: July 11
Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies	Subcommittee: July 7 Full Committee: July 13
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies	Subcommittee: July 14 Full Committee: July 26
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies	Subcommittee: July 26 Full Committee: August 2
State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies	Subcommittee: July 27 Full Committee: August 3

Subcommittee Allocations (302(b)s)

The notional Appropriations Subcommittee funding limits – also known as the 302(b)s – follow. The allocations are subject to change until the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Resolution is officially adopted, and until the Committee approves the final funding levels.

REGULAR FISCAL YEAR 2012 302(b) SUBALLOCATIONS¹ (in millions; budget authority)

<u>SUBCOMMITTEE</u>	FY 2011 <u>Enacted</u>	<u>2012</u>		<u>302(b)s compared to:</u>	
		Pres. <u>Budget²</u>	Draft <u>302(b)s</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	Pres. <u>Budget</u>
Agriculture, FDA.....	19,922	22,291	17,250	-2,672	-5,041
Commerce, Justice, Science.....	53,327	57,675	50,237	-3,090	-7,438
Defense.....	513,025	538,938	530,025	17,000	-8,913
Energy and Water.....	31,682	36,540	30,639	-1,043	-5,901
Financial Services.....	21,950	25,700	19,895	-2,055	-5,805
Homeland Security.....	41,661	43,577	40,592	-1,069	-2,985
Interior, Environment.....	29,559	31,291	27,473	-2,086	-3,818
Labor, HHS, Education.....	157,436	180,801	139,218	-18,218	-41,583
Legislative Branch.....	4,541	4,855	4,314	-227	-541
Military Construction, VA.....	73,150	73,791	72,535	-615	-1,256
State, Foreign Operations.....	48,162	50,796	39,569	-8,593	-11,227
Transportation, Housing.....	55,367	74,712	47,655	-7,712	-27,057
TOTAL.....	1,049,782	1,140,967	1,019,402	-30,380	-121,565

^{1/} Fiscal year 2012 bills will also include \$127 billion in funding for GWOT activities consistent with the President's FY 2012 Budget request. These include: Defense subcommittee (\$119 billion), Homeland Security subcommittee (\$258 million), and State, Foreign Operations subcommittee (\$7.6 billion).

^{2/} Does not assume the President's budget proposal to shift discretionary transportation spending to the mandatory side.