

### Appropriations Committee Assignment

Congressman Olver was first selected to be a member of the Appropriations Committee in 1993 after an initial, partial-Congress assignment to the Science and Education & Labor Committees. The Congressman was briefly removed from the Appropriations Committee (and went back to Science and also the Budget Committee) when the majority-minority parties (and committee seat ratios) flipped in 1995. Congressman Olver went back on the Appropriations Committee two years later, in 1997, and has been a member ever since.

The House Committee on Appropriations—along with its counterpart Appropriations Committee in the Senate—is responsible for appropriating federal money to government agencies. Article one, section nine, clause seven of the U.S. Constitution lays out the authority of the Appropriations Committee: “No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.”

The Appropriations Committee is one of three House Committees responsible for setting the overall federal budget along with the Budget Committee, which sets the fiscal year budget for the federal government, and the Ways and Means Committee, responsible for taxation and revenue collection. Created in 1865 to separate the responsibilities of the Ways and Means Committee during the Civil War, the Appropriations Committee has grown to represent an important aspect of the budget process.

There are currently twelve Appropriations Subcommittees which have jurisdiction over different federal agencies. Each subcommittee drafts and reports appropriations bills which are presented to the full committee. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees work independently of each other, but must eventually come together to settle differences in their appropriations legislation.

[Appropriations Committee Minority Website](#) - More information about the Appropriations Committee and the 12 subcommittees, including hearing and mark-up schedules.

### Subcommittee Assignments

#### [Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee](#)

Congressman Olver is currently the Ranking Member and senior Democrat on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee. The THUD Subcommittee has jurisdiction over appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development as well as agencies within both Departments, including the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, and Community Planning and Development program.

#### [Energy and Water Subcommittee](#)

Congressman Olver has been a member of the Energy and Water Subcommittee since 2007. The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the appropriations for the Department of Energy, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and related agencies.

#### [Homeland Security Subcommittee Minority Website](#)

Congressman Olver was appointed to the Homeland Security Subcommittee in January 2011. The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security, including the Transportation Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

### Resources

#### [The Budget Process and the role of the Appropriations Committee](#)

[House Appropriations Committee majority website](#)

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