Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today was selected by his colleagues in the House of Representatives to serve on the Appropriations Committee in the 113th Congress, which starts in January.

"I am honored to be entrusted with the important responsibility of this position," Fortenberry said. "To govern is to choose, and to choose is to budget. I hope to work constructively to build a culture of fiscal prudence, strategic foresight, and creative collaboration within the fiscal process. The work is particularly difficult. The Committee is tasked with the hard job of meeting the obligations of the federal government while also reducing the deficit through balanced spending and oversight decisions."

The Appropriations Committee writes the policies authorizing all expenditures made by the U.S. Government. It has been 22 years since a Nebraskan served on the House Appropriations Committee. The position was last held by Congresswoman Virginia Smith.

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