



# Shaping the 119th Congress: Potential Committee Leadership

As of November 27, 2024

# House of Representatives

Committee	Likely Chair (R)	Likely Ranking Member (D)	Commentary
Agriculture	Glenn "GT" Thompson (PA)	David Scott (GA) Jim Costa (CA)	Rep. Thompson is the current Chair. Rep. Scott is the current Ranking Member. Rep. Costa has announced that he plans to run against Scott for Ranking Member.
Appropriations	Tom Cole (OK)	Rosa DeLauro (CT)	Rep. Cole is the current chair. Rep. DeLauro is the current Ranking Member.
Armed Services	Mike Rogers (AL)	Adam Smith (WA)	Rep. Rogers is the current Chair. Rep. Smith is the current Ranking Member.
Budget	Jodey Arrington (TX)	Brendan Boyle (PA)	Rep. Arrington is the current Chair. Rep. Boyle is the current Ranking Member.
Education and the Workforce	Tim Walberg (MI) Burgess Owens (R-UT)	Bobby Scott (VA)	Current Chair Virginia Foxx (NC), who received a waiver to lead the Committee in the 118th Congress, is not seeking another waiver. Rep. Joe Wilson (SC), who is next in seniority, plans to seek the gavel on Foreign Affairs. Reps. Walberg and Owens have expressed interest in succeeding Rep. Foxx. Rep. Scott is the current Ranking Member.
Energy and Commerce	Bob Latta (OH) Brett Guthrie (KY)	Frank Pallone (NJ)	Current Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA) is retiring. Reps. Latta and Guthrie have announced they are seeking the gavel. Rep. Pallone is the current Ranking Member.

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Ethics	Michael Guest (MS)	Veronica Escobar (TX)	Rep. Guest is the current Chair. Current Ranking Member Susan Wild (PA) lost her race. Rep. Escobar could be tapped to take the top spot.
Financial Services	Frank Lucas (OK) Bill Huizenga (MI) Andy Barr (KY) French Hill (AR)	Maxine Waters (CA)	Current Chair Patrick McHenry (NC) is retiring. Reps. Lucas, Huizenga, Barr and Hill are seeking the gavel. Rep. Waters is the current Ranking Member.
Foreign Affairs	Joe Wilson (SC) Darrell Issa (CA) Ann Wagner (MO) Brian Mast (FL)	Gregory Meeks (NY)	Current Chair Michael McCaul (TX) is term limited. Reps. Wilson, Issa, Wagner and Mast have announced their interest in chairing the Committee. Rep. Meeks is the current Ranking Member.
Homeland Security	Mark Green (TN)	Bennie Thompson (MS)	Rep. Green is the current Chair. Rep. Thompson is the current Ranking Member.
House Administration	Bryan Steil (WI)	Joe Morelle (NY)	Rep. Steil is the current Chair. Rep. Morelle is the current Ranking Member.
Intelligence	Mike Turner (OH)	Jim Himes (CT)	Rep. Turner is the current Chair. Rep. Himes is the current Ranking Member.
Judiciary	Jim Jordan (OH)	Jerry Nadler (NY)	Rep. Jordan is the current Chair. Rep. Nadler is the current Ranking Member.
Natural Resources	Bruce Westerman (AR)	Raúl Grijalva (AZ) Jared Huffman (CA)	Rep. Westerman is the current Chair. Rep. Grijalva is the current Ranking Member. Rep. Huffman has announced that he plans to run against Grijalva for Ranking Member.
Oversight and Accountability	James Comer (KY)	Jamie Raskin (MD)	Rep. Comer is the current Chair. Rep. Raskin is the current Ranking Member.



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Rules	Guy Reschenthaler (PA) Virginia Foxx (NC) Pete Sessions (TX) ?	Jim McGovern (MA)	Current Chair Michael Burgess (TX) is retiring. Rep. Reschenthaler is next in seniority, but he also serves as the Chief Deputy Whip. Rep. Foxx previously served on the Committee, and Rep. Sessions chaired the Committee from January 3, 2013 - January 3, 2019. Both are seen as potential chairs, but the Rules Chair is appointed by the Speaker and is not decided by the Steering Committee so others could be in consideration.  Rep. McGovern is the current Ranking Member.
Science, Space and Technology	Brian Babin (TX)	Zoe Lofgren (CA)	Current Chair Frank Lucas (OK) is term limited and is seeking to chair Financial Services. Rep. Babin is likely to succeed Rep. Lucas.  Rep. Lofgren is the current Ranking Member.
Small Business	Roger Williams (TX)	Roger Williams (TX)	Rep. Williams is the current Chair. Rep. Velázquez is the current Ranking Member.
Transportation and Infrastructure	Sam Graves (MO) Rick Crawford (AR)	Rick Larsen (WA)	Rep. Graves is the current Chair. He is term limited but has said he plans to seek a waiver. Rep. Crawford has announced he plans to seek the gavel.  Rep. Larsen is the current Ranking Member.
Veterans' Affairs	Mike Bost (IL)	Mark Takano (CA)	Rep. Bost is the current Chair. Rep. Takano is the current Ranking Member.
Ways and Means	Jason Smith (MO)	Richie Neal (MA)	Rep. Smith is the current Chair. Rep. Neal is the current Ranking Member.

# Senate

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Aging	Rick Scott (FL)	Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	<p>Current Ranking Member Mike Braun (IN) did not seek reelection. Others ahead of Sen. Scott in seniority already lead other committees.</p> <p>Current Chair Bob Casey (PA) lost is race. Sen. Gillibrand is next in seniority.</p>
Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry	John Boozman (AR)	Amy Klobuchar (MN)	<p>Sen. Boozman is the current Ranking Member.</p> <p>Current Chair Debbie Stabenow (MI) is retiring. Sen. Klobuchar currently chairs Rules &amp; Administration but is likely to take the Ranking Member spot on Ag.</p>
Appropriations	Susan Collins (ME)	Patty Murray (WA)	<p>Sen. Collins is the current Vice Chair.</p> <p>Sen. Murray is the current Chair.</p>
Armed Services	Roger Wicker (MS)	Jack Reed (RI)	<p>Sen. Wicker is the current Ranking Member.</p> <p>Sen. Reed is the current Chair.</p>
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs	Tim Scott (SC)	Elizabeth Warren (MA)	<p>Sen. Scott is the current Ranking Member.</p> <p>Current Chair Sherrod Brown (OH) lost his race, as did Sen. Jon Tester (MT), who is next in seniority. Others ahead of Sen. Warren in seniority lead other committees.</p>

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Budget	Lindsey Graham (SC)	Jeff Merkley (OR) Tim Kaine (VA)	<p>Sen. Chuck Grassley (IA) is the current Ranking Member. He is term limited as Ranking Member of Judiciary, but he has two years remaining as Chair. Sen. Graham, who was Ranking Member on Budget in the 117th Congress, is expected to chair the Committee in the 119th Congress.</p> <p>Current Chair Sheldon Whitehouse (RI) is likely to lead EPW. Others ahead of Sen. Merkley in seniority lead other committees. Sen. Merkley could also choose to lead Rules &amp; Administration, and Sen. Kaine is then next in seniority.</p>
Commerce, Science and Transportation	Ted Cruz (TX)	Maria Cantwell (WA)	<p>Sen. Cruz is the current Ranking Member. Sen. Cantwell is the current Chair.</p>
Energy and Natural Resources	Mike Lee (UT)	Martin Heinrich (NM)	<p>Current Ranking Member John Barrasso (WY) has been elected Majority Whip for the next Congress. Sen. Risch is ahead of Sen. Lee in seniority, but he is Ranking Member on Foreign Relations.</p> <p>Current Chair Joe Manchin (WV) is retiring. Others ahead of Sen. Heinrich in seniority lead other committees.</p>
Environment and Public Works	Shelley Moore Capito (WV)	Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	<p>Sen. Capito is the current Ranking Member. Current Chair Tom Carper (DE) is retiring. Others ahead of Sen. Whitehouse in seniority lead other committees.</p>
Ethics	James Lankford (OK)	Chris Coons (DE)	<p>Sen. Lankford is the current Vice Chair. Sen. Coons is the current Chair.</p>
Finance	Mike Crapo (ID)	Ron Wyden (OR)	<p>Sen. Crapo is the current Ranking Member. Sen. Wyden is the current Chair.</p>
Foreign Relations	Jim Risch (ID)	Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	<p>Sen. Risch is the current Ranking Member. Current Chair Ben Cardin (MD) is retiring, and Sen. Shaheen is next in seniority.</p>

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Health, Education, Labor and Pensions	Bill Cassidy (LA)	Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Sen. Cassidy is the current Ranking Member. Sen. Sanders in the current Chair.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	Rand Paul (KY)	Gary Peters (MI)	Sen. Paul is the current Ranking Member. Sen. Peters is the current Chair.
Indian Affairs	Lisa Murkowski (AK)	Brian Schatz (HI)	Sen. Murkowski is the current Ranking Member. Sen. Schatz is the current Chair.
Intelligence	Tom Cotton (AR)	Mark Warner (VA)	Current Vice Chair Marco Rubio (FL) has been nominated to serve as Trump's Secretary of State. Others ahead of Sen. Cotton in seniority lead other committees. Sen. Warner is the current Chair.
Judiciary	Chuck Grassley (IA)	Dick Durbin (IL)	Sen. Lindsey Graham (SC) is the current Ranking Member. While Sen. Grassley is term limited as Ranking Member, he has two years remaining as Chair. Sen. Durbin is the current Chair.
Rules and Administration	Mitch McConnell (KY)	Alex Padilla (CA) Jeff Merkley (OR)	Sen. Deb Fischer (NE) is the current Ranking Member. However, Sen. McConnell has seniority and plans to Chair the Committee. Current Chair Amy Klobuchar (MN) is likely to take the top spot on Ag, and if Sen. Merkley chooses to take Budget, Sen. Padilla is next in seniority.
Small Business and Entrepreneurship	Joni Ernst (IA)	Ed Markey (MA)	Sen. Ernst is the current Ranking Member. Current Chair Jeanne Shaheen (NH) is expected to be Ranking Member on Foreign Relations, and Sen. Maria Cantwell (WA), who has more seniority than Sen. Markey, is the lead on Commerce.
Veterans' Affairs	Jerry Moran (KS)	Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Sen. Moran is the current Ranking Member. Current Chair Jon Tester (MT) lost his race. Sen. Blumenthal is next in seniority among Senators not leading other committees.

