

# Senate Committee Musical Chairs In Anticipation of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

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KEY

Results Not Yet Finalized as Determined by AP News as of 9AM on November 21
<del>Not Returning in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress</del>
<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 were 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 were up for regular election, including a special election in Oklahoma.
- Throughout the cycle, seven Senators have announced they will not seek re-election. This includes one Democratic committee chair (Appropriations), five Republican ranking members (Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC); and Rules), and one other Republican Member.
- 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.
- We will also begin tracking Senators who may be looking to switch their committee assignments in the new Congress.

### Democratic Leadership

- Internal Democratic leadership elections are scheduled for the week of December 5, but no major changes are expected for the 118th Congress.
- **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). However, she chose to forgo the position earlier this year. **Majority Leader** Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has indicated he will nominate Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA).
- **Leadership: Majority Leader** Chuck Schumer (D-NY), **Majority Whip** Dick Durbin (D-IL), and **Chief Deputy Majority Whip** Jeff Merkley (D-OR) have all indicated they will run again for these positions and are widely expected to win. 117th Congress **Assistant Democratic Leader** Patty Murray (D-WA) will be moving up to **President Pro Tempore**, meaning there will be an opening on leadership. Following seniority, **DPCC Chair** Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) is the No. 4 Democratic leader, but she also is the chair of **Agriculture** and has not indicated if she is interested in leadership. There will likely be an intense competition for the open leadership spot. .

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- **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

- **Leadership:** Last week, Sen. Rick Scott (FL), along with Sens. Mike Lee (R-UT) and Ron Johnson (R-WI), circulated a letter to urge their colleagues to support a delay on leadership elections. They have received backing from Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL), Josh Hawley (R-MO), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC), but the group was unsuccessful in delaying the vote. **Minority Leader** Mitch McConnell (R-KY) won his re-election to the same position, fending off a challenge from **National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) Chair** Rick Scott (R-FL). **Minority Whip** John Thune (R-SD) will continue to serve in this role in the 118th Congress.
- **Republican Conference (SRC):** **SRC Chair** John Barrasso (R-WY) will remain in this position. . Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) won the election to become **SRC Vice Chair** ,.
- **Republican Policy Committee (RPC):** 117th Congress **RPC Chair** Roy Blunt (R-MO) is retiring. 117th Congress **SRC Vice Chair** Joni Ernst (R-IA) won the election to become **RPC Chair** in the next Congress.
- **National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC):** Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) will Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) as **NRSC Chair in the 118th Congress**.

## 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.

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- 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**

- **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.

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- **Subcommittees:** Subcommittee chairs/ranking members are determined by their seniority on either the subcommittee or the full committee with exceptions. Waivers can be sought.

## **Special Elections**

- Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK) announced his retirement on February 24. He will serve through the end of the 117th Congress. Republican Markwayne Mullin won in the general election on November 8.
- News broke on October 6 that Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE) was the sole finalist for University of Florida's presidency. On November 1, he was approved for the position and is expected to retire before the end of the year. 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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## AGING

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
<b>Robert Casey (PA), Chairman</b>	<b>Tim Scott (SC), Ranking Member [OC, 2RM]</b>
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	<b><i>Susan Collins (ME) (Term-Limited)</i></b>
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	<b><del>Richard Burr (NC)</del></b>
Elizabeth Warren (MA)	Marco Rubio (FL)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Mike Braun (IN)
Mark Kelly (AZ)	Rick Scott (FL)
<b>Raphael Warnock (GA)</b>	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. 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 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
<b>Debbie Stabenow (MI), Chairwoman</b>	<b>John Boozman (AR), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]</b>
<b><i>Patrick Leahy (VT) (Appropriations)</i></b>	<b><i>Mitch McConnell (KY) (Leadership)</i></b>
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)
<b>Raphael Warnock (GA)</b>	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
<b>Patrick Leahy (VT), Chairman</b>	<b>Richard Shelby (AL), Ranking Member [3C, 2RM]</b>
Patty Murray (WA)	<b>Mitch McConnell (KY) (Leadership)</b>
Dianne Feinstein (CA)	Susan Collins (ME)
Dick Durbin (IL)	<b>Lisa Murkowski (AK)</b>
Jack Reed (RI)	Lindsey Graham (SC)
Jon Tester (MT)	<b>Roy Blunt (MO)</b>
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..



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## ARMED SERVICES

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Jack Reed (RI), Chairman	<del>James Inhofe (OK), Ranking Member [3C, 2RM]</del>
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
<b>Sherrod Brown (OH), Chairman</b>	<del>Pat Toomey (PA), Ranking Member [OC, 2RM]</del>
<i>Jack Reed (RI) (Armed Services)</i>	<del>Richard Shelby (AL) (Appropriations)</del>
<i>Robert Menendez (NJ) (Foreign Relations)</i>	<b>Mike Crapo (ID) (Finance)</b>
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)
<b>Raphael Warnock (GA)</b>	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]
<i>Patty Murray (WA) (HELP)</i>	<i>Chuck Grassley (IA) (Judiciary)</i>
<i>Ron Wyden (OR) (Finance)</i>	<i>Mike Crapo (ID) (Finance)</i>
<i>Debbie Stabenow (MI) (Agriculture)</i>	<del>Pat Toomey (PA)</del>
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Ron Johnson (WI)
Mark Warner (VA)	Mike Braun (IN)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	Rick Scott (FL)
Tim Kaine (VA)	<del>Ben Sasse (NE)</del>
Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	John Kennedy (LA)
Alex Padilla (CA)	Kevin Cramer (ND)

**Outlook:** 117th Congress **Budget** Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-VT) will into the top spot on **HELP** because of 117th Congress **HELP** Chairwoman Patty Murray (D-WA) move to **Appropriations**, meaning the top spot will likely go to Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), assuming that all other Democratic Senators who are more senior maintain leadership slots on other committees. With Democrats retaining control of the Senate, it is possible 117th Congress **Budget** Ranking Member Lindsey Graham (R-SC) will 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**.

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## COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
<b>Maria Cantwell (WA), Chairwoman</b>	<b>Roger Wicker (MS), Ranking Member [2C, 2RM]</b>
Amy Klobuchar (MN)	<b>John Thune (SD) (Leadership)</b>
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	<del><b>Roy Blunt (MO)</b></del>
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)
<b>Raphael Warnock (GA)</b>	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
<b>Joe Manchin (WV), Chairman</b>	<b>John Barrasso (WY), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]</b>
<b>Ron Wyden (OR) (Finance)</b>	James Risch (ID)
<b>Maria Cantwell (WA) (Commerce)</b>	Mike Lee (UT)
<b>Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (Budget)</b>	Steve Daines (MT)
Martin Heinrich (NM)	<b>Lisa Murkowski (AK) (Term-Limited) [6C, 6RM]</b>
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
<b>Tom Carper (DE), Chairman</b>	<b>Shelley Moore Capito (WV), Ranking Member [OC, 2RM]</b>
Ben Cardin (MD)	<del><b>Jim Inhofe (OK) (Term Limited/Armed Services) [6C, 6RM]</b></del>
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Kevin Cramer (ND)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Cynthia Lummis (WY)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	<del><b>Richard Shelby (AL)</b></del>
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. If Sen. Lankford does not become ranking member, 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
<b>Ron Wyden (OR), Chairman</b>	<b>Mike Crapo (ID), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]</b>
Debbie Stabenow (MI)	<b>Chuck Grassley (IA) (Term Limited) [6C, 6RM]</b>
Maria Cantwell (WA)	John Cornyn (TX)
Robert Menendez (NJ)	John Thune (SD)
Tom Carper (DE)	<del>Richard Burr (NC)</del>
Ben Cardin (MD)	<del>Rob Portman (OH)</del>
Sherrod Brown (OH)	<del>Pat Toomey (PA)</del>
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)	<del>Ben Sasse (NE)</del>
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.



## FOREIGN RELATIONS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
<b>Robert Menendez (NJ), Chairman</b>	<b>James Risch (ID), Ranking Member [2C, 2RM]</b>
Ben Cardin (MD)	Marco Rubio (FL)
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	Ron Johnson (WI)
Chris Coons (DE)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Chris Murphy (CT)	<del>Rob Portman (OH)</del>
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
<b>Patty Murray (WA), Chairwoman</b>	<del>Richard Burr (NC), Ranking Member [OC, 2RM]</del>
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Rand Paul (KY)
Robert Casey (PA)	Susan Collins (ME)
Tammy Baldwin (WI)	Bill Cassidy (LA)
Chris Murphy (CT)	<b>Lisa Murkowski (AK)</b>
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:** 117th Congress **Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)** Chairwoman Patty Murray (D-WA) will succeed 117th Congress **Appropriations** Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT), and 117th Congress **Budget** Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-VT) will serve as the top Democrat on **HELP**. 117th Congress **HELP** Ranking Member Richard Burr's (R-NC) is retiring. Because Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Rand Paul (R-KY) are expected to become the top Republicans on **Appropriations** and **HSGAC**, respectively, Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) will likely become the top Republican on **HELP**.

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## HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Gary Peters (MI), Chairman	<del>Rob Portman (OH), Ranking Member [OC, 2RM]</del>
<i>Tom Carper (DE) (EPW)</i>	<i>Ron Johnson (WI) [OC, 6RM]</i>
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. With Democrats holding control of the Senate, next-in-line Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) is term-limited and cannot serve as ranking member. Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), who is currently the top Republican on **Small Business**, has indicated he will take the top Republican spot on **HSGAC**.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
<b>Brian Schatz (HI), Chairman</b>	<b>Lisa Murkowski (AK), Vice Chair [OC, 2RM]</b>
<b><i>Maria Cantwell (WA) (Commerce)</i></b>	<b><i>John Hoeven (ND) [OC, 2RM]</i></b>
<b><i>Jon Tester (MT) (Veterans' Affairs)</i></b>	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. If Sen. Murkowski ends up losing reelection, Sen. James Lankford (R-ND) could be next-in-line, but he also may have the opportunity to get the top spot on **HSGAC**. Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) could be next-in-line, but he is expected to become the **National Republican Congressional Chair** in the 118th Congress, meaning he would have to seek a waiver to serve in leadership and in a top GOP spot on **Indian Affairs**. If Sen. Steve Daines forgoes his committee claim, Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD) could be next-in-line.

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## INTELLIGENCE

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

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## JUDICIARY

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Dick Durbin (IL), Chairman	Chuck Grassley (IA), Ranking Member [4C, 6RM]
<del>Patrick Leahy (VT) (Appropriations)</del>	Lindsey Graham (SC) [2C, ORM]
Dianne Feinstein (CA)	John Cornyn (TX)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Mike Lee (UT)
Amy Klobuchar (MN)	Ted Cruz (TX)
Chris Coons (DE)	<del>Ben Sasse (NE)</del>
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. 117th Congress **Judiciary** Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-IA) is term-limited from serving as ranking member of **Judiciary**, meaning he will likely try to become ranking member of **Budget**. In this case, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), could become the ranking member on **Judiciary**.

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## RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Amy Klobuchar (MN), Chairwoman	<del>Roy Blunt (MO), Ranking Member [3C, 2R]</del>
Dianne Feinstein (CA)	Mitch McConnell (KY) (Leadership)
Chuck Schumer (NY) (Leadership)	<del>Richard Shelby (AL) (Appropriations)</del>
Mark Warner (VA) (Intelligence)	Ted Cruz (TX)
<del>Patrick Leahy (VT) (Appropriations)</del>	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
<b>Ben Cardin (MD), Chairman</b>	<b>Rand Paul (KY), Ranking Member [OC, 2RM]</b>
<b><i>Maria Cantwell (WA) (Commerce)</i></b>	<b><i>Marco Rubio (FL), (Intelligence)</i></b>
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	<b><i>James Risch (ID) (Foreign Relations)</i></b>
Ed Markey (MA)	Tim Scott (SC)
Cory Booker (NJ)	Joni Ernst (IA)
Chris Coons (DE)	<del><b>James Inhofe (OK)</b></del>
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) will likely become top Republican on HSGAC, leaving his spot open. . 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 he chooses a committee other than **Small Business**, Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) would be the committee's next GOP ranking member. She may have to seek a waiver given her role in Republican leadership for the 118th Congress.



## VETERANS' AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
<b>Jon Tester (MT), Chairman</b>	<b>Jerry Moran (KS), Ranking Member [1C, 4RM]</b>
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.