



## Congressional Committees Addressing Infant and Toddler Issues

### United States Senate Committees

#### ❖ **Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee**

Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Child Nutrition Programs

<http://agriculture.senate.gov>

**Overview:** The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is tasked with helping to establish, guide, and examine agricultural policies in the U.S. and abroad. It writes legislation on commodity price and income supports, trade, research, food safety, nutrition, and soil conservation.

#### **Democratic Members** (12)

Blanche Lincoln (AR) Chair  
Patrick Leahy (VT)  
Tom Harkin (IA)  
Kent Conrad (ND)  
Max Baucus (MT)  
Debbie Stabenow (MI)  
Ben Nelson (NE)  
Sherrod Brown (OH)  
Robert Casey Jr. (PA)  
Amy Klobuchar (MN)  
Michael Bennet (CO)  
Kristen Gillibrand (NY)

#### **Republican Members** (9)

Saxby Chambliss (GA) Ranking Member  
Richard Lugar (IN)  
Thad Cochran (MS)  
Mitch McConnell (KY)  
Pat Roberts (KS)  
Mike Johanns (NE)  
Charles Grassley (IA)  
John Thune (SD)  
John Cornyn (TX)

#### ❖ **Appropriations Committee**

Child Care, Child Welfare, Disaster Relief, Early Head Start, Early Intervention, Higher Education, Social-Emotional Health, Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)

<http://appropriations.senate.gov>

**Overview:** The Senate Appropriations Committee is the largest committee in the U.S. Senate. The Committee writes legislation that allocates federal funds to the numerous government agencies, departments, and organizations on an annual basis. Appropriations are limited to the levels set by a Budget Resolution, drafted by the Senate Budget Committee. Twelve subcommittees are tasked with drafting legislation to allocate funds to government agencies within their jurisdictions. These subcommittees are responsible for reviewing the President's budget request, hearing testimony from government officials, and drafting the spending plans for the coming fiscal year. Their work is passed on to the full Senate Appropriations Committee, which may review and modify the bills and forward

them to the full Senate for consideration. The Committee is also responsible for supplemental spending bills, which are sometimes needed in the middle of a fiscal year to compensate for emergency expenses.

**Democratic Members** (18)

Daniel Inouye (HI) Chair  
 Robert Byrd (WV)  
 Patrick Leahy (VT)  
 Tom Harkin (IA)  
 Barbara Mikulski (MD)  
 Herb Kohl (WI)  
 Patty Murray (WA)  
 Byron Dorgan (ND)  
 Dianne Feinstein (CA)  
 Richard Durbin (IL)  
 Tim Johnson (SD)  
 Mary Landrieu (LA)  
 Jack Reed (RI)  
 Frank Lautenberg (NJ)  
 Ben Nelson (NE)  
 Mark Pryor (AR)  
 Jon Tester (MT)  
 Arlen Specter (PA)

**Republican Members** (12)

Thad Cochran (MS) Ranking Member  
 Christopher Bond (MO)  
 Mitch McConnell (KY)  
 Richard Shelby (AL)  
 Judd Gregg (NH)  
 Robert Bennett (UT)  
 Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX)  
 Sam Brownback (KS)  
 Lamar Alexander (TN)  
 Susan Collins (ME)  
 George Voinovich (OH)  
 Lisa Murkowski (AK)

❖ **Budget Committee**

Child Care, Child Welfare, Disaster Relief, Early Head Start, Early Intervention, Family and Medical Leave, Higher Education, Social-Emotional Health, Maternal and Child Health Programs, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)

<http://budget.senate.gov>

**Overview:** The Senate Committee on the Budget is responsible for drafting Congress' annual budget plan and monitoring action on the budget for the federal government. In addition, the Budget Committee has jurisdiction over the operation of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The Budget Committee is often confused with the Finance Committee and the Appropriations Committee, both of which have different jurisdictions. The Finance Committee (like the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Representatives) has legislative jurisdiction in the areas of taxes, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and some other entitlement programs. The Appropriations Committee has legislative jurisdiction over appropriations bills, which provide funding for government programs. While the budget resolution prepared by the Budget Committee sets out a broad blueprint for the Congress with respect to the total levels of revenues and spending for the government as a whole, these other Committees prepare the legislation that actually enacts specific tax and spending policies.

**Democratic Members** (13)

Kent Conrad (ND) Chair  
 Patty Murray (WA)  
 Ron Wyden (OR)  
 Russ Feingold (WI)

**Republican Members** (10)

Judd Gregg (NH) Ranking Member  
 Charles Grassley (IA)  
 Michael Enzi (WY)  
 Jeff Sessions (AL)

Robert Byrd (WV)	Jim Bunning (KY)
Bill Nelson (FL)	Mike Crapo (ID)
Debbie Stabenow (MI)	John Ensign (NV)
Robert Menendez (NJ)	John Cornyn (TX)
Ben Cardin (MD)	Lindsey Graham (SC)
Bernard Sanders (VT)	Lamar Alexander (TN)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	
Mark Warner (VA)	
Jeff Merkley (OR)	

❖ **Finance Committee**

Child Care, Child Welfare, Disaster Relief, Home Visiting, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

<http://finance.senate.gov>

**Overview:** The Senate Finance Committee's jurisdiction is defined by subject matter – not by agency or Department. As a consequence of the Committee's broad subject matter jurisdiction, the Finance Committee has sole or shared jurisdiction to create legislation regarding the following issues: bonded debt, customs, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery, deposit of public moneys, general revenue sharing, health programs under the Social Security Act (Medicare and Medicaid), health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund, national social security, reciprocal trade agreements, revenue measures generally, revenue measures relating to the insular possessions, tariffs and import quotas, and the transportation of dutiable goods. The Finance Committee's jurisdiction generally corresponds with that of the Ways and Means Committee in the House.

**Democratic Members** (13)

Max Baucus (MT) Chair  
 John Rockefeller (WV)  
 Kent Conrad (ND)  
 Jeff Bingaman (NM)  
 John Kerry (MA)  
 Blanche Lincoln (AR)  
 Ron Wyden (OR)  
 Charles Schumer (NY)  
 Debbie Stabenow (MI)  
 Maria Cantwell (WA)  
 Bill Nelson (FL)  
 Robert Menendez (NJ)  
 Thomas Carper (DE)

**Republican Members** (10)

Charles Grassley (IA) Ranking Member  
 Orrin Hatch (UT)  
 Olympia Snowe (ME)  
 Jon Kyl (AZ)  
 Jim Bunning (KY)  
 Mike Crapo (ID)  
 Pat Roberts (KS)  
 John Ensign (NV)  
 Mike Enzi (WY)  
 John Cornyn (TX)

❖ **Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee**

Child Care, Child Welfare, Early Head Start, Disaster Relief, Early Intervention, Family and Medical Leave, Higher Education, Home Visiting, Social-Emotional Health, Maternal and Child Health Programs

<http://help.senate.gov>

**Overview:** The Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) writes legislation relating to issues such as education, labor, health, public welfare, aging, agricultural colleges, arts and humanities, biomedical research and development, child labor, individuals with disabilities, public health, student loans as well as other issues. The HELP Committee's jurisdiction generally corresponds with that of the Education and Labor Committee in the House.

**Democratic Members** (13)

Tom Harkin (IA) Chair  
 Christopher Dodd (CT)  
 Barbara Mikulski (MD)  
 Jeff Bingaman (NM)  
 Patty Murray (WA)  
 Jack Reed (RI)  
 Bernard Sanders (VT)  
 Sherrod Brown (OH)  
 Robert Casey Jr. (PA)  
 Kay Hagan (NC)  
 Jeff Merkley (OR)  
 Al Franken (MN)  
 Michael Bennet (CO)

**Republican Members** (10)

Michael Enzi (WY) Ranking Member  
 Judd Gregg (NH)  
 Lamar Alexander (TN)  
 Richard Burr (NC)  
 Johnny Isakson (GA)  
 John McCain (AZ)  
 Orrin Hatch (UT)  
 Lisa Murkowski (AK)  
 Tom Coburn (OK)  
 Pat Roberts (KS)

❖ **Judiciary Committee**

Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice

<http://judiciary.senate.gov>

**Overview:** The Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over a variety of issues including judicial proceedings, civil, criminal, and in general, federal courts and judges, local courts in the territories and possessions, the revision and codification of the statutes of the United States as well as other matters.

**Democratic Members** (12)

Patrick Leahy (VT) Chair  
 Herb Kohl (WI)  
 Dianne Feinstein (CA)  
 Russ Feingold (WI)  
 Charles Schumer (NY)  
 Richard Durbin (IL)  
 Ben Cardin (MD)  
 Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)  
 Amy Klobuchar (MN)  
 Ted Kaufman (DE)  
 Arlen Specter (PA)  
 Al Franken (MN)

**Republican Members** (7)

Jeff Sessions (AL) Ranking Member  
 Orrin Hatch (UT)  
 Charles Grassley (IA)  
 Jon Kyl (AZ)  
 Lindsey Graham (SC)  
 John Cornyn (TX)  
 Tom Coburn (OK)

## United States House of Representatives Committees

### ❖ Agriculture Committee

Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

<http://agriculture.house.gov>

**Overview:** The jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee consists of all subjects relating to agriculture and forestry including the adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and protection of birds and animals in forest reserves, agricultural colleges and experiment stations, agricultural production and marketing and stabilization of prices of agricultural products, human nutrition and a variety of other issues.

#### **Democratic Members** (28)

Collin Peterson (MN-7th) Chair

Tim Holden (PA-17th)

Mike McIntyre (NC-7th)

Leonard Boswell (IA-3rd)

Joe Baca (CA-43rd)

Dennis Cardoza (CA-18th)

David Scott (GA-13th)

Jim Marshall (GA-3rd)

Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (SD-At Large)

Henry Cuellar (TX-28th)

Jim Costa (CA-20th)

Brad Ellsworth (IN-8th)

Tim Walz (MN-1st)

Steve Kagen (WI-8th)

Kurt Schrader (OR-5th)

Debbie Halvorson (IL-11th)

Kathy Dahlkemper (PA-3rd)

Eric Massa (NY-29th)

Bobby N. Bright (AL-2nd)

Betsey Markey (CO-4th)

Frank M. Kratovil Jr. (MD-1st)

Mark Schauer (MI-7th)

Larry Kissell (NC-8th)

John Boccieri (OH-16th)

Scott Murphy (NY-20th)

Earl Pomeroy (ND-At Large)

Travis W. Childers (MS-1st)

Walt Minnick (ID-1st)

#### **Republican Members** (18)

Frank Lucas (OK-3rd) Ranking Member

Bob Goodlatte (VA-6th)

Jerry Moran (KS-1st)

Timothy Johnson (IL-15th)

Sam Graves (MO-6th)

Mike Rogers (AL-3rd)

Steve King (IA-5th)

Randy Neugebauer (TX-19th)

Michael Conaway (TX-11th)

Jeff Fortenberry (NE-1st)

Jean Schmidt (OH-2nd)

Adrian Smith (NE-3rd)

Bob Latta (OH-5th)

Phil Roe (TN-1st)

Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-9th)

Glenn Thompson (PA-5th)

Bill Cassidy (LA-6th)

Cynthia Lummis (WY-At Large)

## ❖ Appropriations Committee

Child Care, Child Welfare, Disaster Relief, Early Head Start, Early Intervention, Higher Education, Social-Emotional Health, Maternal and Child Health Programs, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)  
<http://appropriations.house.gov>

**Overview:** The House Appropriations Committee like the Senate Appropriations Committee writes the legislation that allocates federal funds to the numerous government agencies, departments, and organizations on an annual basis. Twelve subcommittees are tasked with drafting legislation to allocate funds to government agencies within their jurisdictions. These subcommittees are responsible for reviewing the President's budget request, hearing testimony from government officials, and drafting the spending plans for the coming fiscal year. Their work is passed on to the full House Appropriations Committee, which may review and modify the bills and forward them to the full House for consideration. The Committee is also responsible for supplemental spending bills, which are sometimes needed in the middle of a fiscal year to compensate for emergency expenses.

### **Democratic Members** (37)

David Obey (WI-7th) Chair  
 John Murtha (PA-12th)  
 Norman Dicks (WA-6th)  
 Alan Mollohan (WV-1st)  
 Marcy Kaptur (OH-9th)  
 Peter Visclosky (IN-1st)  
 Nita Lowey (NY-18th)  
 José Serrano (NY-16th)  
 Rosa DeLauro (CT-3rd)  
 James Moran (VA-8th)  
 John Olver (MA-1st)  
 Ed Pastor (AZ-4th)  
 David Price (NC-4th)  
 Chet Edwards (TX-17th)  
 Patrick Kennedy (RI-1st)  
 Maurice Hinchey (NY-22nd)  
 Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34th)  
 Sam Farr (CA-17th)  
 Jesse Jackson Jr. (IL-2nd)  
 Carolyn Kilpatrick (MI-13th)  
 F. Allen Boyd (FL-2nd)  
 Chaka Fattah (PA-2nd)  
 Steven Rothman (NJ-9th)  
 Sanford Bishop (GA-2nd)  
 Marion Berry (AR-1st)  
 Barbara Lee (CA-9th)  
 Adam Schiff (CA-29th)  
 Michael Honda (CA-15th)  
 Betty McCollum (MN-4th)

### **Republican Members** (23)

Jerry Lewis (CA-41st) Ranking Member  
 C.W. Bill Young (FL-10th)  
 Harold Rogers (KY-5th)  
 Frank Wolf (VA- 10th)  
 Jack Kingston (GA-1st)  
 Rodney Frelinghuysen (NJ-11th)  
 Todd Tiahrt (KS-4th)  
 Zach Wamp (TN-3rd)  
 Tom Latham (IA-4th)  
 Robert Aderholt (AL-4th)  
 Jo Ann Emerson (MO-8th)  
 Kay Granger (TX-12th)  
 Mike Simpson (ID-2nd)  
 John Culberson (TX-7th)  
 Mark Kirk (IL-10th)  
 Ander Crenshaw (FL-4th)  
 Dennis Rehberg (MT-At Large)  
 John Carter (TX-31st)  
 Rodney Alexander (LA-5th)  
 Ken Calvert (CA-44th)  
 Jo Bonner (AL-1st)  
 Steven LaTourette (OH-14th)  
 Tom Cole (OK-4th)

Steve Israel (NY-2nd)  
 Tim Ryan (OH-17th)  
 C.A. “Dutch” Ruppberger (MD-2nd)  
 Ben Chandler (KY-6th)  
 Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-20th)  
 Ciro Rodriguez (TX-23rd)  
 Lincoln Davis (TN-4th)  
 John Salazar (CO-3rd)

❖ **Budget Committee**

Child Care, Child Welfare, Disaster Relief, Early Head Start, Early Intervention, Family and Medical Leave, Higher Education, Social-Emotional Health, Maternal and Child Health Programs, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)  
<http://budget.house.gov/>

**Overview:** The House Committee on the Budget was established in 1974. Along with the Senate Budget Committee, it is responsible for drafting Congress's annual budget plan and monitoring action on the budget for the federal government. The Budget Committee is often confused with the Appropriations Committee and the Ways and Means Committee, both of which have different jurisdictions. The Appropriations Committee has legislative jurisdiction over appropriations bills, which provide funding for many government programs. The Ways and Means Committee (like the Finance Committee in the U.S. Senate) has legislative jurisdiction over taxes, Social Security, Medicare, and some other entitlements. While the budget resolution prepared by the Budget Committee sets out a broad blueprint of total levels of revenues and spending for the federal government as a whole, these and other Committees prepare the legislation that actually enacts specific tax and budget policies.

**Democratic Members** (24)

John Spratt (SC-5th) Chair  
 Allyson Schwartz (PA-13th)  
 Marcy Kaptur (OH-9th)  
 Xavier Becerra (CA-31st)  
 Lloyd Doggett (TX-25th)  
 Earl Blumenauer (OR-3rd)  
 Marion Berry (AR-1st)  
 Allen Boyd (FL-2nd)  
 James McGovern (MA-3rd)  
 Niki Tsongas (MA-5th)  
 Bob Etheridge (NC-2nd)  
 Betty McCollum (MN-4th)  
 Charlie Melancon (LA-3rd)  
 John Yarmuth (KY-3rd)  
 Robert Andrews (NJ-1st)  
 Rosa DeLauro (CT-3rd)  
 Chet Edwards (TX-17th)  
 Bobby Scott (VA-3rd)

**Republican Members** (15)

Paul Ryan (WI-1st) Ranking Member  
 Jeb Hensarling (TX-5th)  
 Scott Garrett (NJ-5th)  
 Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25th)  
 Mike Simpson (ID-2nd)  
 Patrick McHenry (NC-10th)  
 Connie Mack (FL-14th)  
 John Campbell (CA-48th)  
 Jim Jordan (OH-4th)  
 Cynthia Lummis (WY-At Large)  
 Steve Austria (OH-7th)  
 Robert Aderholt (AL-4th)  
 Devin Nunes (CA-21st)  
 Gregg Harper (MS-3rd)  
 Bob Latta (OH-5th)

Jim Langevin (RI-2nd)  
 Rick Larsen (WA-2nd)  
 Timothy Bishop (NY-1st)  
 Gwen Moore (WI-4th)  
 Gerald Connolly (VA-11th)  
 Kurt Schrader (OR-5th)

❖ **Education and Labor Committee**

Child Care, Child Welfare, Disaster Relief, Early Head Start, Early Intervention, Family and Medical Leave, Higher Education, Home Visiting

<http://edlabor.house.gov>

**Overview:** The current Committee on Education and Labor was established on January 4, 2007, returning to its original name after being known as the Committee on Education and the Workforce since 1997. The Committee's basic jurisdiction is over education and labor matters including higher education, early childhood education, education funding, support for quality teachers, vocational and technical education, the No Child Left Behind Act, special education reform, child nutrition, poverty, the Community Services Block Grant, the Older Americans Act and welfare reform as well as a variety of other issues. The Education and Labor Committee's jurisdiction generally corresponds with that of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee in the Senate.

**Democratic Members** (30)

George Miller (CA-7th) Chair  
 Dale Kildee (MI-5th)  
 Donald Payne (NJ-10th)  
 Robert Andrews (NJ-1st)  
 Bobby Scott (VA-3rd)  
 Lynn Woolsey (CA-6th)  
 Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15th)  
 Carolyn McCarthy (NY-4th)  
 John Tierney (MA-6th)  
 Dennis Kucinich (OH-10th)  
 David Wu (OR-1st)  
 Rush Holt (NJ-12th)  
 Susan Davis (CA-53rd)  
 Raúl Grijalva (AZ-7th)  
 Tim Bishop (NY-1st)  
 Joe Sestak (PA-7th)  
 Dave Loebsack (IL-2nd)  
 Mazie Hirono (HI-2nd)  
 Jason Altmire (PA-4th)  
 Phil Hare (IL-17th)  
 Yvette Clarke (NY-11th)  
 Joe Courtney (CT-2nd)  
 Carol Shea-Porter (NH-1st)  
 Marcia Fudge (OH-11th)

**Republican Members** (19)

John Kline (MN-2nd) Ranking Member  
 Thomas Petri (WI-6th)  
 Howard McKeon (CA-25th)  
 Peter Hoekstra (MI-2nd)  
 Michael Castle (DE-At Large)  
 Mark Souder (IN-3rd)  
 Vernon Ehlers (MI-3rd)  
 Judy Biggert (IL-13th)  
 Todd Platts (PA-19th)  
 Joe Wilson (SC-2nd)  
 Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5th)  
 Tom Price (GA-6th)  
 Rob Bishop (UT-1st)  
 Brett Guthrie (KY-2nd)  
 Bill Cassidy (LA-6th)  
 Tom McClintock (CA-4th)  
 Duncan Hunter (CA-52nd)  
 Phil Roe (TN-1st)  
 Glen "GT" Thompson (PA-5th)



Jared Polis (CO-2nd)  
 Paul Tonko (NY-21)  
 Pedro Pierluisi (PR)  
 Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Northern Mariana Islands)  
 Dina Titus (NV-3rd)  
 Judy Chu (CA-32nd)

❖ **Energy and Commerce Committee**

Social-Emotional Health, Medicaid

<http://energycommerce.house.gov>

**Overview:** The Committee on Energy and Commerce has jurisdiction over matters relating to the promotion of commerce and to the public's health and marketplace interests. Its legislative oversight includes issues relating to telecommunications, consumer protection, food and drug safety, public health including the Medicaid program, air quality and environmental health, the supply and delivery of energy, and interstate and foreign commerce in general. This jurisdiction extends over five Cabinet-level departments and seven independent agencies-- from the Energy Department, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Transportation Department to the Federal Trade Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Federal Communications Commission.

**Democratic Members** (36)

Henry Waxman (CA-30) Chair  
 John Dingell (MI-15th)  
 Edward J. Markey (MA-7th)  
 Rick Boucher (VA-9th)  
 Frank Pallone Jr. (NJ-6th)  
 Bart Gordon (TN-6th)  
 Bobby L. Rush (IL-1st)  
 Anna G. Eshoo (CA-14th)  
 Bart Stupak (MI-1st)  
 Eliot L. Engel (NY-17th)  
 Gene Green (TX-29th)  
 Diana DeGette (CO-1st)  
 Lois Capps (CA-23rd)  
 Mike Doyle (PA-14th)  
 Jane Harman (CA-36th)  
 Jan Schakowsky (IL-9th)  
 Charles A. Gonzalez (TX-20th)  
 Jay Inslee (WA-1st)  
 Tammy Baldwin (WI-2nd)  
 Mike Ross (AR-4th)  
 Anthony Weiner (NY-9th)  
 Jim Matheson (UT-2nd)  
 G.K. Butterfield (NC-1st)  
 Charlie Melancon (LA-3rd)  
 John Barrow (GA-12th)

**Republican Members** (23)

Joe Barton (TX-6th) Ranking Member  
 Ralph M. Hall (TX-4th)  
 Fred Upton (MI-6th)  
 Cliff Stearns (FL-6th)  
 Nathan Deal (GA-10th)  
 Ed Whitfield (KY-1st)  
 John Shimkus (IL-19th)  
 John B. Shadegg (AZ-3rd)  
 Roy Blunt (MO-7th)  
 Steve Buyer (IN-4th)  
 George Radanovich (CA-19th)  
 Joseph R. Pitts (PA-16th)  
 Mary Bono Mack (CA-45th)  
 Greg Walden (OR-2nd)  
 Lee Terry (NE-2nd)  
 Michael Rogers (MI-8th)  
 Sue Myrick (NC-9th)  
 John Sullivan (OK-1st)  
 Tim Murphy (PA-18th)  
 Michael Burgess (TX-26th)  
 Marsha Blackburn (TN-7th)  
 Phil Gingrey (GA-11th)  
 Steve Scalise (LA-1st)

Baron Hill (IN-9th)  
 Doris Matsui (CA-5th)  
 Donna Christensen (VI)  
 Kathy Castor (FL-11th)  
 John Sarbanes (MD-3rd)  
 Christopher Murphy (CT-5th)  
 Zack Space (OH-18th)  
 Jerry McNerney (CA-11th)  
 Betty Sutton (OH-13th)  
 Bruce Braley (IA-1st)  
 Peter Welch (VT-At Large)

#### ❖ **Judiciary Committee**

Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice  
<http://judiciary.house.gov>

**Overview:** The Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction over matters relating to the administration of justice in federal courts, administrative bodies, and law enforcement agencies. Its infrequent but important role in impeachment proceedings has also brought it much attention. Other issues it covers include not only civil and criminal judicial proceedings and federal courts and judges, but also issues relating to bankruptcy, espionage, terrorism, the protection of civil liberties, constitutional amendments, immigration and naturalization, interstate compacts, claims against the United States, national penitentiaries, Presidential succession, antitrust law, revision and codification of the statutes of the United States, state and territorial boundary lines and patents, copyrights and trademarks.

#### **Democratic Members** (24)

John Conyers (MI-14th) Chair  
 Howard Berman (CA-28th)  
 Rick Boucher (VA-9th)  
 Jerrold Nadler (NY-8th)  
 Bobby Scott (VA-3rd)  
 Melvin Watt (NC-12th)  
 Zoe Lofgren (CA-16th)  
 Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18th)  
 Maxine Waters (CA-35th)  
 William Delahunt (MA-10th)  
 Robert Wexler (FL-19th)  
 Steven Cohen (TN-9th)  
 Hank Johnson (GA-4th)  
 Pedro Pierluisi (PR)  
 Mike Quigley (IL-5th)  
 Luis Gutierrez (IL-4th)  
 Brad Sherman (CA-27th)  
 Tammy Baldwin (WI-2nd)  
 Charles Gonzalez (TX-20th)  
 Anthony Weiner (NY-9th)

#### **Republican Members** (16)

Lamar Smith (TX-21st) Ranking Member  
 F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. (WI-5th)  
 Howard Coble (NC-6th)  
 Elton Gallegly (CA-24th)  
 Bob Goodlatte (VA-6th)  
 Dan Lungren (CA-3rd)  
 Darrell Issa (CA-49th)  
 Randy Forbes (VA-4th)  
 Steve King (IA-5th)  
 Trent Franks (AZ-2nd)  
 Louie Gohmert (TX-1st)  
 Jim Jordan (OH-4th)  
 Ted Poe (TX-2nd)  
 Jason Chaffetz (UT-3rd)  
 Tom Rooney (FL-16th)  
 Gregg Harper (MS-3rd)

Adam Schiff (CA-29th)  
 Linda Sánchez (CA-39th)  
 Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-20th)  
 Dan Maffei (NY-25th)

❖ **Ways and Means Committee**

Child Care, Child Welfare, Disaster Relief, Home Visiting, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  
<http://waysandmeans.house.gov>

**Overview:** The Ways and Means Committee was first created in 1789. Its jurisdiction over legislative matters is vast and includes such issues as all revenues, the management of the public debt, tariff and trade laws, appropriations, banking, and revenue-related aspects of the Social Security system, Medicare, and welfare programs. The Ways and Means Committee's jurisdiction generally corresponds with that of the Finance Committee in the Senate.

**Democratic Members** (26)

Charles Rangel (NY-15th) Chair  
 Fortney Pete Stark (CA-13th)  
 Sander Levin (MI-12th)  
 Jim McDermott (WA-7th)  
 John Lewis (GA-5th)  
 Richard Neal (MA-2nd)  
 John Tanner (TN-8th)  
 Xavier Becerra (CA-31st)  
 Lloyd Doggett (TX-25th)  
 Earl Pomeroy (ND-At Large)  
 Mike Thompson (CA-1st)  
 John Larson (CT-1st)  
 Earl Blumenauer (OR-3rd)  
 Ron Kind (WI-3rd)  
 Bill Pascrell Jr. (NJ-8th)  
 Shelley Berkley (NV-1st)  
 Joseph Crowley (NY-7th)  
 Chris Van Hollen (MD-8th)  
 Kendrick Meek (FL-17th)  
 Allyson Schwartz (PA-13th)  
 Artur Davis (AL-7th)  
 Danny Davis (IL-7th)  
 Bob Etheridge (NC-2nd)  
 Linda Sánchez (CA-39th)  
 Brian Higgins (NY-27th)  
 John Yarmuth (KY-3rd)

**Republican Members** (15)

Dave Camp (MI-4th) Ranking Member  
 Wally Herger (CA-2nd)  
 Sam Johnson (TX-3rd)  
 Kevin Brady (TX-8th)  
 Paul Ryan (WI-1st)  
 Eric Cantor (VA-7th)  
 John Linder (GA-7th)  
 Devin Nunes (CA-21st)  
 Patrick J. Tiberi (OH-12th)  
 Ginny Brown-Waite (FL-5th)  
 Geoff Davis (KY-4th)  
 Dave Reichert (WA-8th)  
 Charles Boustany Jr. (LA-7th)  
 Dean Heller (NV-2nd)  
 Peter Roskam (IL-6th)