

**Senate Committee Musical Chairs
In Anticipation of the 119th Congress**

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Overview

Current Margins in the Senate

- There is currently Democratic majority with a 48-49-3 split, with three Independents caucusing with the Democrats, resulting in a 51-49 majority.
- One third of the Senate will be up for re-election on Nov. 5, 2024. The 119th Congress will begin with re-elected and newly elected Senators beginning six-year terms on Jan. 3, 2025.
- In this cycle, 34 of the 100 seats are up for regular election, along with two special elections. Of the seats up for re-election, 21 are currently held by Democrats, 11 are held by Republicans, and 3 are held by Independents.
- As of today, eight Senators have announced they will not seek re-election. This includes four Democratic committee chairs (Agriculture; Energy and Natural Resources (ENR); Environment and Public Works (EPW); and Foreign Relations (SFRC) and one Republican ranking member (Aging).
- Seats that are currently in cycle are coded in this document as lean Democrat, lean Republican, solid Democrat, solid Republican, or toss-up 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. Ben Sasse (R-NE) resigned on Jan. 8, 2023. Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen (R) appointed Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE) to fill the vacancy. A special primary will be held on May 14, 2024. A special election is scheduled for the same day as the general election, Nov. 5. Sen. Ricketts is running in both. This seat is expected to remain solidly-red.
- Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) passed away on Sept. 29, 2023. California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) appointed Sen. Laphonza Butler (D-CA) to fill the vacancy. Sen. Butler is not running for re-election. In a special primary on Mar. 5, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Republican Steve Garvey advanced to a special election to fill Feinstein's seat during the final weeks of the 118th Congress. This election will occur simultaneously with the general election on Nov. 5, where Schiff and Garvey will also vie for a full six-year term starting Jan. 3, 2025. This seat is expected to remain solidly-blue.

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Democratic Leadership

- Few changes are expected to Senate Democratic leadership in the 119th 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. If Democrats hold control of the Senate, Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) will continue to serve in this role.
- **Leadership: Majority Leader** Chuck Schumer (D-NY), **Majority Whip** Dick Durbin (D-IL), and **Chief Deputy Majority Whip** Jeff Merkley (D-OR) could remain in these positions in the 119th Congress, assuming Democrats maintain control of the Senate, or hold similar positions in the minority, if the Senate flips.
- **Democratic Conference: Conference Vice Chairs** Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Mark Warner (D-VA), **Deputy Chair** Brian Schatz (D-HI), and **Secretary** Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) could continue to serve in their current positions.
- **Democratic Policy & Communications Committee (DPCC): DPCC Chair** Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and **DPCC Vice Chair** Joe Manchin (D-WV) are retiring. Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), who currently serves as **DPCC Vice Chair**, and Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), who currently serves as **Steering Chair**, are being discussed as contenders for higher leadership roles.
- **Democratic Steering & Outreach Committee (DSOC): Steering Chair** Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) could continue in her role, although she is being considered as a contender for higher leadership. **Steering Vice Chair** Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) could continue her position in the next Congress. **Outreach Chair** Bernie Sanders (I-VT) has not officially announced if he will be seeking re-election but will remain eligible for this role if he chooses to run. **Outreach Vice Chair** Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) could also continue to serve in this role.
- **Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC): DSCC Chair** Gary Peters (D-MI) could remain in his leadership role. He was re-elected to this role following the 2022 midterm elections despite his reluctance, so he may seek to step down in 2024. There is speculation Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) could be interested in the role. He has not denied his interest. **DSCC Vice Chair** Tina Smith (D-MN) could remain in her role.

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:** On February 28, **Minority Leader** Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced his intent to resign from his leadership position at the close of the 118th Congress after 17 years. Sens. John Barrasso (R-WY), John Cornyn (R-TX), and John Thune (R-SD), collectively known as the "Three Johns," had been viewed as potential successors even before

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McConnell's announcement. Allies of former President Trump, aiming to diverge from McConnell's path, are likely to propose their own candidate, with Trump reportedly backing Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) for the role. Other possible contenders include Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL), who previously challenged **Leader** McConnell in 2022, as well as Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT). As of March 18, only Sens. Cornyn and Thune have officially entered the race. Sen. Barrasso has chosen to pursue the **Whip** position, given that Sen. Thune, the current **Minority Whip**, cannot continue in this role due to conference rules. President Trump has endorsed Sen. Barrasso for this role. Should Sen. Cornyn not secure the leader role, he might also consider the **Whip** role. **Minority Chief Deputy Whip** Mike Crapo (R-ID) could continue in his role, but may be interested in advancing to the **Whip** position as well.

- **Republican Policy Committee (RPC): RPC Chair** Joni Ernst (R-IA) announced her run for **Senate Republican Conference (SRC) Chair** position, which is opening up as Sen. Barrasso reaches his term limit set by conference rules. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) is running for **RPC Chair**.
- **Senate Republican Conference (SRC): SRC Chair** Barrasso is ineligible to continue in his role due to conference rules. Sen. Barrasso is seeking the **Whip** role. Sens. Tom Cotton (R-AR), Joni Ernst (R-IA), and James Lankford (R-OK) have announced they will run for **SRC Chair**. **SRC Vice Chair** Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) is running for **RPC Chair**. No other Members have shown interest in the **SRC Vice Chair** position.
- **National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC): NRSC Chair** Steve Daines (R-MT), encouraged by former President Trump, might run for the **Leader** position. Sen. Daines' relatively new leadership role and the upcoming November performance could influence his standing as a candidate for **Leader**. If he runs for **Leader** and fails, he could remain **NRSC Chair**. No other Republican has publicly expressed interest in the **NRSC Chair**.
- **Republican Steering Committee (RSC): RSC Chair** Mike Lee (R-UT) may continue in his role, though his name is also being floated as potential candidate for **Leader**. No other Republican members have publicly shown interest in the **RSC Chair**.

General Rules Pertaining to Committee Leadership & Membership

- Generally, decisions on Senate committee leadership are based on seniority, but there can be some surprises.
- 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 and Super A committees.

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- A committees include Agriculture; Appropriations; Armed Services (SASC); Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; ENR; EPW; Finance; SFRC; Intelligence (SSCI); Judiciary; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC).
- Both the Democratic and Republican Conferences designate Appropriations, SASC, and Finance as Super A committees. The Republican Conference also designates SFRC 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.
- B committees include Aging; Budget; Joint Economic; Rules; Small Business; and Veterans' Affairs (SVAC).
- 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. Once a Republican Senator serves six years as chair, they are term-limited, even if they would otherwise have time remaining as ranking member.
- **Seniority:** In general, a Republican Senator's seniority on a committee is determined by their consecutive years of service on that committee. This means that even if a Senator has higher seniority within the Senate GOP conference overall, they may still have lower seniority on a specific committee compared to other committee members.
- **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.
 - Newly elected Republican Senators are guaranteed their initial A Committee choice. Seniority among the freshman class for selecting committee assignments is determined by prior service in the Senate, prior service in the House, and then prior service as a state governor.
- **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.

KEY

Lean Democrat
Solid Democrat
Lean Republican
Solid Republican
Toss-Up
<i>Committee Seniority Over Sitting Chair/Ranking Member</i>
Running for Other Office*
Not Returning in the 119th Congress

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AGING

DEMOCRATS (7)	REPUBLICANS (6)
Bob Casey (PA), Chairman	Mike Braun (IN), Ranking Member* [OC, 4RM]
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	<i>Tim Scott (SC) [OC, 2RM] (Banking)</i>
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	<i>Marco Rubio (FL) (Intelligence)</i>
Elizabeth Warren (MA)	Rick Scott (FL)
Mark Kelly (AZ)	J.D. Vance (OH)
Raphael Warnock (GA)	Pete Ricketts (NE)
John Fetterman (PA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Agging** Chair Bob Casey (D-PA) could continue as the committee's top Democrat. However, his race has been rated as Lean D. Should Sen. Casey lose re-election, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) would be next-in-line by seniority. With Ranking Member Mike Braun (R-IN) retiring, the top Republican role will be vacant. Sens. Tim Scott (R-SC) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) already hold the top Republican slots on **Banking** and **Intelligence**, respectively, reducing the likelihood of their interest in **Agging**. Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) would be next-in-line by seniority.

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AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

DEMOCRATS (12)	REPUBLICANS (11)
Debbie Stabenow (MI), Chair	John Boozman (AR), Ranking Member [OC, 4RM]
Sherrod Brown (OH)	Mitch McConnell (KY) (Leadership)
Amy Klobuchar (MN)	John Hoeven (ND)
Michael Bennet (CO)	Joni Ernst (IA)
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)
Tina Smith (MN)	Roger Marshall (KS)
Dick Durbin (IL)	Tommy Tuberville (AL)
Cory Booker (NJ)	Mike Braun (IN)*
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	Chuck Grassley (IA)
Raphael Warnock (GA)	John Thune (SD)
Peter Welch (VT)	Deb Fischer (NE)
John Fetterman (PA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry** Chair Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) is retiring. Next-in-line Democrat Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) is already the top Democrat on **Banking** and is unlikely to give up this position, if re-elected. The most likely replacement is Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), assuming that she would likely give up her position as the top Democrat on **Rules** for the top Democratic slot on **Agriculture**. Ranking Member John Boozman (R-AR) could remain the top Republican. However, with 118th Congress Republican **Leader** Mitch McConnell stepping down from his leadership role, Sen. McConnell has the option to use his seniority on **Agriculture** to bump Sen. Boozman from the top Republican spot. That being said, Sen. McConnell also has the option to do the same on **Appropriations**, which is likely more desirable.

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APPROPRIATIONS

DEMOCRATS (15)	REPUBLICANS (14)
Patty Murray (WA), Chairwoman	Susan Collins (ME), Ranking Member [3C, 4RM]
Dick Durbin (IL)	Mitch McConnell (KY) (Leadership)
Jack Reed (RI)	Lisa Murkowski (AK)
Jon Tester (MT)	Lindsey Graham (SC)
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)	Bill Hagerty (TN)
Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Katie Britt (AL)
Martin Heinrich (NM)	Marco Rubio (FL)
Gary Peters (MI)	Deb Fischer (NE)
Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Appropriations** Chair Patty Murray (D-WA) is expected to remain as the committee's top Democrat. Ranking Member Susan Collins (R-ME) could remain. However, with **Minority Leader** Mitch McConnell (R-KY) stepping down, he has the option to use his seniority to bump Sen. Collins for the top spot on **Appropriations**. A similar move was made, albeit on the Democratic side, by Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV) in 1989, when he stepped down as leader and bumped Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI) from the top spot on **Appropriations**. Should he not challenge Sen. Collins, Leader McConnell might seek a top role on an **Appropriations** subcommittee.

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ARMED SERVICES

DEMOCRATS (13)	REPUBLICANS (12)
Jack Reed (RI), Chairman	Roger Wicker (MS), Ranking Member [3C, 4RM]
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	Deb Fischer (NE)
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	Tom Cotton (AR)
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Mike Rounds (SD)
Mazie Hirono (HI)	Joni Ernst (IA)
Tim Kaine (VA)	Dan Sullivan (AK)
Angus King (I-ME)	Kevin Cramer (ND)
Elizabeth Warren (MA)	Rick Scott (FL)
Gary Peters (MI)	Tommy Tuberville (AL)
Joe Manchin (WV)	Markwayne Mullin (OK)
Tammy Duckworth (IL)	Ted Budd (NC)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Eric Schmitt (MO)
Mark Kelly (AZ)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Armed Services** Chair Jack Reed (D-RI) and Ranking Member Roger Wicker (R-MS) are likely to retain their leadership roles next Congress.

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BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS (12)	REPUBLICANS (11)
Sherrod Brown (OH), Chairman	Tim Scott (SC), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
Jack Reed (RI) (Armed Services)	Mike Crapo (ID) [4C, ORM] (Finance)
Bob Menendez (NJ)	Mike Rounds (SD)
Jon Tester (MT)	Thom Tillis (NC)
Mark Warner (VA)	John Kennedy (LA)
Elizabeth Warren (MA)	Bill Hagerty (TN)
Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Cynthia Lummis (WY)
Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	J.D. Vance (OH)
Tina Smith (MN)	Katie Britt (AL)
Raphael Warnock (GA)	Kevin Cramer (ND)
John Fetterman (PA)	Steve Daines (MT)
Laphonza Butler (CA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Banking** Chair Sherrod Brown (D-OH) remain the committee's top Democrat. However, Sen. Brown's re-election is uncertain, as his race is considered a toss-up. Among the Democrats, the four senior-most committee members are either unlikely to give up their leadership roles or, as in the case of Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ), face potential election challenges. This opens the possibility for Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) to emerge as the leading candidate for the top Democratic position on the committee, assuming that Sen. Warner chooses to remain the top Democrat on **Intelligence**. Ranking Member Tim Scott (R-SC) could also remain the committee's top Republican. However, he has been floated as a potential running mate for Donald Trump. Should Sen. Scott become the next vice president, Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD) would be next in line for **Banking**, as Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) will likely keep the top Republican spot on **Finance**.

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BUDGET

DEMOCRATS (11)	REPUBLICANS (10)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI), Chairman	Chuck Grassley (IA), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
Patty Murray (WA) (Appropriations)	Mike Crapo (ID)
Ron Wyden (OR) (Finance)	Lindsey Graham (SC) [0C, 2RM]
Debbie Stabenow (MI) (Agriculture)	Ron Johnson (WI)
Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (HELP)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Mark Warner (VA)	Roger Marshall (KS)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	Mike Braun (IN)*
Tim Kaine (VA)	John Kennedy (LA)
Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Rick Scott (FL)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	Mike Lee (UT)
Alex Padilla (CA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Budget** Chair Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) is viewed as the leading candidate to succeed retiring **Environment & Public Works (EPW)** Chair Tom Carper (D-DE). Although Sens. Patty Murray (D-WA), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Mark Warner (D-VA), and Bernie Sanders (I-VT), a previous leader of the committee, are more senior than Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR), they are expected to retain their senior positions on **Appropriations, Finance, and Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP)**, respectively. Therefore, should Sen. Whitehouse become the top Democrat on **EPW**, Sen. Merkley (D-OR) might be next in line for **Budget**. On the Republican side, Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-IA) will likely continue in his leadership role on the committee. However, if the Senate flips to Republican control, Sen. Grassley may opt to use his seniority on **Judiciary** to bump 118th Congress **Judiciary** Ranking Member Lindsey Graham (R-SC), as Sen. Grassley still has two remaining years as **Judiciary** chair before reaching his term limit. In this case, Sen. Graham may return to the top spot on **Budget**.

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COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

DEMOCRATS (14)	REPUBLICANS (13)
Maria Cantwell (WA), Chairwoman	Ted Cruz (TX), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
Amy Klobuchar (MN)	John Thune (SD) [4C, 0RM] (Leadership)
Brian Schatz (HI)	Roger Wicker (MS) [2C, 2RM] (Armed Services)
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 (I-AZ)	Ted Budd (NC)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Eric Schmitt (MO)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	J.D. Vance (OH)
John Hickenlooper (CO)	Shelley Moore Capito (WV)
Raphael Warnock (GA)	Cynthia Lummis (WY)
Peter Welch (VT)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Commerce** Chairwoman Maria Cantwell (D-WA) is expected to continue in her leadership position next Congress. Sen. John Thune (R-SD), who serves at the **Minority Whip** in the 118th Congress, faces term limits in his leadership role under Republican Conference rules. His first choice is likely the top Republican leadership spot with **Minority Leader** Mitch McConnell (R-KY) stepping down. However, if the Senate flips to Republican control, Sen. Thune would also have the option to use his seniority on **Commerce** to bump 118th Congress **Commerce** Ranking Member Ted Cruz (R-TX), something he is likely to do if he is unable to assume the Republican leader role.

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ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DEMOCRATS (10)	REPUBLICANS (9)
Joe Manchin (WV), Chairman	John Barrasso (WY), Ranking Member [0C, 4RM]
Ron Wyden (OR) (Finance)	Jim Risch (ID)
Maria Cantwell (WA) (Commerce)	Mike Lee (UT)
Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (HELP)	Steve Daines (MT)
Martin Heinrich (NM)	Lisa Murkowski (AK) (Term-Limited) [6C, 6RM]
Mazie Hirono (HI)	John Hoeven (ND)
Angus King (I-ME)	Bill Cassidy (LA)
Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)
John Hickenlooper (CO)	Josh Hawley (MO)
Alex Padilla (CA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Energy and Natural Resources (ENR)** Chairman Joe Manchin (D-WV) is retiring. Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) is seen as his likely successor. Ranking Member John Barrasso (R-WY) might stay in this role. However, with **Minority Leader** Mitch McConnell (R-KY) stepping down, Sen. Barrasso has announced he is running for the **Whip** role, which will be vacant due to 118th Congress **Minority Whip** John Thune (R-SD) reaching his term limit. If Sen. Barrasso secures a leadership role, he will be ineligible to serve in leadership on **ENR** and Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) will be the next leading candidate for the **ENR** top Republican spot. Sen. Lee, as well as Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT), who is next in seniority, are being floated as possible candidates for Leader. If Sen. Lee enters the race and wins the leadership bid, Sen. Daines might then be positioned to lead Republicans on **ENR**, or vice versa. Although Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID) is more senior to both Members, he is unlikely to pursue the top spot on **ENR**, as he will likely maintain the top Republican on **Foreign Relations**.

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ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

DEMOCRATS (10)	REPUBLICANS (9)
Tom Carper (DE), Chairman	Shelley Moore Capito (WV), Ranking Member [OC, 4RM]
Ben Cardin (MD)	Kevin Cramer (ND)
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Cynthia Lummis (WY)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Markwayne Mullin (OK)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	Pete Ricketts (NE)
Ed Markey (MA)	John Boozman (AR)
Debbie Stabenow (MI)	Roger Wicker (MS)
Mark Kelly (AZ)	Dan Sullivan (AK)
Alex Padilla (CA)	Lindsey Graham (SC)
John Fetterman (PA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Environment and Public Works (EPW)** Chairman Tom Carper (D-DE) is retiring. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) is considered to be the most likely successor. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) previously passed over the chance to be the top Democrat on **ENR** in 2018, and he may again choose to keep his top leadership spot on **HELP**. Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) will likely remain the top Republican on the committee. However, she is being floated as a possible candidate for **Leader**. Should she choose to run and is successful, Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND) would be next in line for **EPW**.

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ETHICS

DEMOCRATS (3)	REPUBLICANS (3)
Chris Coons (DE), Chairman	James Lankford (OK), Vice Chair [2C, 4RM]
Brian Schatz (HI)	<i>Jim Risch (ID) (Foreign Relations)</i>
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	Deb Fischer (NE)

Outlook: 118th Congress **Ethics** Chairman Chris Coons (D-DE) and Vice Chair James Lankford (R-OK) could continue to lead the committee in the 119th Congress.

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FINANCE

DEMOCRATS (14)	REPUBLICANS (13)
Ron Wyden (OR), Chairman	Mike Crapo (ID), Ranking Member [0C, 4RM]
Debbie Stabenow (MI)	Chuck Grassley (IA) (Term Limited) [6C, 6RM]
Maria Cantwell (WA)	John Cornyn (TX)
Bob Menendez (NJ)	John Thune (SD)
Tom Carper (DE)	Tim Scott (SC)
Ben Cardin (MD)	Bill Cassidy (LA)
Sherrod Brown (OH)	James Lankford (OK)
Michael Bennet (CO)	Steve Daines (MT)
Bob Casey (PA)	Todd Young (IN)
Mark Warner (VA)	John Barrasso (WY)
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Ron Johnson (NC)
Maggie Hassan (NH)	Thom Tillis (NC)
Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	Marsha Blackburn (TN)
Elizabeth Warren (MA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Finance** Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Ranking Member Mike Crapo (R-ID) will likely remain committee leads in the 119th Congress.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

DEMOCRATS (11)	REPUBLICANS (10)
Ben Cardin (MD), Chairman	Jim Risch (ID), Ranking Member [2C, 4RM]
Bob Menendez (NJ) [4C, 3RM]	Marco Rubio (FL)
Jeanne Shaheen (NH)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Chris Coons (DE)	Pete Ricketts (NE)
Chris Murphy (CT)	Rand Paul (KY)
Tim Kaine (VA)	Todd Young (IN)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	John Barrasso (WY)
Cory Booker (NJ)	Ted Cruz (TX)
Brian Schatz (HI)	Bill Hagerty (TN)
Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Tim Scott (SC)
Tammy Duckworth (IL)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Foreign Relations** Chair Ben Cardin (D-MD), who has only been in his leadership spot since September 2023, is retiring. Former Chair Bob Menendez (D-NJ) confirmed in mid-March he would not run for a fourth term a Democrat, but has also hinted a run for his seat an Independent. Even if he chooses to run and is re-elected, it is questionable he'll reclaim the leadership position. 119th Congress **Small Business** Chair Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) is seen as the likely successor. On the Republican side, Ranking Member James Risch (R-ID) is expected to continue in his role in the 119th Congress.

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HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR & PENSIONS

DEMOCRATS (11)	REPUBLICANS (10)
Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Chairman	Bill Cassidy (LA), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
Patty Murray (WA) (Appropriations)	Rand Paul (KY) (HSGAC)
Bob Casey (PA)	Susan Collins (ME) (Appropriations)
Tammy Baldwin (WI)	Lisa Murkowski (AK)
Chris Murphy (CT)	Mike Braun (IN)*
Tim Kaine (VA)	Roger Marshall (KS)
Maggie Hassan (NH)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Tina Smith (MN)	Tommy Tuberville (AL)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	Markwayne Mullin (OK)
John Hickenlooper (CO)	Ted Budd (NC)
Ed Markey (MA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)** Chair Bernie Sanders (I-VT) could continue in his role, although it is worth noting he has not yet filed for re-election. If he chooses not to run for re-election, it is assumed Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) would keep her top leadership spot on **Appropriations**. Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA), who serves at 118th Congress **Ageing** Chair, is next-in-line, but he is in a race that has been rated as Lean D. If Sen. Casey loses re-election, as well as Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), whose race has been rated as Lean D, it is possible that the next in line could be Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT). Ranking Member Bill Cassidy (R-LA) could remain as the committee's top Republican. However, with **Minority Leader** Mitch McConnell (R-KY) stepping down, he may leverage his seniority to replace Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) as the top Republican on **Appropriations**. Consequently, Sen. Collins might use her seniority to bump Sen. Cassidy as the top Republican on the **HELP**, assuming that Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) once again chooses the top Republican spot on **HSGAC** instead of the top Republican role on **HELP**.

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HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS (8)	REPUBLICANS (7)
Gary Peters (MI), Chairman	Rand Paul (KY), Ranking Member [0C, 2RM]
Tom Carper (DE) (EPW)	Ron Johnson (WI) [6C, 0RM] (Term-Limited)
Maggie Hassan (NH)	James Lankford (OK)
Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ)	Mitt Romney (UT)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Rick Scott (FL)
Jon Ossoff (GA)	Josh Hawley (MO)
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Roger Marshall (KS)
Laphonza Butler (CA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC)** Chairman Gary Peters (D-MI) and Ranking Member Rand Paul (R-KY) will likely remain as the committee's leadership.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS (6)	REPUBLICANS (5)
Brian Schatz (HI), Chairman	Lisa Murkowski (AK), Vice Chair [0C, 4RM]
<i>Maria Cantwell (WA) (Commerce)</i>	John Hoeven (ND) [4C, 0RM]
<i>Jon Tester (MT) (Veterans' Affairs)</i>	Steve Daines (MT)
Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	Markwayne Mullin (OK)
Tina Smith (MN)	Mike Rounds (SD)
Ben Ray Lujan (NM)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Indian Affairs** Chairman Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Vice Chair Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) will likely remain in the top spots for the 119th Congress.

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INTELLIGENCE

DEMOCRATS (11)	REPUBLICANS (10)
Mark Warner (VA), Chairman	Marco Rubio (FL), Vice Chair [1C, 4RM]
Ron Wyden (OR) (Finance)	Jim Risch (ID) (Foreign Relations)
Martin Heinrich (NM)	Susan Collins (ME)
Angus King (I-ME)	Tom Cotton (AR)
Michael Bennet (CO)	John Cornyn (TX)
Bob Casey (PA)	Jerry Moran (KS)
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)	James Lankford (OK)
Jon Ossoff (GA)	Mike Rounds (SD)
Jack Reed (RI), Ex Officio	Mitch McConnell (KY)
Chuck Schumer (NY), Ex Officio	Roger Wicker (MS), Ex Officio
Mark Kelly (AZ)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Intelligence** Chairman Mark Warner (D-VA) and Vice Chair Marco Rubio (R-FL) will likely remain committee leadership in the 119th Congress.

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JUDICIARY

DEMOCRATS (11)	REPUBLICANS (10)
Dick Durbin (IL), Chairman	Lindsey Graham (SC), Ranking Member [1C, 2RM]
Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	Chuck Grassley (IA) [4C, 6RM] (Budget)
Amy Klobuchar (MN)	John Cornyn (TX)
Chris Coons (DE)	Mike Lee (UT)
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Ted Cruz (TX)
Mazie Hirono (HI)	Josh Hawley (MO)
Cory Booker (NJ)	Tom Cotton (AR)
Alex Padilla (CA)	John Kennedy (LA)
Jon Ossoff (GA)	Thom Tillis (NC)
Peter Welch (VT)	Marsha Blackburn (TN)
Laphonza Butler (CA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Judiciary** Chairman Dick Durbin (D-IL) will likely remain the committee's top Democrat in the 119th Congress. Ranking Member Lindsey Graham (R-SC) could remain the committee's top Republican. However, if the Senate flips to Republican control, 118th Congress **Budget** Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-IA) may use his seniority to bump Sen. Graham and reclaim his top spot on **Judiciary**. In this case, Sen. Graham would likely return to the top spot on **Budget**.

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RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

DEMOCRATS (9)	REPUBLICANS (8)
Amy Klobuchar (MN), Chairwoman	Deb Fischer (NE), Ranking Member [3C, 4RM]
Chuck Schumer (NY) (Leadership)	Mitch McConnell (KY) [1C, ORM] (Leadership)
Mark Warner (VA) (Intelligence)	Ted Cruz (TX) (Commerce)
Jeff Merkley (OR)	Shelley Moore Capito (WV) (EPW)
Alex Padilla (CA)	Roger Wicker (MS) (Armed Services)
Jon Ossoff (GA)	Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)
Michael Bennet (CO)	Bill Hagerty (TN)
Peter Welch (VT)	Katie Britt (AL)
Laphonza Butler (CA)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Rules** Chairwoman Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) could continue in her role, but she is a potential candidate for a leadership role on **Agriculture**. If she assumes the top spot on **Agriculture**, she will have to give up her leadership on **Rules**. Next in line by seniority Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) may also be in line for the likely vacancy on **Budget**, meaning Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) could be a potential candidate to lead **Rules**. Ranking Member Deb Fischer (R-NE) will likely remain in her leadership role in the 119th Congress.

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SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

DEMOCRATS (10)	REPUBLICANS (9)
Jeanne Shaheen (NH), Chairwoman	Joni Ernst (IA), Ranking Member [OC, 2RM]
<i>Maria Cantwell (WA) (Commerce)</i>	<i>Rand Paul (KY) [OC, 2RM]</i>
<i>Ben Cardin (MD) (Foreign Relations)</i>	<i>Marco Rubio (FL) [2C, ORM] (Intelligence)</i>
Ed Markey (MA)	<i>Jim Risch (ID) [2C, ORM] (Foreign Relations)</i>
Cory Booker (NJ)	<i>Tim Scott (SC) (Banking)</i>
Chris Coons (DE)	Todd Young (IN)
Mazie Hirono (HI)	John Kennedy (LA)
Tammy Duckworth (IL)	Josh Hawley (MO)
Jacky Rosen (NV)	Ted Budd (NC)
John Hickenlooper (CO)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Small Business** Chairman Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) is widely regarded as the frontrunner to become the top Democrat on **Foreign Relations**. Following her, Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) could be the next top Democrat on **Small Business**. On the Republican side, Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) could continue as the top Republican in the 119th Congress.

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATS (10)	REPUBLICANS (9)
Jon Tester (MT), Chairman	Jerry Moran (KS), Ranking Member [1C, 6RM]
<i>Patty Murray (WA) (Appropriations)</i>	John Boozman (AR)
<i>Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (HELP)</i>	Bill Cassidy (LA)
<i>Sherrod Brown (OH) (Banking)</i>	Mike Rounds (SD)
Richard Blumenthal (CT)	Thom Tillis (NC)
Mazie Hirono (HI)	Dan Sullivan (AK)
Joe Manchin (WV)	Marsha Blackburn (TN)
Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ)	Kevin Cramer (ND)
Maggie Hassan (NH)	Tommy Tuberville (AL)
Angus King (I-ME)	

Outlook: 118th Congress **Veterans Affairs'** Chair Jon Tester (D-MT) might continue his leadership role in the next Congress, but his re-election is uncertain due to a toss-up race. If he is not re-elected, it is possible Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) could be his successor given that the three next-in-line Democrats are unlikely to give up their leadership on other committees. Sen. Blumenthal was ranking member of **Veterans' Affairs** in the 114th Congress, but then lost his top spot in the 115th Congress to Sen. Tester, who was more senior on the committee. Sen. Tester had previously chosen the top Democratic spot on **Indian Affairs** over **Veterans' Affairs**. Ranking Member Jerry Moran (R-KS) could chair the committee if the Senate flips, but faces term limits if Democrats retain Senate control, possibly leading to Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD) becoming ranking member. Sen. Rounds could also be next-in-line on **Banking** if 118th Congress **Banking** Ranking Member Tim Scott (R-SC) leaves the Senate to become Trump's running mate, meaning the top Republican spot on **Veterans' Affairs** could go to Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC).

Members Not Returning in the 119th Congress Tracker

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	REASON
Laphonza Butler	D	CA	Retiring
Tom Carper	D	DE	Retiring
Mike Braun	R	IN	Gubernatorial run
Ben Cardin	D	MD	Retiring
Debbie Stabenow	D	MI	Retiring
Mitt Romney	R	UT	Retiring
Joe Manchin	D	WV	Retiring
Kyrsten Sinema	D	AZ	Retiring

Members Who Have Not Yet Filed for Re-Election

Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) announced in mid-March that he will not run for re-election in the June 4 Democratic primary. However, he has not ruled out running as an Independent in the general election; he has not changed his party affiliation. At this time, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) has not filed for re-election. Vermont's filing deadline is May 30, 2024.