

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SUBCOMMITTEE
Chairman Tom Cole
Fiscal Year 2015 – Opening Statement

Good Morning. The Subcommittee will come to order.

Today we begin our fiscal year 2015 budget hearings for the various agencies of the Legislative Branch. As Members of the Subcommittee are aware, the President's fiscal year 2015 Budget is available online, as of this morning, and limited printed copies are being transmitted to the Congress this morning.

Advance information received by the Subcommittee reflects that most all the agencies, under our jurisdiction, have requested a budget increase over the amount carried in the fiscal year 2014 Omnibus.

With our nation dealing with a national debt of over \$17 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 Ms. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, as we well as the other Members of the Subcommittee.

Returning from the last session of the 113th Congress we have
Dr. Andy Harris – Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee

Mr. James Moran

Mr. Sanford Bishop

New to the Subcommittee

Mrs. Martha Roby

Mr. Mark Amodei

And Mr. Chris Stewart

The budget that this Subcommittee will consider, not including the Senate items is \$3,448,407,000 an increase of \$122,515,000, or 3.68 percent, above the fiscal year 2014 level. When you include the Senate the entire request is \$4,464,900,000 and increase of \$206,900,000, or 4.86 percent, above the fiscal year 2014 level.