

# US Rep. Alexander to work on subcommittee

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Fifth District U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander has strengthened his position on the House Appropriations Committee by landing an assignment on the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

The Energy and Water Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the U.S. Department of Energy, Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior.

"That was our No. 1 request because of Louisiana's needs," said Alexander, R-Quitman. "We're one of the nation's top producers of energy, and we have more

navigable water in Louisiana in terms of miles than any other state.

"All of that makes it very important to have a say in how those areas are funded."

Alexander's other new assignment is to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies. He will retain his seat on the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administrations and Related Agencies.

"These assignments are a great opportunity for me to serve the best interests of the 5th District, and the rest of Louisiana," he said. "I could not be more pleased."

Alexander said his work on the Labor

and Health subcommittee will impact everyone in the 5th District.

"With the faltering economy, Congress must take action on key issues affecting Americans on a daily basis, such as job creation and security, access to quality health care and ample education opportunities," he said.

"As the federal government continues to look for solutions to our economic crisis, this assignment gives me an avenue to directly influence these decisions."

Alexander said it will always be a priority to keep his seat on the Agriculture Subcommittee because of agriculture's importance to the district.

