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Chairman Cochran Announces New Structure for Senate Appropriations Committee

Cochran to Step Down as Homeland Security Subcommittee Chairman

Washington, D.C. – Chairman Thad Cochran announced today a new structure for the Senate Appropriations Committee for the 109th Congress. Included as part of the plan is an announcement that he is stepping down as Chairman of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

Chairman Cochran said, “The Senate Appropriations Committee is moving forward with a consensus on the structure of the Committee. The changes made will allow for a more orderly approach to the appropriations process.”

The Appropriations Committee will have 12 individual subcommittees. The programs and accounts funded previously through the VA-HUD and Independent Agencies Subcommittee are being divided among other subcommittees.

Summary of the Committee’s Organization

The Committee will organize into the following 12 subcommittees:

Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, chaired by Senator Bennett
Commerce, Justice, and Science, chaired by Senator Shelby
Defense, chaired by Senator Stevens
District of Columbia, chaired by Senator DeWine
Energy and Water, chaired by Senator Domenici
Homeland Security, chaired by Senator Gregg
Interior and Related Agencies, chaired by Senator Burns
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, chaired by Senator Specter
Legislative Branch, chaired by Senator Brownback
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, chaired by Senator Hutchison
State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, chaired by Senator McConnell
Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, chaired by Senator Bond

The programs and accounts funded in the Agriculture, Defense, District of Columbia, Homeland Security, and Legislative Branch have not changed. The following subcommittees have altered their jurisdiction:

VA/HUD – disbanded
Commerce, Justice, and Science – Gains NASA, NSF, Office of Science and Technology Policy; loses Judiciary and State
Energy and Water – Gains energy related accounts from Interior
Interior – Gains EPA and related accounts from VA/HUD
Labor, HHS and Education – Gains Corporation for National and Community Service from VA/HUD
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs – gains Veterans Affairs; American Battle Monuments Commission; Cemeterial Expenses, Army (Arlington National Cemetery); Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Selective Service Commission
State, Foreign Operations – Gains State Department from CJS
Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary and HUD – Gains HUD and related agencies from VA/HUD. Gains Judiciary from CJS

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