

Washington, D.C. - Today, Democratic House Appropriators agreed on subcommittee assignments for the 112th Congress. Rep. David Price (D-NC) will remain the top Democrat on the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, serving as ranking member alongside new Republican Chairman, Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL). Rep. Price will also serve on the Legislative Branch Subcommittee and the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee (T-HUD). The ranking member selections will be ratified by the full Democratic caucus later today.

"I look forward to working with Rep. Aderholt to ensure our first responders and homeland security professionals have the tools they need to keep the American people safe," Rep. Price said. "I trust that the subcommittee will continue to carefully scrutinize administration requests as we make the tough choices necessitated by our country's fiscal standing and security needs. As I have said in the past, no area of federal spending should be off limits to scrutiny, and we should view the budget, in its entirety, as a reflection of the values and priorities of the American people."

Rep. Price plans to continue his leadership on disaster preparedness, transportation and cargo security, intelligence and information sharing, and addressing the challenges of the Southwest border. Under Rep. Price's leadership from 2007 to 2010, Democrats took important steps to rebuild FEMA and increase aid to first-responders. His Subcommittee pushed the Department to enhance the screening of cargo on passenger planes and the targeting of high-risk cargo. He has also worked to upgrade aviation security with better technology for screening and the improvement of high-risk passenger databases.

Price also worked to increase the presence of investigators and intelligence analysts along the Southwest border to take on the cartels. Since 2007, Democrats increased the number of border patrol agents by more than 50%, combining personnel investments with targeted upgrades in infrastructure and technology to make border agents more effective at halting the illegal movement of people and things across the border. And under Rep. Price, the Subcommittee initiated funding for criminal alien removal programs targeted at removing those who have shown they will do harm in our communities.

"During my tenure, the Homeland Security Subcommittee was characterized by both robust debate and bipartisan good faith," Rep. Price said. "We won't agree on everything, but challenges like grappling with new and emerging threats, reaching a workable and effective immigration enforcement policy, and ensuring that we are rooting out inefficiencies in homeland

security – just as everywhere else in the budget – are too important for us not to work together."

On the T-HUD Subcommittee, Rep. Price has championed infrastructure investments, transit alternatives and the development of a viable regional commuter rail system. Rep. Price has also worked to support adequate funding for programs designed to promote affordable housing, homeownership and community development projects to put the American dream within reach for as many Triangle families as possible.

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