



**Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen**  
**FY 2019 Homeland Security Bill – Full Committee Markup**  
**July 25, 2018**  
**Opening Statement As Prepared**

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Good morning, and welcome to our 12<sup>th</sup> and final markup of the Fiscal Year 2019 process. Today we will consider the Homeland Security Appropriations bill and the revised 302(b) suballocations.

I'd like to thank Chairman Thornberry and the Armed Services Committee for acting as our host today for this markup. We are grateful to all the committees that have allowed us to borrow their space over the past several months, and we look forward to being back in our own hearing room soon.

I would like to ask that we all clean up after ourselves throughout the day, as we are guests in this accommodation.

Today, we complete the final Committee markup for Fiscal Year 2019.

We would not be at this point without all of your time and hard work over the past several months.

We have achieved a great deal so far this year – marking up all 12 bills and getting half of these through the House floor, plus holding more than 70 hearings since February.

We continue to have an open and member-driven Appropriations process – holding Member Days and including the vast majority of member requests for all our bills – to ensure our bills represent the values and priorities of the people we represent, following a long tradition of bipartisanship.

Members have had – and will have – additional opportunities to have their voices heard as we continue to pass bills on the floor and put more of them through Conference Committees.

Your commitment to this process and to getting our work done has been unfailing to the people we represent, to our fellow Members of Congress, and to the Constitution.

I am grateful for the support of our Ranking Member Mrs. Lowey, who shares my dedication to this Committee's rich history and support for the Appropriations process. She has been a true friend and partner over the past two years, and I thank her.

I would also like to thank our Full Committee staff for all their hard work this year – some who have occupied the dais during all our markups this year, assuming a very professional process – including: Nancy Fox, staff director; Maureen Holohan; Shannon O’Keefe; Jennifer Hing; Jason Gray; Marta Hernandez; Tammy Hughes; Rachel Kahler; Parker Van de Water; Tom Doelp; and the late Stephen Sepp from the Majority; and Shalanda Young; Chris Bigelow, and Adam Berg from the Minority; along with all our Subcommittee clerks and their professional staff members.

To our personal staffs, I express our gratitude to them all, on all of our behalves.

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I want to thank Chairman Yoder, Ranking Member Roybal-Allard, and the Homeland Security Subcommittee, along with the professional subcommittee staff, for their work to bring this bill before the Committee today.

Providing for the Defense of our homeland is the top priority of the Committee. We have already provided substantial increases for the Department of Defense to support our troops and fulfill our military obligations abroad.

Now, with this bill, we provide similar investments to protect the United States within, outside, and at our borders.

In total, the legislation provides \$51.4 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Homeland Security and its 14 operational and support components – including the U.S. Coast Guard, CBP, ICE, TSA, and FEMA.

This represents an increase of \$3.7 billion above the fiscal year 2018 enacted level – demonstrating our commitment to keeping our citizens safe and secure in their homes and communities.

This funding will provide the brave men and women at DHS who are working on the frontlines every day with the resources they need to accomplish their critical missions, and keep them safe in the process.

This includes more resources to protect and strengthen our borders.

As Chairman Yoder noted, \$5 billion is directed to physical barrier construction and related technological enhancements that will secure our southernmost border.

This funding will also put more officers, agents, and canine teams on the ground. These frontline personnel will help enforce our laws, stem the flow of illegal drugs, and stop the trafficking of humans and other crimes.

For the U.S. Coast Guard, funding is provided to improve readiness through training and equipment modernization, and to support our men and women in uniform as they protect our coasts, ports, and waterways and work with their counterparts around the world.

Threats to our cyber networks have increased in frequency and severity, and this legislation meets those challenges every day.

This bill provides a total of \$1.9 billion for the National Protection and Programs Directorate, which helps detect and prevent cyber-attacks and foreign espionage.

The bill also helps our nation remain prepared for any physical attacks on our homeland or natural disasters by providing \$7.2 billion for FEMA's disaster response and recovery programs, which have faced many monumental and catastrophic events over the past few years.

In addition, the bill includes \$3.1 billion for FEMA grant programs.

I'm particularly pleased to see robust support for the Urban Security Initiative, which provides resources to communities that face the greatest risks, including in my home state of New Jersey, and protection for nonprofits, including faith-based organizations.

In sum, this bill represents a balanced approach to our security that enhances both physical capabilities and preparedness within DHS.

Again, I want to commend Chairman Yoder, Ranking Member Roybal-Allard, and the Subcommittee for bringing a strong recommendation before the Committee today.

I look forward to a respectful debate, and I hope we will all maintain the professional, collegial atmosphere that this Committee is known for. This will allow us to do our best work for the people we represent.

I urge support for the bill.

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**FY 2019 Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations – Full Committee  
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Our next and final item of business will be the consideration of the revised report on the suballocation of budget allocations for Fiscal Year 2019.

This report makes technical and conforming changes to our 302(b), so that they reflect our numbers as reported out of committee.

This includes the Overseas Contingency Operations funding, as well as disaster funding for the Homeland Security bill.

These updates are necessary to facilitate further floor consideration of our remaining bills.

I urge the Committee to support these 302(b)s.

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