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# House Committee Musical Chairs <br> In Anticipation of the $118^{\text {th }}$ Congress 

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.

## KEY

| Potential Vacancy |
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| Could lose spot if 117th Congress committee size and ratio are maintained |
| Could lose spot due to House, Republican Conference, or Democratic Caucus Rules |
| Served on committee in 117th Congress under a waiver; not guaranteed spot |

## Overview

## Current Margins in the House

- The midterm elections were held on November 8. Republicans won the majority. The 118th Congress will begin with 222 Republicans and 212 Democrats, with one vacancy on the Democratic side: Rep. Donald McEachin's (D-VA-4) seat which is heavily Democratic and expected to be filled after the February 21 special election. Reelected and newly elected Members were supposed to began their two-year terms on January 7.
- 91 new Members are joining the House. This includes 50 Republicans and 41 Democrats.


## Republican Leadership

- Leadership: 117th Congress Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) will serve as Speaker alongside Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA), Majority Whip Tom Emmer (R-MN), and Chief Deputy Whip Guy Reschenthaler (R-IN).
- Republican Conference (HRC): HRC Chair Elise Stefanik (R-NY) will serve another term. Rep. Stefanik is also being floated as a potential running mate for Donald Trump in 2024. She will serve with HRC Vice Chair Mike Johnson (R-LA) and HRC Secretary Lisa McClain (R-MI).
- Republican Policy Committee (RPC): Chair Gary Palmer (R-AL) will serve another term.
- National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC): NRCC Chair is Richard Hudson (RNC).
- Republican Study Committee (RSC): The RSC Chair is Kevin Hern (R-OK).


## Democratic Leadership

- Leadership: House Democrats are in the minority, meaning they will have one less leadership position. On November 17, 117th Congress Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) announced her plans to step down from leadership while remaining in the House as a Member of Congress. She has will serve with the ceremonial title of "Speaker Emerita." Outgoing Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) will return to serve as a Member of the Appropriations Committee. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) will lead the Caucus as Minority Leader. He will serve with Minority Whip Katherine Clark (D-MA) and Assistant Leader James Clyburn (D-SC). In the modern Congress, Democratic leadership typically has not served on any standing committees.
- Democratic Caucus: Chair Pete Aguilar (D-CA) and Vice Chair Ted Lieu (D-CA) will lead the Democratic Caucus.
- Democratic Policy and Communications Committee (DPCC): Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO) will serve as DPCC Chair with Co-Chairs Lauren Underwood (D-IL), Veronica Escobar (D-TX), and Dean Phillips (D-MN).


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- Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC): Minority Leader Jeffries tapped Rep. Suzan DelBene to serve as DCCC Chair in the 118th Congress.
- Leadership Representatives: Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-CA) will serve as Caucus Leadership Representative (CLR). This position is reserved for a member who has served for five or fewer terms. Rep.-Elect Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) will serve as Freshman Leadership Representative. Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) will become the first Battleground Leadership Representative.
- Democratic Steering and Policy Committee: Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Barbara Lee (D-CA), and Dan Kildee (D-MI) will serve as Co-Chairs in the next Congress.


## General Rules Pertaining to Committee Leadership \& Membership

- Full Committees: Neither party is bound by seniority. Both parties tend to consider merit, length of service to committee, commitment, and diversity when making nominations.
- Subcommittees: The caucus looks to seniority on the full committee as the primary factor for selecting subcommittee chairs, though there are other factors, like those listed above.
- Waivers and temporary committee assignments are permitted. Relatedly, many Members served on committees in the 117th Congress under a waiver, meaning they will not automatically be added back to a committee.
- Democrats and Republicans establish exclusivity and non-exclusivity for certain committees, with limitations.
- Exclusive Committees include Appropriations; Energy and Commerce; Financial Services; Rules; and Ways and Means.
- Generally, no Member is permitted to serve on more than one Exclusive Committee.
- Non-Exclusive Committees include Agriculture; Armed Services; Budget; Education and Labor; Foreign Affairs; Homeland Security; House Administration; Judiciary; Natural Resources; Oversight and Reform; Science, Space and Technology; Small Business; Transportation and Infrastructure; and Veterans' Affairs.


## Democratic Caucus Rules on Committee Leadership

- Exclusive Committees: A Democratic Representative can chair one committee and is generally precluded from being chair of any subcommittee, though there are exceptions. The chair of an Exclusive Committee cannot be a member of any other committee, again with exceptions. Vice chairs of Exclusive Committees must be Members who have served less than five terms. A Vice Chair can only serve for one term.
- Non-Exclusive Committees: A Democratic Member can chair one committee and is generally precluded from being chair of any subcommittee, with exceptions. A Member who chairs a Non-Exclusive Committee can serve on a maximum of two committees. Vice chairs of NonExclusive Committees must be Members who have served less than five terms. A Vice Chair can only serve for one term.


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## Republican Caucus Rules on Committee Leadership

- Term Limits: A Republican Member can serve a cumulative six years as chair and ranking member. In other words, six years as chairman constitutes a term limit, but so does four years as chairman and two years as ranking member on the same committee.
- Exclusive Committees: A Republican Member can chair one committee with exceptions. The six-year term limit applies. There are no restrictions on eligibility to serve as vice chair.
- Non-Exclusive Committees: A Republican Member can chair one committee with exceptions. The six-year term limit applies. There are no restrictions on eligibility to serve as vice chair.
- Non-Standing Committees: The six-year term limit applies to full committees and subcommittees.


## Special Elections

- Rep. McEachin passed away on November 28, just weeks after winning reelection to Congress. U.S. Navy veteran Leon Benjamin won the GOP primary. Virginia State Sen. Jennifer McClellan won the Democratic primary. A special election will be held on February 21. The seat is expected to remain blue.


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## AGRICULTURE

| REPUBLICANS (23 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 7 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (27 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 3}$ ) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Glenn Thompson (PA), Chair | David Scott (GA), Ranking Member |
| Austin Scott (GA) | Jim Costa (CA) |
| Rick Crawford (AR) | Jim McGovern (MA) |
| Scott DesJarlais (TN) | Alma Adams (NC) |
| Doug LaMalfa (CA) | Abigail Spanberger (VA) |
| Rick Allen (GA) | Jahana Hayes (CT) |
| David Rouzer (NC) | Shontel Brown (OH) |
| Trent Kelly (MS) | Chellie Pingree (ME) |
| Don Bacon (NE) | Gregorio Sablan (MP-AL) |
| Dusty Johnson (SD) | Ann McLane Kuster (NH) |
| Jim Baird (IN) | Stacey Plaskett (US-VI) |
| Troy Balderson (OH) | Salud Carbajal (CA) |
| Michael Cloud (TX) | Ro Khanna (CA) |
| Tracey Mann (KS) | Lou Correa (CA) |
| Randy Feenstra (IA) | Angie Craig (MN) |
| Mary Miller (IL) | Josh Harder (CA) |
| Barry Moore (AL) | Kim Schrier (WA) |
| Kat Cammack (FL) | Jimmy Panetta (CA) |
| Michelle Fischbach (MN) | Sanford Bishop (GA) |
| Brad Finstad (MN) | Marcy Kaptur (OH) |
|  | Sharice Davids (KS) |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Agriculture Ranking Member Glenn Thompson (R-PA) will continue as the top Republican on the committee. 117th Congress Chairman David Scott (D-GA) will be the committee's ranking member.

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Historically, Agriculture has not seen significant changes in size or ratio but has trended towards decreasing size in recent years. The last time House Republicans had a similarly slim majority was in the 107th Congress. Comparing 107th Committee size and ratios to flipped 117th size and ratios, the committee had the same number of Republicans and 1 more Democrat. The last time House Republicans had a majority was in the 115th Congress. Although the margins were much wider, by comparison, Republicans had 1 less spot and Democrats had 3 fewer spots, totaling 4 fewer spots.

If Republicans keep the current size but with flipped ratios in the next Congress, they could have 7 spots to fill. Democrats could have 2 spots to fill.

## APPROPRIATIONS

| REPUBLICANS (26 $\rightarrow \mathbf{3 3}$ ) | DEMOCRATS (33 $\rightarrow$ 26) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Kay Granger (TX), Chair | Rosa DeLauro (CT), Ranking Member |  |  |
| Hal Rogers (KY) | Steny Hoyer (MD), Returning to Committee |  |  |
| Robert Aderholt (AL) | Marcy Kaptur (OH) |  |  |
| Mike Simpson (ID) | Sanford Bishop (GA) |  |  |
| John Carter (TX) | Barbara Lee (CA) |  |  |
| Ken Calvert (CA) | Betty McCollum (MN) |  |  |
| Tom Cole (OK) | Dutch Ruppersberger (MD) |  |  |
| Mario Diaz-Balart (FL) | Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL) |  |  |
| Steve Womack (AR) | Henry Cuellar (TX) |  |  |
| Chuck Fleischmann (TN) | Chellie Pingree (ME) |  |  |
| David Joyce (OH) | Mike Quigley (IL) |  |  |
| Andy Harris (MD) | Derek Kilmer (WA) |  |  |
| Mark Amodei (NV) | Matt Cartwright (PA) |  |  |
| Chris Stewart (UT) | Grace Meng (NY) |  |  |
| David Valadao (CA) | Mark Pocan (WI) |  |  |
| Dan Newhouse (WA) | Katherine Clark (MA) |  |  |
| John Moolenaar (MI) | Pete Aguilar (CA) |  |  |
| John Rutherford (FL) | Lois Frankel (FL) |  |  |
| Ben Cline (VA) | Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ) |  |  |
| Guy Reschenthaler (PA) | Norma Torres (CA) |  |  |
| Mike Garcia (CA) | Ed Case (HI) |  |  |
| Ashley Hinson (IA) | Adriano Espaillat (NY) |  |  |
| Tony Gonzales (TX) | Josh Harder (CA) |  |  |
| Julia Letlow (LA) | Jennifer Wexton (VA) |  |  |
|  | David Trone (MD) |  |  |
|  | Lauren Underwood (IL) |  |  |
|  | Susie Lee (NV) |  |  |
|  | Joe Morelle (NY) |  |  |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Appropriations Ranking Member Kay Granger (R-TX) will remain the GOP lead in the 118th Congress. 117th Congress Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) will be ranking member.

Historically, Republican majorities have somewhat altered the size and ratio of this committee. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had two more Republicans and three more Democrats, totaling five additional seats. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had three fewer Republicans and four fewer Democrats, totaling seven fewer seats. There has been a Republican trend in recent years to downsize, so it is possible the latter scenario could happen. As a note, Appropriations is considered an "exclusive" committee per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference and Democratic Caucus Rules, so Members on this committee generally receive no other committee assignments.

If Republicans keep the current size and ratio but flipped, they will have nine spots to fill.

According to House rules, Democratic Appropriations Members are automatically renominated and if all incumbents remain, they may lose two seats. Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV) could be bumped. Rep. Joe Morelle (D-NY) could also be bumped. However, he will also serve as ranking member of House Administration, meaning he can only receive one additional committee assignment per Democratic Caucus Rules. Outgoing Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) will return to serve on Appropriations. If Republicans remove 117th Congress Intelligence Chair Adam Schiff (D-CA) from his top committee spot, as Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) has suggested, Rep. Schiff could return to his seat on Appropriations, which could reshuffle the committee's seniority. If Republicans increase the size of the committee, several other Democrats have indicated interest in joining, including Reps. Mikie Sherrill (D-VA) and Frank Mrvan (D-IN).

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## ARMED SERVICES

| REPUBLICANS (29 $\rightarrow \mathbf{3 1 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (31 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 9}$ ) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mike Rogers (AL), Chair | Adam Smith (WA), Ranking Member |
| Joe Wilson (SC) | Rick Larsen (WA) |
| Mike Turner (OH) | Joe Courtney (CT) |
| Doug Lamborn (CO) | John Garamendi (CA) |
| Robert Wittman (VA) | Donald Norcross (NJ) |
| Austin Scott (GA) | Ruben Gallego (AZ) |
| Sam Graves (MO) | Seth Moulton (MA) |
| Elise Stefanik (NY) | Salud Carbajal (CA) |
| Scott DesJarlais (TN) | Ro Khanna (CA) |
| Trent Kelly (MS) | Bill Keating (MA) |
| Mike Gallagher (WI) | Andy Kim (NJ) |
| Matt Gaetz (FL) | Chrissy Houlahan (PA) |
| Don Bacon (NE) | Jason Crow (CO) |
| Jim Banks (IN) | Elissa Slotkin (MI) |
| Jack Bergman (MI) | Mikie Sherrill (NJ) |
| Michael Waltz (FL) | Veronica Escobar (TX) |
| Mike Johnson (LA) | Jared Golden (ME) |
| Mark Green (TN) | Sara Jacobs (CA) |
| Stephanie Bice (OK) | Marilyn Strickland (WA) |
| Scott Franklin (FL) | Pat Ryan (NY) |
| Lisa McClain (MI) | Marc Veasey (TX) |
| Ronny Jackson (TX) | Jimmy Panetta (CA) |
| Jerry Carl (AL) | Steven Horsford (NV) |
| Blake Moore (UT) | Sylvia Garcia (TX) |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Armed Services Ranking Member Mike Rogers (R-AL) will remain the top Republican in the 118th Congress. 117th Congress Chairman Adam Smith (D-WA) will be ranking member.

Historically, Republican majorities have more or less kept the make-up of Armed Services. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had one more Republican and one less Democrat. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had three more Republicans and one less Democrat, totaling two additional seats.

If Republicans keep the current size and the 117th Congress ratio flipped, the GOP will have six spots to fill. GOP Conference Rules do not allow chairs of the Republican Conference to serve on more than one standing committee, which could mean that Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY), who will serve another term as HRC Chair, could be forced to choose between the three standing committees she served on in the 117th Congress (Armed Services, Education and Workforce, and Intelligence). However, she could seek a waiver.

Democrats will have five spots to fill. Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA) will serve as ranking member on Transportation and Infrastructure, meaning unless he receives a waiver, he may have to give up his committee spot due to Democratic Caucus Rules. In this case, there could be six Democratic spots to fill.

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## BUDGET

| REPUBLICANS (16 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ 21) | DEMOCRATS ( $21 \rightarrow 16$ ) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Jodey Arrington (R-TX), Chair | Brendan Boyle (PA), Ranking Member |
| Jason Smith (MO) | Brian Higgins (NY) |
| Tom McClintock (CA) | Lloyd Doggett (TX) |
| Glenn Grothman (WI) | Jan Schakowsky (IL) |
| Lloyd Smucker (PA) | Dan Kildee (MI) |
| Michael Burgess (TX) | Joe Morelle (NY) |
| Buddy Carter (GA) | Steven Horsford (NV) |
| Ben Cline (VA) | Barbara Lee (CA) |
| Lauren Boebert (CO) | Judy Chu (CA) |
| Byron Donalds (FL) | Stacy Plaskett (US-VI) |
| Randy Feenstra (IA) | Jennifer Wexton (VA) |
| Bob Good (VA) | Bobby Scott (VA) |
| Ashley Hinson (IA) | Shelia Jackson Lee (TX) |
| Jay Obernolte (CA) | Scott Peters (CA) |
| Mike Carey (OH) | Seth Moulton (MA) |
|  | Pramila Jayapal (WA) |
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Outlook: Jodey Arrington (R-TX) will serve as Budget chair in the 118th Congress. Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA) will serve as the committee's ranking member.

Historically, Republican majorities have made moderate increases to the Budget Committee. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had three more Republicans and two more Democrats, totaling five additional spots. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had one more Republican and three fewer Democrats, totaling two additional spots.

As a note, House Rules requires the Budget Committee to include five Members from Appropriations, five Members from Ways and Means, one Member from Rules, and one

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Member each designated by party leadership. The Member appointed by the Republican Speaker serves as second highest-ranking Republican on the committee. Democratic Caucus Rules further specify that two Members must come from Appropriations and two Members must come from Ways and Mean. Even with 117th Budget Members not returning next Congress, the committee make-up satisfies these requirements.

If Republicans maintain the committee's current size and but the ratio flipped, the GOP will have six spots to fill. 117th Congress Budget Ranking Member Jason Smith (R-MO) will serve as chair of Ways and Means. Unless he seeks a waiver, he will have to drop his seat on Budget due to House rules. Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL) is interested in joining Financial Services, which is considered exclusive per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference. Unless he receives some exception, he will likely have to give up his spot on Budget. As a note, Speaker McCarthy (D-CA) has promised to reinstate Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene to her former committee assignments, which includes Budget.

Rep. Joe Morelle (D-NY) will be ranking member of the House Administration Committee, meaning he can only receive one additional committee assignment unless he receives a waiver.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

| REPUBLICANS (24 $\rightarrow \mathbf{3 0}$ ) | DEMOCRATS (30 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 4}$ ) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Virginia Foxx (NC), Chair | Bobby Scott (VA), Ranking Member |
| Joe Wilson (SC) | Raul Grijalva (AZ) |
| Glenn Thompson (PA) | Joe Courtney (CT) |
| Tim Walberg (MI) | Gregorio Sablan (MP-AL) |
| Glenn Grothman (WI) | Frederica Wilson (FL) |
| Elise Stefanik (NY) | Suzanne Bonamici (OR) |
| Rick Allen (GA) | Mark Takano (CA) |
| Jim Banks (IN) | Alma Adams (NC) |
| James Comer (KY) | Mark DeSaulnier (CA) |
| Russ Fulcher (ID) | Donald Norcross (NJ) |
| Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA) | Pramila Jayapal (WA) |
| Burgess Owens (UT) | Susan Wild (PA) |
| Bob Good (VA) | Lucy McBath (GA) |
| Lisa McClain (MI) | Jahana Hayes (CT) |
| Diana Harshbarger (TN) | Ilhan Omar (MN) |
| Mary Miller (IL) | Haley Stevens (MI) |
| Victoria Spartz (IN) | Teresa Leger Fernandez (NM) |
| Scott Fitzgerald (WI) | Kathy Manning (NC) |
| Michelle Steel (CA) | Frank Mrvan (IN) |
| Brad Finstad (MN) | Jamaal Bowman (NY) |
|  | Mark Pocan (WI) |
|  | Joaquin Castro (TX) |
|  | Mikie Sherrill (NJ) |
|  | Adriano Espaillat (NY) |
|  | Kweisi Mfume (MD) |
|  | Shelia Cherfilus-McCormick (FL) |
|  | Mary Peltola (AK) |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Education and Labor Ranking Member Virginia Foxx (R-NC) will continue as chair, though the name of the committee name has changed to Education and

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Workforce. 117th Congress Chairman Bobby Scott (D-VA) will remain the top Democrat on the committee.

Historically, Republican majorities have tended to shrink the size of Education and Workforce, but more or less maintain ratios. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had three fewer Republicans and two fewer Democrats, totaling five fewer seats. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had seven fewer Republican and seven fewer Democrats, totaling 14 fewer spots.

Republicans could opt to maintain current size of the committee with a flipped ratio. In this case, Republicans will have 10 spots to fill. Rep. Scott Fitzgerald (R-WI) is reportedly interested in joining Financial Services, which is considered exclusive per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference. Unless he receives some exception, he will likely have to give up his spot on Education and Workforce. This could open one additional spot. Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA), who will chair Agriculture, may be interested in joining Education and Workforce. In addition, Speaker Kevin McCarthy (D-CA) has promised to reinstate Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene to her former committee assignments, which included Education and Workforce.

Democrats could lose three spots. If all Members are given waivers to continue serving on the committee, Reps. Kweisi Mfume (D-MD), Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-FL), and Mary Peltola (D-AK) could be at risk of losing their seats from the committee. In addition, Republicans have reiterated that they could remove Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) from her committee assignments in the same way Democrats removed Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) and Paul Gosar (R-AZ). That being said, Omar will likely only be removed from Foreign Affairs. Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA) may become the next Democratic lead on Ethics, which would force her to give up her committee assignment on Education and Workforce unless she seeks a waiver.

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ENERGY AND COMMERCE

| REPUBLICANS ( $26 \rightarrow$ 30) | DEMOCRATS (30 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \mathbf{2 6}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA), Chair | Frank Pallone (NJ), Ranking Member |
| Michael Burgess (TX) | Anna Eshoo (CA) |
| Steve Scalise (LA) | Diana DeGette (CO) |
| Bob Latta (OH) | Jan Schakowsky (IL) |
| Brett Guthrie (KY) | Doris Matsui (CA) |
| Morgan Griffith (VA) | Kathy Castor (FL) |
| Gus Bilirakis (FL) | John Sarbanes (MD) |
| Bill Johnson (OH) | Paul Tonko (NY) |
| Larry Bucshon (IN) | Yvette Clarke (NY) |
| Richard Hudson (NC) | Tony Cardenas (CA) |
| Tim Walberg (MI) | Raul Ruiz (CA) |
| Buddy Carter (GA) | Scott Peters (CA) |
| Jeff Duncan (SC) | Debbie Dingell (MI) |
| Gary Palmer (AL) | Marc Veasey (TX) |
| Neal Dunn (FL) | Ann McLane Kuster (NH) |
| John Curtis (UT) | Robin Kelly (IL) |
| Debbie Lesko (AZ) | Nanette Diaz Barragan (CA) |
| Greg Pence (IN) | Lisa Blunt Rochester (DE) |
| Dan Crenshaw (TX) | Darren Soto (FL) |
| John Joyce (PA) | Angie Craig (MN) |
| Kelly Armstrong (ND) | Kim Schrier (WA) |
|  | Lori Trahan (MA) |
|  | Lizzie Fletcher (TX) |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Energy and Commerce Ranking Member Cathy McMorris Rodgers (RWA) will continue to lead the committee in the 118th Congress. 117th Congress Chairman Frank Pallone (D-NJ) will continue to lead committee Democrats.

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Historically, Republican majorities have made very few changes to the size and ratio of Energy and Commerce. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had one more Republican and an equal number of Democrats. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had one more Republican and two fewer Democrats, totaling one less spot.

If Republicans maintain the current size and ratio but flipped in the next Congress, Republicans will have nine spots to fill. As a note, Energy and Commerce is considered "exclusive" committee per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference, so Members on this committee generally receive no other committee assignments. Conference Rules allow the Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA) to remain on one standing committee, so he could remain. However, he has not yet indicated if he intends to stay.

Democrats will have three spots to fill. Unlike Republican Members, Energy and Commerce is considered an "exclusive" committee only for Democratic Members first serving on the committee in the 104th and subsequent Congresses. This means that without a waiver, any Democratic Members nominated to the committee will not be permitted to serve on any other standing committee (except for Budget and House Administration).

## ETHICS

| REPUBLICANS (5 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \mathbf{5 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (5 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ 5) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Michael Guest (MS), Expected Chair | Susan Wild (PA), Ranking Member |
| David Joyce (OH) | Dean Phillips (MN) |
| John Rutherford (FL) | Veronica Escobar (TX) |
| Kelly Armstrong (ND) |  |
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Outlook: Rep. Mike Guest (R-MS) has been the committee's acting GOP lead since Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) passed away in August. It is possible he could continue in the position. Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA) will continue to serve as the committee's top Democrat. Unless she receives a waiver, she will have to give up her other committee assignments due to Democratic Caucus Rules.

House Rules dictate that Ethics consists of 10 Members evenly divided between each political party. The outgoing 117th Congress committee makeup had four Members from each party. In this Congress, there will be one Republican spot open and two Democratic spots open.

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

| REPUBLICANS (25 $\rightarrow \mathbf{3 0 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (30 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 5}$ ) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Patrick McHenry (NC), Chair | Maxine Waters (CA), Ranking Member |
| Frank Lucas (OK) | Nydia Velazquez (NY) |
| Pete Sessions (TX) | Brad Sherman (CA) |
| Bill Posey (FL) | Gregory Meeks (NY) |
| Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO) | David Scott (GA) |
| Bill Huizenga (MI) | Al Green (TX) |
| Ann Wagner (MO) | Emanuel Cleaver (MO) |
| Andy Barr (KY) | Jim Himes (CT) |
| Roger Williams (TX) | Bill Foster (IL) |
| French Hill (AR) | Joyce Beatty (OH) |
| Tom Emmer (MN) | Juan Vargas (CA) |
| Barry Loudermilk (GA) | Josh Gottheimer (NJ) |
| Alex Mooney (WV) | Vicente Gonzalez (TX) |
| Warren Davidson (OH) | Sean Casten (IL) |
| David Kustoff (TN) | Ayanna Pressley (MA) |
| John Rose (TN) | Ritchie Torres (NY) |
| Bryan Steil (WI) | Stephen Lynch (MA) |
| Lance Gooden (TX) | Alma Adams (NC) |
| William Timmons (SC) | Rashida Tlaib (MI) |
| Ralph Norman (SC) | Madeleine Dean (PA) |
|  | Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY) |
|  | Chuy Garcia (IL) |
|  | Sylvia Garcia (TX) |
|  | Nikema Williams (GA) |
|  | Jake Auchincloss (MA) |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Financial Services Ranking Member Patrick McHenry (R-NC) and Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) will continue to lead their respective parties on the committee in the 118th Congress.

Historically, Republican majorities have often increased the size and ratio on Financial Services. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had seven more Republicans and seven more Democrats, totaling 14 additional spots. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had four more Republicans and one more Democrat, totaling five additional spots.

If Republicans maintain the current size and of the committee but flip the ratio, Republicans will have 11 spots to fill. Conference Rules would allow Majority Whip Tom Emmer (R-MN) to remain on the committee, but he has not yet indicated if he intends to stay. The following Members are reportedly interested in joining the committee: Reps. Young Kim (R-CA), Dan Meuser (R-PA), Scott Fitzgerald (R-WI), Byron Donalds (R-FL), Andrew Garbino (R-NY), Mike Flood (R-NE), and Mike Lawler (R-NY), as well as Rep.-elects Erin Houchin (R-IN), Zach Nunn (RIA), George Santos (R-NY), and Monica De La Cruz (R-TX). Financial Services is considered "exclusive" per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference, so Members on this committee generally receive no other committee assignments.

Democrats may have one spot to fill. If Republicans seek to increase the committee's size as they have in the past, Democratic Members who are interested in joining will face additional limitations. Financial Services is considered an "exclusive" committee only for Democratic Members first serving on the committee in the 109th and subsequent Congresses, meaning that without a waiver, any Members nominated to the committee will not be permitted to serve on any other standing committee (except for Budget and House Administration). Rep.Elect Glenn Ivey (D-MD) is reportedly interested in joining the committee.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

| REPUBLICANS (24 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 7 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (27 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 4 )}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Mike McCaul (TX), Chair | Gregory Meeks (NY), Ranking Member |  |  |
| Chris Smith (NJ) | Brad Sherman (CA) |  |  |
| Joe Wilson (SC) | Gerry Connolly (VA) |  |  |
| Scott Perry (PA) | Bill Keating (MA) |  |  |
| Darrell Issa (CA) | David Cicilline (RI) |  |  |
| Ann Wagner (MO) | Ami Bera (CA) |  |  |
| Brian Mast (FL) | Joaquin Castro (TX) |  |  |
| Brian Fitzpatrick (PA) | Dina Titus (NV) |  |  |
| Ken Buck (CO) | Ted Lieu (CA) |  |  |
| Tim Burchett (TN) | Susan Wild (PA) |  |  |
| Mark Green (TN) | Dean Phillips (MN) |  |  |
| Andy Barr (KY) | Ilhan Omar (MN) |  |  |
| Greg Steube (FL) | Colin Allred (TX) |  |  |
| Dan Meuser (PA) | Abigail Spanberger (VA) |  |  |
| Claudia Tenney (NY) | Chrissy Houlahan (PA) |  |  |
| August Pfluger (TX) | Andy Kim (NJ) |  |  |
| Nicole Malliotakis (NY) | Sara Jacobs (CA) |  |  |
| Ronny Jackson (TX) | Kathy Manning (NC) |  |  |
| Young Kim (CA) | Jim Costa (CA) |  |  |
| Maria Elvira Salazar (FL) | Juan Vargas (CA) |  |  |
|  | Vicente Gonzalez (TX) |  |  |
|  | Brad Schneider (IL) |  |  |
|  | Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL) |  |  |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Foreign Affairs Ranking Member Mike McCaul (R-TX) will continue to lead the committee in the 118th Congress. Chairman Gregory Meeks (D-NY) will continue as the committee's top Democrat.

Historically, Republican majorities have generally maintained a similar ratio on Foreign Affairs, but the size has been smaller. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the

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107th Congress, the committee had one less Republican and one less Democrat, totaling two fewer spots. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had one less Republican and three fewer Democrats, totaling four fewer spots.

If Republicans seek to maintain the current size of the committee and ratio the flipped, Republicans will have seven spots to fill. Reps. Dan Meuser (R-PA) and Young Kim (R-CA) are interested in joining Financial Services, which is considered exclusive per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference. Unless they receive some exception, they will likely have to give up their spots on Foreign Affairs. This could open two additional spots.

Democrats could have one spot to fill if Republicans flip current ratios, but as noted above, Republican majorities have often decreased the size of the committee, so it is possible more committee incumbents could be at risk. Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA) will become the next Democratic lead on Ethics, which would force her to give up her committee assignment on Foreign Affairs unless she seeks a waiver. In addition, Republicans have reiterated that they could remove Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) from her committee assignments in the same way Democrats removed Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) and Paul Gosar (R-AZ).

## HOMELAND SECURITY

| REPUBLICANS (16 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ 19) | DEMOCRATS (19 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ 16) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Mark Green (R-TN), Chair | Bennie Thompson (MS), Ranking Member |  |  |
| Mike McCaul (TX) | Sheila Jackson Lee (TX) |  |  |
| Clay Higgins (LA) | Donald Payne (NJ) |  |  |
| Michael Guest (MS) | Lou Correa (CA) |  |  |
| Dan Bishop (NC) | Elissa Slotkin (MI) |  |  |
| Jeff Van Drew (NJ) | Emanuel Cleaver (MO) |  |  |
| Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA) | Al Green (TX) |  |  |
| Diana Harshbarger (TN) | Yvette Clarke (NY) |  |  |
| Andrew Clyde (GA) | Eric Swalwell (CA) |  |  |
| Carlos Gimenez (FL) | Dina Titus (NV) |  |  |
| Jake LaTurner (KS) | Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ) |  |  |
| Kat Cammack (FL) | Nanette Diaz Barragan (CA) |  |  |
| August Pfluger (TX) | Josh Gottheimer (NJ) |  |  |
| Andrew Garbarino (NY) | Ritchie Torres (NY) |  |  |
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Outlook: Rep. Mark Green (R-TN) will be Homeland Security chair. Rep. Bennie Thompson (DMS) will continue to lead committee Democrats in the 118th Congress.

Historically, Republican majorities have somewhat maintained the size and ratio of Homeland Security but have tended towards reducing its size. The committee was made permanent in the 109th Congress when House Republicans had a majority. During this Congress, the committee had an equal number of Republicans and one less Democrat. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had one less Republican and four fewer Democrats, totaling five fewer spots.

If Republicans seek to maintain the current committee size and flip the ratio, Republicans will have five spots to fill. Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-NY) is reportedly interested in joining Financial Services, which is considered exclusive per long-standing informal practices in the Republican

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Conference. Unless he receives some exception, he will likely have to give up his spot on Homeland Security.

Democrats will have two spots to fill. Speaker McCarthy has pledged to remove Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) from his committee assignments, but Swalwell would likely only be removed from Intelligence.

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

| REPUBLICANS $(\mathbf{3} \boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \mathbf{6 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (6 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ 3) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bryan Steil (WI), Likely Chair | Joe Morelle (NY), Ranking Member |  |  |  |
| Barry Loudermilk (GA) | Jamie Raskin (MD) |  |  |  |
|  | Pete Aguilar (CA) |  |  |  |
|  | Mary Gay Scanlon (PA) |  |  |  |
|  | Teresa Leger Fernandez (NM) |  |  |  |
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Outlook: The committee's chairmanship is open due to 117th Congress Ranking Member Rodney Davis (R-IL) losing his intraparty primary. Next-in-seniority Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA) indicated his interest earlier in 2022, but Rep. Bryan Steil (R-WI) is likely to get the top GOP spot. According to Republican Conference Rules, the Speaker nominates the GOP chair of House Administration. Speaker McCarthy (R-CA) tapped Rep. Steil to run the Restoring the People's House transition team, which could be a signal he intends to nominate Rep. Steil to a chairmanship. Rep. Joe Morelle (D-NY) will serve as ranking member.

Historically, Republican majorities have kept the same size and ratio on House Administration. Both Republicans and Democratic party leaders are empowered to nominate all Members on the committee.

If Republicans maintain the current committee size and the ratio flips, Republicans will have five spots to fill. Democrats could lose two spots, which would bump Reps. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA) and Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM). In addition, Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) will lead Oversight, meaning he will only be able to remain on one of three committees (Judiciary and Oversight) he served on in the 117th Congress due to House Rules. He could seek a waiver.

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## PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

| REPUBLICANS (10 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \mathbf{1 3 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (13 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \mathbf{1 0})$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mike Turner (OH), Likely Chair | Adam Schiff (CA), Possible Ranking Member |
| Brad Wenstrup (OH) | Jim Himes (CT) |
| Chris Stewart (UT) | Andre Carson (IN) |
| Rick Crawford (AR) | Mike Quigley (IL) |
| Elise Stefanik (NY) | Eric Swalwell (CA) |
| Trent Kelly (MS) | Joaquin Castro (TX) |
| Darin LaHood (IL) | Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL) |
| Brian Fitzpatrick (PA) | Jason Crow (CO) |
| Mike Gallagher (WI) |  |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Intelligence Ranking Member Mike Turner ( $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{OH}$ ) is expected to continue to lead committee Republicans in the 118th Congress. Speaker McCarthy (R-CA) has repeatedly stated that 117th Congress Chair Adam Schiff (D-CA) would be removed from the committee in a Republican majority. Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT) has wanted the top spot for the past three cycles and would likely become the new committee lead for Democrats if Rep. Schiff is removed.

Under House Rules, the committee cannot have more than 22 Members, but the 117th Congress allowed for one additional member after adjusting the committee size by unanimous consent. Historically, Republican majorities have somewhat reduced the size of the committee. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had two fewer Republicans and one less Democrat, totaling three fewer seats. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had an equal number of Republicans and one less Democrat.

The committee is subject to further requirements: no more than 13 Members from the same party and at least one Member from Appropriations, Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Judiciary. In addition, Members may not serve on the committee for more than four Congresses within a period of six Congresses, though chairs and ranking members are exempted from this. Under these rules, Reps. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH), Chris Stewart (R-UT), Andre Carson (D-IN), Mike Quigley (D-IL) and Eric Swalwell (D-CA) are ineligible to remain.

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Unless these Members secure waivers, this means even if all eligible 117th Congress Intelligence Members return, the committee will need at least one Member each from Appropriations and Judiciary.

If Republicans choose to maintain the committee's current size and flip the ratio, there could be up to six Republicans spots open. As a note, the Speaker recommends all GOP Members of select committees to the House.

Democrats could have up to six spots open as well. As a note, Democratic Members of Intelligence are not permitted to serve on more than one standing committee while they serve on Intelligence.

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## JUDICIARY

| REPUBLICANS (19 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 5 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (25 $\rightarrow \mathbf{1 9}$ 19) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Jim Jordan (OH), Chair | Jerry Nadler (NY), Ranking Member |  |  |
| Darrell Issa (CA) | Zoe Lofgren (CA) |  |  |
| Ken Buck (CO) | Sheila Jackson Lee (TX) |  |  |
| Matt Gaetz (FL) | Steve Cohen (TN) |  |  |
| Mike Johnson (LA) | Hank Johnson (GA) |  |  |
| Andy Biggs (AZ) | David Cicilline (RI) |  |  |
| Tom McClintock (CA) | Eric Swalwell (CA) |  |  |
| Greg Steube (FL) | Ted Lieu (CA) |  |  |
| Tom Tiffany (WI) | Jamie Raskin (MD) |  |  |
| Thomas Massie (KY) | Pramila Jayapal (WA) |  |  |
| Chip Roy (TX) | Lou Correa (CA) |  |  |
| Dan Bishop (NC) | Mary Gay Scanlon (PA) |  |  |
| Michelle Fischbach (MN) | Sylvia Garcia (TX) |  |  |
| Victoria Spartz (IN) | Joe Neguse (CO) |  |  |
| Scott Fitzgerald (WI) | Lucy McBath (GA) |  |  |
| Cliff Bentz (OR) | Greg Stanton (AZ) |  |  |
| Burgess Owens (UT) | Madeleine Dean (PA) |  |  |
|  | Veronica Escobar (TX) |  |  |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Judiciary Ranking Member Jim Jordan (R-OH) will remain the committee's GOP leader in the 118th Congress. 117th Congress Chair Jerry Nadler (D-NY) will continue as the committee's top Democrat.

Historically, Republican majorities have generally maintained a similar ratio on Judiciary, but the size has been smaller. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had four fewer Republicans and three less Democrats, totaling six

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fewer spots. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had one less Republican and two fewer Democrats, totaling three fewer spots.

If Republicans choose to maintain current size and ratio but flipped, there could be eight Republicans spots open. Rep. Scott Fitzgerald (R-WI) is interested in joining Financial Services, which is considered exclusive per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference. Unless he receives some exception, he will likely have to give up his spot on Judiciary.

Democrats could be at risk of losing at least one spot, which would bump Rep. Cori Bush (DMO). As noted previously, Speaker McCarthy has pledged to remove Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) from his committee assignments, though he will likely only be removed from Intelligence. Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) will lead Oversight, meaning he will only be able to remain on one of three committees (Rules and Oversight) he served on in the 117th Congress due to House Rules. He could seek a waiver. Rep-Elect Glenn Ivey (D-MD) is reportedly interested in joining the committee.

NATURAL RESOURCES

| REPUBLICANS (21 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 7 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (27 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 1 )}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Bruce Westerman (AR), Chair | Raul Grijalva (AZ), Ranking Member |
| Doug Lamborn (CO) | Grace Napolitano (CA) |
| Robert Wittman (VA) | Jim Costa (CA) |
| Tom McClintock (CA) | Gregorio Sablan (MP-AL) |
| Garrett Graves (LA) | Jared Huffman (CA) |
| Amata Coleman Radewagen (AS) | Ruben Gallego (AZ) |
| Dan Webster (FL) | Joe Neguse (CO) |
| Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (PR) | Mike Levin (CA) |
| Russ Fulcher (ID) | Katie Porter (CA) |
| Pete Stauber (MN) | Teresa Leger Fernandez (NM) |
| Tom Tiffany (WI) | Melanie Stansbury (NM) |
| Jerry Carl (AL) | Nydia Velazquez (NY) |
| Matt Rosendale (MT) | Diana DeGette (CO) |
| Blake Moore (UT) | Julia Brownley (CA) |
| Lauren Boebert (CO)t | Debbie Dingell (MI) |
| Jay Obernolte (CA) | Darren Soto (FL) |
| Cliff Bentz (OR) | Chuy Garcia (IL) |
|  | Ed Case (HI) |
|  | Betty McCollum (MN) |
|  | Steve Cohen (TN) |
|  | Paul Tonko (NY) |
|  | Rashida Tlaib (MI) |
|  | Lori Trahan (MA) |
|  | Mary Peltola (AK) |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Natural Resources Ranking Member Bruce Westerman (R-AR) will continue to lead Republicans on the committee. 117th Congress Chairman Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) will continue as the committee's top Democrat.

Republican majorities have trended towards shrinking the size of Natural Resources. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had one

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more Republicans and three more Democrats, totaling four additional spots. But, in the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had two fewer Republicans and three fewer Democrats, totaling five fewer spots.

If Republicans choose to maintain the current size of the committee and the ratio flips, there could be up to 10 Republicans spots open. Speaker McCarthy has indicated Rep. Paul Gosar (RAZ) will be reinstated to the committees from which he was previously removed, which included Natural Resources.

Democrats could lose at least three spots on the committee.

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## OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

| REPUBLICANS (20 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 5 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (25 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 0}$ ) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| James Comer (KY), Chair | Jamie Raskin (MD), Ranking Member |  |  |
| Jim Jordan (OH) | Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC) |  |  |
| Virginia Foxx (NC) | Stephen Lynch (MA) |  |  |
| Glenn Grothman (WI) | Gerry Connolly (VA) |  |  |
| Michael Cloud (TX) | Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL) |  |  |
| Clay Higgins (LA) | Ro Khanna (CA) |  |  |
| Ralph Norman (SC) | Kweisi Mfume (MD) |  |  |
| Pete Sessions (TX) | Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY) |  |  |
| Andy Biggs (AZ) | Rashida Tlaib (MI) |  |  |
| Byron Donalds (FL) | Katie Porter (CA) |  |  |
| Mike Flood (NE) | Cori Bush (MO) |  |  |
| Nancy Mace (SC) | Shontel Brown (OH) |  |  |
| Jake LaTurner (KS) | Danny Davis (IL) |  |  |
| Pat Fallon (TX) | Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL) |  |  |
| Andrew Clyde (GA) | Hank Johnson (GA) |  |  |
| Scott Franklin (FL) | John Sarbanes (MD) |  |  |
|  | Robin Kelly (IL) |  |  |
|  | Mark DeSaulnier (CA) |  |  |
|  | Jimmy Gomez (CA) |  |  |
|  | Ayanna Pressley (MA) |  |  |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member James Comer ( $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{KY}$ ) will likely continue to lead the committee in the 118th Congress, though the name has changed to Oversight and Accountability. Rep. Jamie Raskin will succeed outgoing Chair Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and lead committee Democrats as ranking member.

Republican majorities have trended towards shrinking the size of Oversight and Accountability, although that may not be the case in this Congress where Republicans are expected to pursue an ambitious oversight agenda. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the

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107th Congress, the committee had one less Republican and one less Democrat, totaling two fewer spots. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had one less Republican and two fewer Democrats, totaling three fewer spots.

If Republicans choose to maintain current size and ratio but flipped, there could be up to nine Republicans spots open. Reps. Byron Donalds (R-FL) and Mike Flood (R-NE) are reportedly interested in joining Financial Services, which is considered exclusive per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference. Unless they receive some exception, they will likely have to give up their spots on Oversight. Speaker McCarthy has indicated Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) will be reinstated to his committees that he was previously removed from, which included Oversight.

Democrats may have no additional seats to fill and based on previous trends, could be at risk of losing an additional seat or two.

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## RULES

| REPUBLICANS (4 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ 9) | DEMOCRATS (9 $\rightarrow \mathbf{4}$ ) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Tom Cole (OK), Expected Chair | Jim McGovern (MA), Ranking Member |
| Michael Burgess (TX) | Norma Torres (CA) |
| Guy Reschenthaler (PA) | Jamie Raskin (MD) |
| Michelle Fischbach (MN) | Mary Gay Scanlon (PA) |
|  | Joe Morelle (NY) |
|  | Mark DeSaulnier (CA) |
|  | Deborah Ross (NC) |
|  | Joe Neguse (CO) |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Rules Ranking Member Tom Cole (R-OK) will likely remain the GOP committee lead in the 118th Congress. 117th Congress Chairman Jim McGovern (D-MA) will continue to be the committee's top Democrat.

Because of the wide authority of the Rules Committee, its ratio has traditionally been weighted in favor of the majority and has had a "2 to 1" ratio, as evidenced by a composition of nine majority Members and four minority Members since the late 1970s. As a note, party leaders on both sides nominate all Members to the Rules Committee, including the committee leads. In addition, Rules is considered "exclusive" committee per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference and Democratic Caucus rules, so Members on this committee generally receive no other committee assignments. However, waivers are often sought.

If Speaker McCarthy chooses to renominate Members who served on the committee in the previous Congress, Republicans will have five spots to fill. Similarly, if Minority Leader Jeffries chooses to renominate Members who served on the committee in the previous Congress, Democrats would lose four spots. Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) will lead Oversight, meaning he will only be able to remain on one of three committees (Judiciary and Oversight) he served on in the 117th Congress due to House Rules. He could seek a waiver.

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## SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

| REPUBLICANS (19 $\rightarrow \mathbf{2 3 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (23 $\rightarrow \mathbf{1 9}$ ) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Frank Lucas (OK), Chair | Zoe Lofgren (CA), Ranking Member |  |  |
| Bill Posey (FL) | Suzanne Bonamici (OR) |  |  |
| Randy Weber (TX) | Ami Bera (CA) |  |  |
| Brian Babin (TX) | Haley Stevens (MI) |  |  |
| Michael Waltz (FL) | Mikie Sherrill (NJ) |  |  |
| Jim Baird (IN) | Jamaal Bowman (NY) |  |  |
| Dan Webster (FL) | Melanie Stansbury (NM) |  |  |
| Mike Garcia (CA) | Brad Sherman (CA) |  |  |
| Stephanie Bice (OK) | Paul Tonko (NY) |  |  |
| Young Kim (CA) | Bill Foster (IL) |  |  |
| Randy Feenstra (IA) | Donald Norcross (NJ) |  |  |
| Jake LaTurner (KS) | Don Beyer (VA) |  |  |
| Carlos Gimenez (FL) | Sean Casten (IL) |  |  |
| Jay Obernolte (CA) | Deborah Ross (NC) |  |  |
| Jake Ellzey (TX) | Gwen Moore (WI) |  |  |
| Mike Carey (OH) | Dan Kildee (MI) |  |  |
|  | Susan Wild (PA) |  |  |
|  | Lizzie Fletcher (TX) |  |  |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Science, Space and Technology (SST) Ranking Member Frank Lucas (ROK) will continue to lead committee Republicans in the 118th Congress. Rep. Zoe Lofgren (DCA) will lead committee Democrats.

Historically, Republican majorities have not been entirely consistent on the size and ratio of SST. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had two more Republicans and three more Democrats, totaling five additional spots. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had one less Republican and two fewer Democrats, totaling four fewer spots.

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If Republicans choose to maintain the committee's current size and flip the ratio, they could have seven spots to fill. Democrats could have one spot to fill. Rep-Elect Eric Sorensen (D-IL) is reportedly interested in joining the committee.

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SMALL BUSINESS

| REPUBLICANS (12 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \mathbf{1 6 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (16 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ 12) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Roger Williams (TX), Chair | Nydia Velazquez (NY), Ranking Member |
| Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO) | Jared Golden (ME) |
| Pete Stauber (MN) | Jason Crow (CO) |
| Dan Meuser (PA) | Sharice Davids (KS) |
| Claudia Tenney (NY) | Kweisi Mfume (MD) |
| Andrew Garbarino (NY) | Dean Phillips (MN) |
| Young Kim (CA) | Troy Carter (LA) |
| Beth Van Duyne (TX) | Judy Chu (CA) |
| Byron Donalds (FL) | Dwight Evans (PA) |
| Maria Elvira Salazar (FL) | Chrissy Houlahan (PA) |
| Scott Fitzgerald (WI) | Andy Kim (NJ) |
| Mike Flood (NE) | Angie Craig (MN) |
|  | Scott Peters (CA) |
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Outlook: Roger Williams (R-TX) will serve as Small Business chair in the 118th Congress. 117th Congress Chairwoman Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) will continue to lead committee Democrats in the 118th Congress.

Historically, Republican majorities have not been entirely consistent on the size and ratio of Small Business but have more recently trended towards shrinking its size. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had three more Republicans and one more Democrat, totaling four additional spots. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had two fewer Republicans and two fewer Democrats, totaling four fewer spots.

If Republicans choose to maintain the current committee size and flip the ratio, they could have four spots to fill. Reps. Dan Meuser (R-PA), Andrew Garbarino (R-NY), Young Kim (R-CA), Byron Donalds (R-FL), Scott Fitzgerald (R-WI), and Mike Flood (R-NE) are all interested in joining Financial Services, which is considered exclusive per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference. Unless they receive some exception, they will likely have to give up their spots on Small Business. This could open six additional spots.

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Democrats could lose one spot, which could bump Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA). Rep.-Elect Hillary Scholten (D-MI) is reportedly interested in joining the committee.

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## TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

| REPUBLICANS (32 $\rightarrow \mathbf{3 7 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (37 $\rightarrow \mathbf{3 2}$ 32) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sam Graves (MO), Chair | Rick Larsen (WA), Ranking Member |
| Rick Crawford (AR) | Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC) |
| Dan Webster (FL) | Grace Napolitano (CA) |
| Thomas Massie (KY) | Steve Cohen (TN) |
| Scott Perry (PA) | John Garamendi (CA) |
| Brian Babin (TX) | Hank Johnson (GA) |
| Garret Graves (LA) | Andre Carson (IN) |
| David Rouzer (NC) | Dina Titus (NV) |
| Mike Bost (IL) | Jared Huffman (CA) |
| Randy Weber (TX) | Julia Brownley (CA) |
| Doug LaMalfa (CA) | Frederica Wilson (FL) |
| Bruce Westerman (AR) | Donald Payne (NJ) |
| Brian Mast (FL) | Mark DeSaulnier (CA) |
| Mike Gallagher (WI) | Stephen Lynch (MA) |
| Brian Fitzpatrick (PA) | Salud Carbajal (CA) |
| Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (PR) | Greg Stanton (AZ) |
| Troy Balderson (OH) | Colin Allred (TX) |
| Pete Stauber (MN) | Sharice Davids (KS) |
| Tim Burchett (TN) | Chuy Garcia (IL) |
| Dusty Johnson (SD) | Chris Pappas (NH) |
| Jeff Van Drew (NJ) | Seth Moulton (MA) |
| Michael Guest (MS) | Jake Auchincloss (MA) |
| Troy Nehls (TX) | Marilyn Strickland (WA) |
| Nancy Mace (SC) | Nikema Williams (GA) |
| Nicole Malliotakis (NY) | Troy Carter (LA) |
| Beth Van Duyne (TX) | Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL) |
| Carlos Gimenez (FL) |  |
| Michelle Steel (CA) |  |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member Sam Graves (RMO) will likely continue to lead committee Republicans. Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA) will succeed outgoing Chair Peter DeFazio (D-OR) as the committee's Democratic lead.

Historically, Republican majorities have both increased and decreased the size of Transportation and Infrastructure. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had four more Republicans and two more Democrats, totaling six additional spots. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had three fewer Republicans and five fewer Democrats, totaling eight fewer spots. This could mean the committee's configuration will see another fluctuation.

If Republicans seek to maintain the current committee size and flip the ratio,, they will have six spots to fill. Democrats will also have six spots to fill. Reps.-Elect Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), Eric Garcia (D-CA), Hillary Scholten (D-MI), and Eric Sorensen (D-IL) are reportedly interested in a spot on this committee.

## VETERANS' AFFAIRS

| REPUBLICANS (14 $\rightarrow \mathbf{1 7 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (17 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ 14) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mike Bost (IL), Chair | Mark Takano (CA), Ranking Member |
| Amata Coleman Radewagen (AS) | Julia Brownley (CA) |
| Jack Bergman (MI) | Mike Levin (CA) |
| Jim Banks (IN) | Chris Pappas (NH) |
| Chip Roy (TX) | Frank Mrvan (IN) |
| Tracey Mann (KS) | Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL) |
| Barry Moore (AL) | Gregorio Sablan (MP-AL) |
| Nancy Mace (SC) | Lauren Underwood (IL) |
| Troy Nehls (TX) | Colin Allred (TX) |
| Matt Rosendale (MT) | Lois Frankel (FL) |
| Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA) | Elissa Slotkin (MI) |
| Jake Ellzey (TX) | David Trone (MD) |
|  | Marcy Kaptur (OH) |
|  | Raul Ruiz (CA) |
|  | Ruben Gallego (AZ) |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Mike Bost (R-IL) will continue to lead the committee in the 118th Congress. 117th Congress Chairman Mark Takano (D-CA) will continue to lead the committee's Democrats.

Historically, Republican majorities have trended towards shrinking the size of Veterans' Affairs. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had the same number of Republicans and Democrats. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had three fewer Republicans and four fewer Democrats, totaling seven fewer spots.

That being said, if Republicans seek to maintain the committee's current size and flip the ratio, they will have six spots to fill. Democrats may lose one seat, which would bump Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ).

## WAYS AND MEANS

| REPUBLICANS (19 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \mathbf{2 5 )}$ | DEMOCRATS (25 $\rightarrow \mathbf{1 9}$ ) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Jason Smith (MO), Chair | Richard Neal (MA), Ranking Member |  |  |
| Vern Buchanan (FL) | Lloyd Doggett (TX) |  |  |
| Adrian Smith (NE) | Mike Thompson (CA) |  |  |
| Mike Kelly (PA) | John Larson (CT) |  |  |
| David Schweikert (AZ) | Earl Blumenauer (OR) |  |  |
| Darin LaHood (IL) | Bill Pascrell (NJ) |  |  |
| Brad Wenstrup (OH) | Danny Davis (IL) |  |  |
| Jodey Arrington (TX) | Linda Sanchez (CA) |  |  |
| Drew Ferguson (GA) | Brian Higgins (NY) |  |  |
| Ron Estes (KS) | Terri Sewell (AL) |  |  |
| Lloyd Smucker (PA) | Suzan DelBene (WA) |  |  |
| Kevin Hern (OK) | Judy Chu (CA) |  |  |
| Carol Miller (WV) | Gwen Moore (WI) |  |  |
| Gregory Murphy (NC) | Dan Kildee (MI) |  |  |
| David Kustoff (TN) | Don Beyer (VA) |  |  |
|  | Dwight Evans (PA) |  |  |
|  | Brad Schneider (IL) |  |  |
|  | Jimmy Panetta (CA) |  |  |
|  | Jimmy Gomez (CA) |  |  |
|  | Steven Horsford (NV) |  |  |
|  | Stacey Plaskett (US-VI) |  |  |
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Outlook: 117th Congress Budget Ranking Member Jason Smith (R-MO) will be Ways and Means chair in the 118th Congress. 117th Congress Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA) will continue to lead committee Democrats in the 118th Congress.

Historically, Republican majorities have trended towards shrinking the size of Ways and Means. When House Republicans had a similarly slim majority in the 107th Congress, the committee had one less Republican and two fewer Democrats, totaling three fewer spots. In the most recent House Republican majority, the committee had one less Republican and three fewer Democrats, totaling four fewer spots.

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That being said, if Republicans seek to maintain current size and ratio but flipped, they will have 10 spots to fill. The Democrats could lose at least three spots, which would bump Reps. Steven Horsford (D-NV), and Stacey Plaskett (US-VI). As a note, Ways and Means is considered an "exclusive" committee per long-standing informal practices in the Republican Conference and Democratic Caucus rules, so Members on this committee generally receive no other committee assignments.

| REPUBLICANS | DEMOCRATS |
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| Mike Gallagher (WI), Chair |  |
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Outlook: Speaker McCarthy announced the intended creation of a Select Committee on China in the incoming Congress. Rep. Mike Gallagher will lead the committee. It is unclear who the ranking member of the committee would be. However, Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) has expressed interested in serving on the committee and has also co-sponsored anti-China legislation with Rep. Gallagher, so it is possible he could be the committee's lead Democrat.

Select committees tend to have around 6-9 Members from each party. Other Members who may be interested in serving on the committee include Reps. Ken Buck (R-CO) And Ro Khanna (D-CA).

