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Chairman Blunt's Opening Statement
Oversight of the Architect of the Capitol's Human Resources Policies

Today's hearing marks the beginning of the Rules Committee's agency oversight hearings. I intend for this Committee to be very active in its oversight responsibilities. We will hold regular hearings throughout the next Congress with each of the agencies under our jurisdiction.

Today we start with the Architect of the Capitol. This agency literally covers a lot of the ground within our area of responsibility—with over 570 acres of grounds and 18.4 million square feet of buildings, which the AOC is entrusted to operate and maintain as a place of business for the Legislative Branch and a destination for millions of visitors each year.

I look forward to discussing the work and management of the AOC as we strive to ensure the Capitol and the Senate Campus are safe, secure, efficient, and welcoming.

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