

Senate Committee Musical Chairs In Anticipation of the 118th Congress

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KEY

Solid Democrat
Lean Democrat
Solid Republican
Lean Republican
Toss-Up
Not Returning in the 118th Congress
<i>Committee Seniority Over Sitting Chair/Ranking Member</i>

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Overview

Current Margins and the Electoral Map in the Senate

- There is currently a 50/50 split in the Senate. 51 seats are needed to control the chamber. Vice President Kamala Harris votes with Democrats to break a tie.
- The midterm elections will be held on November 8, 2022. The 118th Congress will begin with reelected and newly elected Senators beginning six-year terms on January 3, 2023.
- In this cycle, 35 of the 100 seats are up for regular election, including a special election in Oklahoma. 14 seats are held by Democrats and 21 are held by Republicans.
- As of today, six Senators have announced they will not seek re-election. This includes one Democratic committee chair (Appropriations) and five Republican ranking members (Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC); and Rules).
- Races to watch because they lean Democrat, lean Republican, or are toss-ups are coded in this document based on analysis from leading political pundits, including *270 To Win*, *Real Clear Politics*, *the Cook Political Report*, and *Sabato's Crystal Ball*.
- As the margins in the Senate become clear and we learn more about committee ratios, we plan to expand this document to reflect seats that parties may gain or lose on each committee, as well as current committee members who may be at risk of losing a seat due to changing committee ratios.
- Closer to the elections, we will also begin tracking Senators who may be looking to switch their committee assignments in the new Congress.

Special Elections

- Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK) announced his retirement February 24. He will serve through the end of the 117th Congress. Republican Markwayne Mullin and Democrat Kendra Horn won their respective primaries on August 23 and will face each other in the special election. Since Sen. Inhofe filed for retirement before March 1, the state's special election will coincide with statewide races in November. Sen. Inhofe's successor will be sworn in to the 118th Congress on January 3.
- News broke on October 6th that Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE) was a sole finalist University of Florida's presidency. Although the timing of his resignation remains unclear, if he officially announces, Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts will be responsible for appointing a replacement, with the seat then up for a special election in 2024.

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Democratic Leadership

- No changes are expected to Senate Democratic leadership in the 118th Congress. However, this could change if Democrats perform poorly in November.
- **President Pro Tempore:** The president pro tempore is elected by the Senate and is, by custom, the Senator of the majority party with the longest record of continuous service. Since 117th Congress **President Pro Tempore** Patrick Leahy (D-VT) is retiring, the next longest serving Democrat would be Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA).
- **Leadership: Majority Leader** Chuck Schumer (D-NY), **Majority Whip** Dick Durbin (D-IL), **Chief Deputy Majority Whip** Jeff Merkley (D-OR), and **Assistant Democratic Leader** Patty Murray (D-WA) will likely remain in these positions in the 118th Congress, assuming Democrats maintain control of the Senate, or hold similar positions in the minority, if the Senate flips.
- **Democratic Caucus: Chair** Chuck Schumer (D-NY), **Vice Chair** Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), **Vice Chair** Mark Warner (D-VA), and **Secretary** Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) could remain in their current positions.
- **Democratic Policy & Communications Committee (DPCC): DPCC Chairwoman** Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), **DPCC Vice Chair** Joe Manchin (D-WV), and **DPCC Vice Chair** Cory Booker (D-NJ) could continue in these roles in the 118th Congress.
- **Democratic Steering & Outreach Committee (DSOC): DSOC Chairwoman** Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and **DSOC Vice Chairwoman** Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) could remain in these positions in the next Congress.
- **Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC):** It may be too soon to speculate who will succeed current **DSCC Chairman** Gary Peters (D-MI).

Republican Leadership

- **President Pro Tempore:** If Republicans win control of the chamber in November, **President Pro Tempore Emeritus** Chuck Grassley (R-IA) would likely resume this position.
- **Leadership: Minority Leader** Mitch McConnell (R-KY), **Assistant Minority Leader** John Thune (R-SD), and **Minority Chief Deputy Whip** Mike Crapo (R-ID) will likely continue in these roles in the 118th Congress, or in similar roles in the majority if the Senate flips. **National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) Chair** Rick Scott (R-FL) has not ruled out challenging Leader McConnell.
- **Republican Conference (SRC): SRC Chair** John Barrasso (R-WY) would likely remain in this position. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) has stated she will make a bid for the **SRC Vice Chair** spot, currently held by Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA), who has indicated she is making a bid for retiring **RPC Chair** Roy Blunt's (R-MO) spot.

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- **Republican Policy Committee (RPC):** Due to **RPC Chair** Roy Blunt's (R-MO) retirement, current **SRC Vice Chair** Joni Ernst (R-IA) has indicated she is looking to move into this position, opening up the SRC Vice Chair slot.
- **National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC):** Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) is expected to succeed Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) as **NRSC Chair**.

General Rules Pertaining to Committee Leadership

- Generally, decisions on Senate committee leadership are based on seniority, but there can be some surprises.
- Committee assignments are shaped by party conference rules. The Republican Conference makes its rule publicly available, while the Democratic Conference does not. Limitations apply to Republican Senators.
- The Senate categorizes committees into three groups: A Committees, B Committees, and C Committees.
- Both the Democratic and Republican Conferences have limitations on committee and subcommittee membership based on how a committee is characterized.
- Committee leadership rules are also impacted by further distinctions between A Committees as Super A Committees.
- A Committees include Agriculture; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works (EPW); Finance; Foreign Relations; Intelligence; Judiciary; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC).
- Both the Democratic and Republican Conferences designate Appropriations, Armed Services, and Finance as Super A Committees. The Republican Conference also designates Foreign Relations as a Super A Committee.
- Senators are generally not assigned to more than one Super A Committee by their respective party conference, though there are some exceptions.
- Generally, a Senator is not permitted to serve on more than two A Committees.
- In February 2021, Senate Democrats adopted a new subcommittee chairmanship rule prohibiting Senators who lead A Committees from holding subcommittee chairmanships until more junior Members who do not lead a committee have an opportunity to claim a subcommittee gavel. There are some exceptions, notably on the Appropriations Committee.
- B committees include Aging; Budget; Joint Economic; Rules; Small Business; and Veterans' Affairs.
- C committees include Ethics; Indian Affairs; and Joint Taxation.

Republican Conference Rules on Committee Leadership

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- **Full Committees:** Senators are not bound by committee seniority when selecting a chair. However, Republican Senators can use seniority to bump sitting chairs/ranking members when control of the Senate switches parties. If there are multiple candidates for a position, a vote is conducted by secret written ballot.
- **Term Limits:** A Republican Senator can serve a cumulative six years as chair, plus six years as ranking member of the same committee.
- **A Committees:** Senators rank their top three preferred A Committee assignments. The rest are composed using the following guidelines: seniority of service on committees, seniority of service in the Senate, limitations on any Senator serving on both the Finance and Appropriations Committees simultaneously, and rules that stipulate that no two Republican Senators from the same state can serve on the same committee.
- **B Committees:** Republican Senators may keep one B Committee assignment on which they served in the previous Congress.
- **Subcommittees:** Subcommittee chairs/ranking members are determined by their seniority on either the subcommittee or the full committee with exceptions. Waivers can be sought.

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AGING

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Robert Casey (PA), Chairman	Tim Scott (SC), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	Susan Collins (ME) (Term-Limited)
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Richard Burr (NC)
Elizabeth Warren (MA)	Marco Rubio (FL)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Mike Braun (IN)
Mark Kelly (AZ)	Rick Scott (FL)
Raphael Warnock (GA)	Mike Lee (UT)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Agging** Chairman Bob Casey (D-PA) is likely to continue as the top Democrat on the committee in the 118th Congress. However, if 117th Congress **Budget** Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-VT) chooses not to move to the top spot on **HELP**, which will become vacant due to 117th Congress **HELP** Chairwoman Patty Murray (D-WA) moving into retiring 117th Congress **Appropriations** Chairman Patrick Leahy's (D-VT) spot, Sen. Casey (D-PA) would be next-in-line on **HELP**. If Sen. Casey moves to **HELP**, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) would be next-in-line on **Agging**. 117th Congress **Agging** Ranking Member Tim Scott (R-SC) could remain the top Republican on the committee in the 118th Congress or he could choose to take the top GOP spot on **Banking** or **Small Business**. If Sen. Tim Scott chooses **Banking** or **Small Business**, Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) would be next in line on **Agging**, but she is term limited and has indicated plans to become the top Republican on **Appropriations**. Next in line is Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC), who is retiring, followed by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), who, if he wins reelection, is likely to keep the top Republican slot on **Intelligence**. This means Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) could become the top Republican on **Agging**.

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AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Debbie Stabenow (MI), Chairwoman	John Boozman (AR), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
<i>Patrick Leahy (VT) (Appropriations)</i>	<i>Mitch McConnell (KY) (Leadership)</i>
Sherrod Brown (OH)	John Hoeven (ND)
Amy Klobuchar (MN)	Joni Ernst (IA)
Michael Bennet (CO)	Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	Roger Marshall (KS)
Tina Smith (MN)	Tommy Tuberville (AL)
Dick Durbin (IL)	Chuck Grassley (IA)
Cory Booker (NJ)	John Thune (SD)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	Deb Fischer (NE)
Raphael Warnock (GA)	Mike Braun (IN)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry** Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Ranking Member John Boozman (R-AR) will remain the top Democrat and the top Republican on the Agriculture Committee, respectively.

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APPROPRIATIONS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Patrick Leahy (VT), Chairman	Richard Shelby (AL), Ranking Member [3C, 2RM]
Patty Murray (WA)	Mitch McConnell (KY) (Leadership)
Dianne Feinstein (CA)	Susan Collins (ME)
Dick Durbin (IL)	Lisa Murkowski (AK)
Jack Reed (RI)	Lindsey Graham (SC)
Jon Tester (MT)	Roy Blunt (MO)
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	Jerry Moran (KS)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	John Hoeven (ND)
Chris Coons (DE)	John Boozman (AR)
Brian Schatz (HI)	Shelley Moore Capito (WV)
Tammy Baldwin (WI)	John Kennedy (LA)
Chris Murphy (CT)	Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)
Joe Manchin (WV)	Mike Braun (IN)
Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Bill Hagerty (TN)
Martin Heinrich (NM)	Marco Rubio (FL)

Outlook: Due to 117th Congress **Appropriations** Chairman Patrick Leahy's (D-VT) retirement, Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) is in line to take the top Democratic spot on the committee, meaning she would vacate her spot as the top Democrat on **HELP**. Ranking Member Richard Shelby's (R-AL) retirement leaves Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) as his expected successor, though some question if her party might find her to be too moderate.

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ARMED SERVICES

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Jack Reed (RI), Chairman	James Inhofe (OK), Ranking Member [3C, 2RM]
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	Roger Wicker (MS)
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	Deb Fischer (NE)
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Tom Cotton (AR)
Mazie Hirono (HI)	Mike Rounds (SD)
Tim Kaine (VA)	Joni Ernst (IA)
Angus King (I-ME)	Thom Tillis (NC)
Elizabeth Warren (MA)	Dan Sullivan (AK)
Gary Peters (MI)	Kevin Cramer (ND)
Joe Manchin (WV)	Rick Scott (FL)
Tammy Duckworth (IL)	Marsha Blackburn (TN)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Josh Hawley (MO)
Mark Kelly (AZ)	Tommy Tuberville (AL)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Armed Services** Chairman Jack Reed (D-RI) will remain the top Democrat on the committee. Due to 117th Congress **Armed Services** Ranking Member Jim Inhofe's (R-OK) retirement, Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) has indicated he will take the top Republican spot on the committee in the 118th Congress.

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BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Sherrod Brown (OH), Chairman	Pat Toomey (PA), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
Jack Reed (RI) (Armed Services)	Richard Shelby (AL) (Appropriations)
Robert Menendez (NJ) (Foreign Relations)	Mike Crapo (ID) (Finance)
Jon Tester (MT)	Tim Scott (SC)
Mark Warner (VA)	Mike Rounds (SD)
Elizabeth Warren (MA)	Thom Tillis (NC)
Chris Van Hollen (MD)	John Kennedy (LA)
Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	Bill Hagerty (TN)
Tina Smith (MN)	Cynthia Lummis (WY)
Kyrsten Sinema (AZ)	Jerry Moran (KS)
Jon Ossoff (GA)	Kevin Cramer (ND)
Raphael Warnock (GA)	Steve Daines (MT)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Banking** Chairman Sherrod Brown (D-OH) will remain the top Democrat on the committee. Due to 117th Congress **Banking** Ranking Member Pat Toomey's (R-PA) retirement, next in line based on seniority would be Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID). However, he is likely to keep his top spot on **Finance**. Next in line is 117th Congress **Aging** Ranking Member Tim Scott (R-SC). Sen. Tim Scott could be in a position to choose from the top spots on **Aging**, **Banking**, or **Small Business**. If Sen. Tim Scott chooses a committee other than **Banking**, Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD) would be next in line to serve in the GOP leadership slot on **Banking**.

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BUDGET

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Chairman	Lindsey Graham (SC), Ranking Member, [OC, 2RM]
Patty Murray (WA) (HELP)	Chuck Grassley (IA) (Judiciary)
Ron Wyden (OR) (Finance)	Mike Crapo (ID) (Finance)
Debbie Stabenow (MI) (Agriculture)	Pat Toomey (PA)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Ron Johnson (WI)
Mark Warner (VA)	Mike Braun (IN)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	Rick Scott (FL)
Tim Kaine (VA)	Ben Sasse (NE)
Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	John Kennedy (LA)
Alex Padilla (CA)	Kevin Cramer (ND)

Outlook: If 117th Congress **Budget** Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-VT) moves into the top spot on **HELP** because of 117th Congress **HELP** Chairwoman Patty Murray (D-WA) moving to **Appropriations**, the chairmanship would open to next-in-line Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), assuming that all other Democratic Senators who are more senior maintain leadership slots on other committees. That being said, Sen. Sanders could retain his top spot on **Budget** leaving **HELP** to 117th Congress **Aging** Chairman Bob Casey (D-PA). If the Senate remains in Democratic control, 117th Congress **Budget** Ranking Member Lindsey Graham (R-SC) could give up the top Republican seat on **Budget** to move to **Judiciary**, where 117th Congress **Judiciary** Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-IA) is term-limited because he has already served six years as ranking member. If Sen. Graham moves to **Judiciary**, Sen. Grassley could move into the top GOP spot on **Budget**. If Republicans gain control of the Senate, Sen. Graham will likely become chairman of **Budget** and Sen. Whitehouse will become ranking member in the 118th Congress.

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COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Maria Cantwell (WA), Chairwoman	Roger Wicker (MS), Ranking Member [2C, 2RM]
Amy Klobuchar (MN)	John Thune (SD) (Leadership)
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Roy Blunt (MO)
Brian Schatz (HI)	Ted Cruz (TX)
Ed Markey (MA)	Deb Fischer (NE)
Gary Peters (MI)	Jerry Moran (KS)
Tammy Baldwin (WI)	Dan Sullivan (AK)
Tammy Duckworth (IL)	Marsha Blackburn (TN)
Jon Tester (MT)	Todd Young (IN)
Kyrsten Sinema (AZ)	Mike Lee (UT)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Ron Johnson (WI)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	Shelley Moore Capito (WV)
John Hickenlooper (CO)	Rick Scott (FL)
Raphael Warnock (GA)	Cynthia Lummis (WY)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Commerce** Chairwoman Maria Cantwell (D-WA) will remain in the top Democratic spot on the committee. 117th Congress **Commerce** Ranking Member Roger Wicker (R-MS) will be taking retiring Sen. Jim Inhofe's ranking position on **Armed Services**, meaning the top spot is vacant. It is now assumed that Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) will become the top Republican on **Commerce**.

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ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Joe Manchin (WV), Chairman	John Barrasso (WY), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
<i>Ron Wyden (OR) (Finance)</i>	James Risch (ID)
<i>Maria Cantwell (WA) (Commerce)</i>	Mike Lee (UT)
<i>Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (Budget)</i>	Steve Daines (MT)
Martin Heinrich (NM)	Lisa Murkowski (AK) (Term-Limited) [6C, 6RM]
Mazie Hirono (HI)	John Hoeven (ND)
Angus King (I-ME)	James Lankford (OK)
Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	Bill Cassidy (LA)
Mark Kelly (AZ)	Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)
John Hickenlooper (CO)	Roger Marshall (KS)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Energy** Chairman Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Ranking Member John Barrasso (R-WY) will likely remain the leaders for their respective parties on **Energy** in the 118th Congress.

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ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Tom Carper (DE), Chairman	Shelley Moore Capito (WV), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
Ben Cardin (MD)	Jim Inhofe (OK) (Term Limited/Armed Services) [6C, 6RM]
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Kevin Cramer (ND)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Cynthia Lummis (WY)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	Richard Shelby (AL)
Ed Markey (MA)	John Boozman (AR)
Tammy Duckworth (IL)	Roger Wicker (MS)
Debbie Stabenow (MI)	Dan Sullivan (AK)
Mark Kelly (AZ)	Joni Ernst (IA)
Alex Padilla (CA)	Lindsey Graham (SC)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Environment and Public Works (EPW)** Chairman Tom Carper (D-DE) and Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) will likely remain the top Democrat and the top Republican on the committee, respectively, in the 118th Congress.

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ETHICS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Chris Coons (DE), Chairman	James Lankford (OK), Ranking Member [2C, 2RM]
Brian Schatz (HI)	James Risch (ID)
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	Deb Fischer (NE)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Ethics** Chairman Chris Coons (D-DE) could continue to serve as the top Democrat on the committee. 117th Congress **Ethics** Ranking Member James Lankford (R-OK) could continue to fill the spot as the top Republican on the committee. However, Sen. Lankford may have the opportunity to become the top Republican on **HSGAC**. Sen. James Risch (R-ID), who is next in line, is likely to continue to serve in the top GOP slot on **Foreign Relations**. Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE) is on track to lead Republicans on **Rules** in the 118th Congress. This means Republicans might choose to shake up their **Ethics** roster to create an opportunity for an additional GOP Senator to lead a committee.

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FINANCE

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Ron Wyden (OR), Chairman	Mike Crapo (ID), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
Debbie Stabenow (MI)	Chuck Grassley (IA) (Term Limited) [6C, 6RM]
Maria Cantwell (WA)	John Cornyn (TX)
Robert Menendez (NJ)	John Thune (SD)
Tom Carper (DE)	Richard Burr (NC)
Ben Cardin (MD)	Rob Portman (OH)
Sherrod Brown (OH)	Pat Toomey (PA)
Michael Bennet (CO)	Tim Scott (SC)
Robert Casey (PA)	Bill Cassidy (LA)
Mark Warner (VA)	James Lankford (OK)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Steve Daines (MT)
Maggie Hassan (NH)	Todd Young (IN)
Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	Ben Sasse (NE)
Elizabeth Warren (MA)	John Barrasso (WY)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Finance** Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) will keep his position as the top Democrat on the committee. Since 117th Congress **Finance** Ranking Member Mike Crapo (R-ID) is not term-limited, he is unlikely to give up his top spot and will remain the GOP leader on the committee for the 118th Congress.

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FOREIGN RELATIONS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Robert Menendez (NJ), Chairman	James Risch (ID), Ranking Member [2C, 2RM]
Ben Cardin (MD)	Marco Rubio (FL)
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	Ron Johnson (WI)
Chris Coons (DE)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Chris Murphy (CT)	Rob Portman (OH)
Tim Kaine (VA)	Rand Paul (KY)
Ed Markey (MA)	Todd Young (IN)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	John Barrasso (WY)
Cory Booker (NJ)	Ted Cruz (TX)
Brian Schatz (HI)	Mike Rounds (SD)
Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Bill Hagerty (TN)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Foreign Relations** Chairman Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Ranking Member James Risch (R-ID) are likely to remain in the top spots for their parties on the committee in the 118th Congress.

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HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR & PENSIONS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Patty Murray (WA), Chairwoman	Richard Burr (NC), Ranking Member [OC, 2RM]
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Rand Paul (KY)
Robert Casey (PA)	Susan Collins (ME)
Tammy Baldwin (WI)	Bill Cassidy (LA)
Chris Murphy (CT)	Lisa Murkowski (AK)
Tim Kaine (VA)	Mike Braun (IN)
Maggie Hassan (NH)	Roger Marshall (KS)
Tina Smith (MN)	Tim Scott (SC)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	Tommy Tuberville (AL)
John Hickenlooper (CO)	Jerry Moran (KS)

Outlook: If 117th Congress **Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)** Chairwoman Patty Murray (D-WA) succeeds 117th Congress **Appropriations** Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT), 117th Congress **Budget** Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-VT) is looking increasingly like he wants to serve as the top Democrat on **HELP**. It is possible that Sen. Sanders may retain his position on **Budget**, meaning **Aging** Chairman Bob Casey (D-PA) would be next in line. Due to 117th Congress **HELP** Ranking Member Richard Burr's (R-NC) retirement, Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) would be next in line to become the top Republican on the committee. To serve as the top Republican on **HELP**, Sen. Paul would have to give up his position as 117th Congress **Small Business** ranking member.

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HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Gary Peters (MI), Chairman	Rob Portman (OH), Ranking Member [OC, 2RM]
Tom Carper (DE) (EPW)	Ron Johnson (WI) [OC, 6RM]
Maggie Hassan (NH)	Rand Paul (KY)
Kyrsten Sinema (AZ)	James Lankford (OK)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Alex Padilla (CA)	Rick Scott (FL)
Jon Ossoff (GA)	Josh Hawley (MO)

Outlook: 117th Congress **HSGAC** Chairman Gary Peters (D-MI) will likely remain the top Democrat on the committee. If Democrats hold control of the Senate, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) is term-limited from serving as ranking member in the 118th Congress. Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) would be next in line, but it is likely he would choose to become the top Republican on **HELP**. Under this scenario, Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) could get the top spot on **HSGAC**. If Republicans flip the Senate, Sen. Johnson has time remaining as chair. However, his race is currently rated a toss-up. If Sen. Johnson loses reelection and Sen. Paul chooses the top GOP slot on **HELP**, then Sen. Lankford could chair **HSGAC**.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Brian Schatz (HI), Chairman	Lisa Murkowski (AK), Vice Chair [OC, 2RM]
<i>Maria Cantwell (WA) (Commerce)</i>	John Hoeven (ND) [OC, 2RM]
<i>Jon Tester (MT) (Veterans' Affairs)</i>	James Lankford (OK)
Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	Steve Daines (MT)
Tina Smith (MN)	Mike Rounds (SD)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	Jerry Moran (KS)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Indian Affairs Committee** Chairman Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Vice Chair Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) will likely remain in top spots for the 118th Congress.

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INTELLIGENCE

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Mark Warner (VA), Chairman	Marco Rubio (FL), Vice Chair [1C, 2RM]
Dianne Feinstein (CA)	Richard Burr (NC) [5C, 2RM]
Ron Wyden (OR)	James Risch (ID)
Martin Heinrich (NM)	Susan Collins (ME)
Angus King (I-ME)	Roy Blunt (MO)
Michael Bennet (CO)	Tom Cotton (AR)
Bob Casey (PA)	John Cornyn (TX)
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	Ben Sasse (NE)
Jack Reed (RI), Ex Officio	Jim Inhofe (OK), Ex Officio
Chuck Schumer (NY), Ex Officio	Mitch McConnell (KY), Ex Officio

Outlook: 117th Congress **Intelligence** Chairman Mark Warner (D-VA) will likely remain the top Democrat on the committee. 117th Congress **Intelligence** Vice Chair Marco Rubio (R-FL) is in a tight race but will keep the top GOP spot if he wins reelection. Given that Sen. James Risch (R-ID) will keep his spot on **Foreign Relations** and Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) will likely take **Appropriations**, Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) would be next in line to serve as the top Republican on the committee if Sen. Rubio loses.

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JUDICIARY

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Dick Durbin (IL), Chairman	Chuck Grassley (IA), Ranking Member [4C, 6RM]
Patrick Leahy (VT) (Appropriations)	Lindsey Graham (SC)
Dianne Feinstein (CA)	John Cornyn (TX)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Mike Lee (UT)
Amy Klobuchar (MN)	Ted Cruz (TX)
Chris Coons (DE)	Ben Sasse (NE)
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Josh Hawley (MO)
Mazie Hirono (HI)	Tom Cotton (AR)
Cory Booker (NJ)	John Kennedy (LA)
Alex Padilla (CA)	Thom Tillis (NC)
Jon Ossoff (GA)	Marsha Blackburn (TN)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Judiciary** Chairman Dick Durbin (D-IL) will likely continue to serve as the top Democrat on **Judiciary** following a 2020 caucus rule change that allows him to serve as Democratic whip and in the top Democratic slot on one committee simultaneously. If Democrats hold control of the Senate, 117th Congress **Judiciary** Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-IA) is term-limited from serving as ranking member of **Judiciary** and will likely become ranking member of **Budget**. In this case, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), would chair **Judiciary**. If the Senate flips, Sen. Grassley will become chairman and Sen. Durbin will become ranking member.

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RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Amy Klobuchar (MN), Chairwoman	Roy Blunt (MO), Ranking Member [3C, 2R]
Dianne Feinstein (CA)	Mitch McConnell (KY) (Leadership)
Chuck Schumer (NY) (Leadership)	Richard Shelby (AL) (Appropriations)
Mark Warner (VA) (Intelligence)	Ted Cruz (TX)
Patrick Leahy (VT) (Appropriations)	Shelley Moore Capito (WV)
Angus King (I-ME)	Roger Wicker (MS)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	Deb Fischer (NE)
Alex Padilla (CA)	Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)
Jon Ossoff (GA)	Bill Hagerty (TN)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Rules** Chairwoman Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) will likely remain the top Democrat on the committee. 117th Congress **Rules** Ranking Member Roy Blunt's (R-MO) retirement leaves the top Republican slot on the committee vacant. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) is ineligible because of his leadership role. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) is likely to become the top Republican on **Commerce**. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) is expected to remain the top Republican on **Energy**. Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) is in line to become chairman of **Armed Services**. This creates an opening for Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE), who has indicated she expects to fill the top Republican position on the committee in the 118th Congress.

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SMALL BUSINESS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Ben Cardin (MD), Chairman	Rand Paul (KY), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
<i>Maria Cantwell (WA) (Commerce)</i>	<i>Marco Rubio (FL), (Intelligence)</i>
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	<i>James Risch (ID) (Foreign Relations)</i>
Ed Markey (MA)	Tim Scott (SC)
Cory Booker (NJ)	Joni Ernst (IA)
Chris Coons (DE)	James Inhofe (OK)
Mazie Hirono (HI)	Todd Young (IN)
Tammy Duckworth (IL)	John Kennedy (LA)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Josh Hawley (MO)
John Hickenlooper (CO)	Roger Marshall (KS)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Small Business** Chairman Ben Cardin (D-MD) will likely remain in the top Democratic spot on the committee. 117th Congress **Small Business** Ranking Member Rand Paul (R-KY) is likely to take the top GOP spot on **HELP**. Assuming he wins reelection, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) will likely remain the top Republican on **Intelligence**. Sen. James Risch (R-ID) is likely to keep the top GOP slot on **Foreign Relations**. This means Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) could have a choice of **Aging, Banking, or Small Business**. If Sen. Tim Scott chooses the top slot on **Aging or Banking**, Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) will become the top Republican on **Small Business**.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Jon Tester (MT), Chairman	Jerry Moran (KS), Ranking Member [1C, 4RM]
Patty Murray (WA)	John Boozman (AR)
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Bill Cassidy (LA)
Sherrod Brown (OH)	Mike Rounds (SD)
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Thom Tillis (NC)
Mazie Hirono (HI)	Dan Sullivan (AK)
Joe Manchin (WV)	Marsha Blackburn (TN)
Kyrsten Sinema (AZ)	Kevin Cramer (ND)
Maggie Hassan (NH)	Tommy Tuberville (AL)

Outlook: 117th Congress **Veterans Affairs'** Chairman Jon Tester (D-MT) and Ranking Member Jerry Moran (R-KS) will likely remain the top Democrat and top Republican on the committee in the 118th Congress.