

**Chairman Peters Opening Statement As Prepared for Delivery
Full Committee Business Meeting: Organizing Mark Up
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I want to take a moment to welcome Senators Blumenthal and Marshall to the Committee.

Congratulations to Senator Blumenthal on becoming Chair of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations and to Senator Romney on becoming Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight.

I would especially like to welcome Ranking Member Paul to his new role leading the Committee, and the rest of my colleagues who are returning to serve with us here.

Last Congress, Ranking Member Portman and I worked on a bipartisan basis with this Committee to advance significant legislation that strengthened the security of our communities and ensured government works for the taxpayer.

I look forward to having another collaborative and productive Congress with our new Ranking Member Senator Paul, and all of our Committee members, so we can continue our bipartisan tradition of working together on behalf of the American people.

It is an honor to be entrusted with this gavel once again, and I intend to use it productively and effectively to build on this Committee's success.

To that end, we meet today to adopt our budget resolution and our rules.