



## Health Policy Briefing

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### With No Resolution on FY 2015 Spending the Lame-Duck Session Will Reconvene Dec. 1st

#### *New Health Policy Chairs in 114th Congress*

**A**lthough the new Republican Senate will not make committee assignments until the resolution of the Louisiana runoff election on December 6th, the leaders of the House committees have been named. They will make important decisions next year regarding: the fate of a permanent fix for the Medicare physician payment system (if not addressed in the lame duck); the extent to which significant portions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will be repealed, replaced or defunded; the reform of Medicare and Medicaid; the extension of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and numerous other health policy changes, including provisions to be included in a major omnibus budget reconciliation bill. Please see the **Appendix** for a full listing of Senate and House leadership positions in the 114th Congress, as well as House Committee leadership. The selections announced by House Speaker Boehner (R-OH) and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) are as follows:

**Agriculture Committee:** Rep. Mike Conaway (R-TX) replaces Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK) as chairman and Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN) remains the Ranking Democrat.

#### **Appropriations**

**Committee:** Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY) remains as chair of the House Appropriations Committee and Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) stays on as the Ranking Democrat. Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) will chair the Labor/HHS/Education subcommittee; Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL) will chair the Agriculture/FDA subcommittee; and Rep. Charles Dent (R-PA) will chair the Subcommittee on Military Construction/Veterans Affairs.

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**Armed Services Committee:** Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX) replaces Rep. “Buck” McKeon (R-CA), who will retire at the end of this session, as chair of the House Armed Services Committee. Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA) remains as Ranking Minority member.

**Budget Committee:** Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) replaces Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) who will become chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) stays on as the Ranking Democrat.

**Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:** Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) replaces Rep. Darrel Issa (R-CA) as chairman. Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) remains as Ranking Democrat on the Committee.

**Education and the Workforce Committee:** Rep. John Kline (R-MN) remains chairman and Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) replaces the retiring Rep. George Miller (D-CA) as the Ranking Democrat.

**Energy and Commerce Committee:** Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI) remains chairman and the new Ranking Democrat is Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ). Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) is slated to remain the chairman of the Health Subcommittee.

**Foreign Affairs Committee:** Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA) and Rep. Elliot Engel (D-NY) will remain as Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**Homeland Security Committee:** Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX) and Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS) stay on as Chairman and Ranking Democrat, respectively.

**Veterans Affairs Committee:** Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL) remains as chairman and Rep. Corrine Brown (D-FL) replaces Rep. Mike Michaud as the Ranking Democrat.

**Ways and Means Committee:** Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) replaces the retiring Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI) and Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI) remains the Ranking Democrat.

### ***President Pleads for Ebola Funding Before Adjournment Sine Die***

**W**ith the means to extend appropriations for federal spending into next year still undecided, the December 11th expiration of the current continuing resolution (CR) leaves few legislative days for a decision after Congress returns on December 1st. Both House and Senate appropriators still hope to fashion an omnibus bill which would provide funding through the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2015, but the President’s Executive Order to allow millions of illegal immigrants to remain in the U.S. has placed a large hurdle for House Republican and Senate Democrat appropriators to scale before the end of the lame-duck session. Some House Republicans have expressed interest in providing full year funding for most agencies while only providing very short-term funding for immigration-related agencies that would implement the President’s executive actions on immigration. The President also urged congressional leaders to include \$6.2 billion for Ebola efforts in their final spending bill. In this connection, the House Foreign Affairs Committee did pass H.R. 5710, legislation that would authorize \$1.8 billion in emergency aid for the USAID International Disaster Assistance account. Republicans want additional measures to contain the disease in the affected countries and, at a House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight hearing, suggested that the Administration institute a travel ban and a mandatory quarantine for patients entering this country. The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee helped address the issue by passing S. 2917, legislation that would add Ebola to the FDA priority review voucher program. In the Senate, Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Edward Markey (D-MA) introduced legislation that would authorize the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to distribute funds to help hospitals that voluntarily seek designation as an Ebola treatment center. Hospitals could use the funds to train workers, create isolation units, acquire personal protective equipment and care for patients with Ebola or other serious infectious diseases. They are urging congressional leaders to include their provisions in any final spending bill.

## ***Medicare Hospital Improvement for Payment Act Unveiled***

Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX), Chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health released draft legislation, termed the “Hospitals Improvements for Payment (HIP) Act of 2014,” and asked interested parties to provide the committee with their comments. He said that the discussion draft is one element of the committee’s broader effort on comprehensive Medicare reform and that Title I is designed to address the problems associated with Medicare’s two-midnight policy, short inpatient stays, outpatient observation stays, auditing and appeals. He said that Title II includes nineteen different hospital reform suggestions made by other members of the committee. Of note, among other things, the legislation would: establish a hospital prospective payment system (HPPS) by FY 2020 which would aggregate all indirect medical education (IME) and disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments for short stays into the HPPS base rate; then require that overnight outpatient observation stays are reimbursed by Medicare Part A and subject to the Part A deductible and cost-sharing rules; clarify that outpatient overnight observation stays would count towards SNF eligibility after 3-days; repeal the 0.2% reduction in the IPPS final rule containing the two-midnight standard; reform RAC audit and appeal procedures; repeal the PPACA moratorium on physician owned hospitals; expand the access to Medicare data; provide relief to critical access hospitals; and require HHS to develop a means to further blend payments for outpatient and inpatient services in order to transition to one unified HPPS.

## ***House and Senate Advance Health Legislation***

Without dissent, the House passed H.R. 5544, legislation that would authorize research through the Department of Energy to assess the risks associated with low-dose ionizing radiation. Also the Senate passed: H.R. 669, the Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act; H.R. 4067, legislation that would provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; and S. Res. 588, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

## **PPACA Health Reform Update**

### ***HHS Reports on PPACA Errors and Success While Republicans Pounce***

As the new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) enrollment system opened for business November 15th, HHS admitted that the previously reported total enrollment of 7+ million individuals in the first year was overstated because the number erroneously included 380,000 dental plan only subscribers. CMS also reported that through September the number of individuals enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP exceeded 9 million, a 16% increase over the previous enrollment period. Republicans continued their oversight of the law via the House Science Oversight Subcommittee by grilling Todd Park, the former chief technology officer in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, about the original shortcomings experienced under HealthCare.gov. Democrats defended Mr. Park who said his role was limited to oversight of the website’s development. As to the states which were unsuccessful in establishing their own state-run exchanges, despite receiving millions in PPACA development funds, Senators John Barrasso (R-WY), Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT) sent a letter to HHS Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell requesting that the agency quickly address the “waste” that occurred. Addressing a criticism of the restrictive provider networks included under some health plans being offered under the PPACA, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) reported that they will soon unveil a model law that states can adopt which would: require insurers to provide information on how they put their networks together; the standards they use to form their networks; and require insurers to have adequate networks across all health insurance products they offer. Of note, apparently the model law will not include an appeals process for providers who are left out of any given insurer network.

## PPACA Health Reform Update cont.

### *PPACA Regulations Revealed*

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed rule which would set benefit and payment parameters for 2016 on individual and small group health plans sold inside and outside the PPACA exchanges. Included are payment parameters and provisions related to the risk adjustment, reinsurance, and risk corridors programs; cost sharing parameters and cost-sharing reductions; and user fees for Federally-facilitated Exchanges. Also included are additional standards for the annual open enrollment period for the individual market for benefit years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. As to the insurer payments that Republicans have criticized, HHS said that “in the unlikely event that risk corridors collections, including any potential carryover from prior years, are insufficient to make risk corridors payments for the 2016 program year, HHS will use other sources of funding for the risk corridors payments, subject to the availability of appropriations.” Also, among the changes, HHS said the agency will scrutinize practices considered discriminatory with respect to age and placing certain drugs in a high cost-sharing tier. The rule would also clarify when individuals would be exempt from the mandated coverage rule. The annual limits on cost-sharing would be set at \$6,850 for self-only coverage and \$13,700 for other than self-only coverage. In addition, health insurers would have to institute a quality improvement strategy. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) also released final regulations clarifying the PPACA’s minimum essential coverage requirements under which individuals must be covered in order to avoid the penalty “tax”. The IRS said that contributions to flexible spending accounts (FSAs) made available for the current year are taken into account in determining an individual’s required contributions. The IRS said that contributions to a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) will count toward calculating the affordability, but not the minimum value, of a health plan if an employee can’t use the contributions to pay premiums for the primary plan. The IRS also issued Notice 2014-76 which identifies the hardship exemptions to the tax penalty that a taxpayer may claim on a 2014 tax return without obtaining a hardship exemption certification from the Health Insurance Marketplace. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) released a proposed rule that clarifies the approach used to enforce the applicable requirements of the PPACA with respect to health insurance issuers that contract with OPM to offer multi-state plan (MSP) options.

### *House Republicans Challenge Employer Mandate Delay in Court*

Last week House Republicans opened another front in their challenge to various provisions of the PPACA and actions taken by the Administration in implementing the law. The latest suit brought in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia claims that: (1) the President unilaterally delayed the PPACA employer mandate; and (2) the Administration funded insurance companies for reduced cost-sharing for certain individuals without obtaining appropriations for the provision (but used funds designated for the individual tax credit subsidies instead). House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) said “If this President can get away with making his own laws, future Presidents will have the ability to as well....[Congress] has an obligation to stand up for the Constitution, and that is exactly why we are pursuing this course of action.” Federal courts continue to deal with other provisions of the PPACA, including whether or not the revised regulations relating to women’s health services provide adequate accommodation for privately-held corporations who object to certain contraceptive mandates and whether or not lower courts should proceed with suits against the IRS rule allowing for tax credit subsidies for individuals residing in states who did not establish their own exchange (in light of a related case to be decided by the Supreme Court next year).

**Medicare/Medicaid/PHSA Corner*****Doc Fix in Lame Duck or 2015?***

**W**hile Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) said that congressional action needs to be taken now to permanently fix the Medicare physician payment system before it becomes too expensive, many House supporters appear to be resigned to reintroducing and taking up legislation early next year before the March 31st temporary patch expires. However, it is reported that some Republicans are putting forth the idea that the legislation be passed without including provisions to offset the cost of the permanent replacement of the sustainable growth rate (SGR) regime and encouraging that the momentum of this Congress not be lost. Congress will return to session December 1-12, leaving little time to address comprehensive repeal and replacement of the SGR.

***MACPAC Urges Extension of CHIP***

**I**n a comment letter to HHS and congressional committees of jurisdiction, the commissioners of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) said that funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) needs to be extended to ensure that covered children do not lose access to care in the future. MACPAC suggested means to improve the health-care quality for low-income adults and children and that the CHIP performance bonus funding formulas be updated.

***CMS Oxygen Therapy Services  
Prior-Authorization Test***

**C**MS announced the adoption of the "Prior Authorization Model for Non-Emergent Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Therapy" model which is slated to begin March 1st in Illinois, Michigan and New Jersey. The goal is to determine if prior authorization for such services will help in reducing expenditures while maintaining or improving quality of care.

***GAO Finds Flaws in CMS Compare Websites***

**A**fter an investigation of the CMS websites--Nursing Home Compare, Dialysis Facility Compare, Home Health Compare, Hospital Compare and Physician Compare—the Government Accountability Office (GAO) said it found critical weaknesses and that the websites reflected provider rather than consumer interests. GAO said the websites "lack relevant information on cost and provide limited information on key differences in quality of care, which hinders consumers' ability to make meaningful distinctions among providers based on their performance..." CMS concurred that the agency should improve the information in its transparency tools and develop procedures and metrics to ensure that tools address consumer needs.

***FDA Delays Final Generic Drug Labeling Regs***

**T**he Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that it is delaying until September 30, 2015 the publication of final regulations establishing the agency's generic drug labeling rule. The proposed rule generated a deluge of comments that the agency said it is considering. In related news, Senator Bernard Sanders (I-VT) and Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) introduced bills that would require generic drug companies to reimburse Medicaid if they raise the prices of their drugs more quickly than inflation. At a Senate HELP subcommittee hearing, Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) sparred on why the prices of some generic drugs have recently increased significantly. Sen. Warren relied on reported statistics to support her argument that the FDA has not imposed a significant burden on generic drug manufacturers.

## Health Related Legislation Recently Introduced

**S. 2930 (VETERANS' HEALTH)**, to direct the secretary of Defense and the secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide-prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; MCCAIN; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Nov. 17.

**H.R. 5723 (MEDICAID)**, to amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services; CASTOR of Florida; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Nov. 17.

**H.R. 5724 (NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH)**, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide funding for the National Institutes of Health; CASTOR of Florida; jointly, to the committees on Energy and Commerce, the Budget and Appropriations, Nov. 17.

**H.R. 5725 (INSURANCE REGULATION)**, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual health insurance mandate; JOLLY; to the Committee on Ways and Means, Nov. 17.

**H.R. 5729 (TROPICAL DISEASES)**, to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases; BLACKBURN; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Nov. 18.

**H.R. 5732 (MEDICARE)**, to amend Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to crack down on fraud in Medicare to protect seniors, people with disabilities and taxpayers; DEUTCH; jointly, to the committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means, Nov. 18.

**S. 2942 (INFECTIOUS DISEASES)**, to establish a hospital fund for the treatment of individuals with Ebola or other specified infectious diseases; MARKEY; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Nov. 19.

**H.R. 5740 (VETERANS' HEALTH)**, to amend Title 38, U.S. Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program; FORTENBERRY; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Nov. 19.

**S. 2948 (MEDICAID)**, to extend the requirement that drug manufacturers that increase prices faster than inflation pay an additional rebate to state Medicaid programs to include manufacturers of generic drugs; SANDERS; to the Committee on Finance, Nov. 20.

**S. 2950 (VETERANS' HEALTH)**, to amend Title 38, U.S. Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times; MORAN; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Nov. 20.

**S. 2953 (EBOLA VIRUS OUTBREAK)**, to prohibit an alien who is a national of a country with a widespread Ebola virus outbreak from obtaining a visa and for other purposes; RUBIO; to the Committee on the Judiciary, Nov. 20.

**S. 2959 (BLACK LUNG DISEASE)**, to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as "black lung disease"), and for other purposes; CASEY; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Nov. 20.

**S. 2962 (TAXATION)**, to repeal the tax increase imposed by the PPACA on taxpayers who incur catastrophic medical expenses; TOOMEY; to the Committee on Finance, Nov. 20.

**S. 2966 (CRITICAL CARE)**, to improve the understanding and coordination of critical care health services; BALDWIN; to the Committee on Finance, Nov. 20.

## Health Related Legislation Recently Introduced cont.

**H.R. 5746 (EBOLA VIRUS OUTBREAK)**, to prohibit an alien who is a national of a country with a widespread Ebola virus outbreak from obtaining a visa and for other purposes; KELLY of Pennsylvania; jointly, to the committees on the Judiciary and Foreign Affairs, Nov. 20.

**H.R. 5748 (MEDICAID)**, to extend the requirement that drug manufacturers that increase prices faster than inflation pay an additional rebate to state Medicaid programs to include manufacturers of generic drugs; CUMMINGS; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Nov. 20.

**H.R. 5750 (DRUGS)**, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize a six-month extension of certain exclusivity periods in the case of approved drugs that are subsequently approved for a new indication to prevent, diagnose or treat a rare disease or condition, and for other purposes; BILIRAKIS; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Nov. 20.

**H.R. 5751 (BLACK LUNG DISEASE)**, to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to better protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as “black lung disease”), and for other purposes; CARTWRIGHT; jointly, to the committees on Education and the Workforce and Ways and Means, Nov. 20.

**H.R. 5762(VETERANS’ HEALTH)**, to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to provide recommendations and opinions to veterans regarding participation in state marijuana programs; BLUMENAUER; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Nov. 20.

**MEMORANDUM**

There are three House races with no determined winners, as the Associated Press declared Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA) and Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA) the winners in their re-election bids. AZ-02 remains too close to call, with Rep. Ron Barber (D-AZ) in a razor-close race with Republican Martha McSally. LA-05 and LA-06 will have a run-off election on December 6th to determine the winners, although both seats are expected to be held by Republicans. The current breakdown of the House is 244 Republicans and 186 Democrats.

The Louisiana Senate race between Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) requires a run-off which will be held on December 6th. The current breakdown of the Senate is 53 Republicans and 44 Democrats.

**Senate Leadership in the 114th Congress*****Republicans***

**Majority Leader:** Mitch McConnell (KY)  
**Majority Whip:** John Cornyn (TX)  
**Conference Chairman:** John Thune  
**Conference Vice-Chair:** Roy Blunt  
**Senatorial Committee Chair:** Roger Wicker  
**Policy Committee Chairman:** John Barrasso  
**Senatorial Campaign Committee Chairman:** Roger Wicker (MS)

***Democrats***

**Minority Leader:** Harry Reid (NV)  
**Minority Whip:** Dick Durbin (IL)  
**Caucus Vice-Chair and Policy Committee Chair:** Chuck Schumer (NY)  
**Caucus Secretary:** Patty Murray (WA)  
**Senatorial Campaign Committee Chair:** Jon Tester (MT)  
**Policy Committee Vice-Chair:** Debbie Stabenow (MI)  
**Policy Committee Strategic Policy Adviser:** Elizabeth Warren (MA)  
**Steering and Outreach Committee Chair:** Amy Klobuchar (MN)  
**Steering and Outreach Committee Vice-Chair:** Jeanne Shaheen (NH)  
**Chief Deputy Whip:** Barbara Boxer (CA)

**House Leadership in the 114th Congress*****Republicans***

**Speaker of the House:** John Boehner (OH)  
**Majority Leader:** Kevin McCarthy (CA)  
**Majority Whip:** Steve Scalise (LA)  
**Policy Committee Chair:** Luke Messer (IN)  
**Conference Chair:** Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA)  
**Conference Vice Chair:** Lynn Jenkins (KS)  
**Congressional Committee Chair:** Greg Walden (OR)  
**Republican Study Committee Chairman:** Bill Flores (TX)  
**Senior Deputy Whip:** Ann Wagner (MO)



**House Leadership in the 114th Congress*****Democrats*****Minority Leader:** Nancy Pelosi (CA)**Minority Whip:** Steny H. Hoyer (MD)**Assistant Leader:** James Clyburn (SC)**Caucus Chairman:** Xavier Becerra (CA)**Caucus Vice-Chairman:** Joseph Crowley (NY)**Campaign Committee Chairman:** Ben Ray Lujan (NM)**Steering and Policy Committee Co-Chairs:** Rosa DeLauro (NY) and Donna Edwards (FL)

Organization, Study, and Review Chairman: Karen Bass (CA)

**Policy and Communications Chairman:** Steve Israel (NY)**Senior Chief Deputy Minority Whip:** John Lewis (GA)**Chief Deputy Minority Whips:** G.K. Butterfield (NC), Diana DeGette (CO), Keith Ellison (MN), Jan Schakowsky (IL), Kyrsten Sinema (AZ), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (AZ), Peter Welch (VT)**Congressional Black Caucus Chair:** G. K. Butterfield (NC)**Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chair:** Linda Sánchez (CA)**Congressional Progressive Caucus Co-Chairs:** Raúl Grijalva (AZ) and Keith Ellison (MN)**House Committee Chairmen & Ranking Members in the 114th Congress**

## Administration

- Chairman: Candice Miller (R-MI)
- Ranking Member: Robert Brady (D-PA)

## Agriculture:

- Chairman: Mike Conaway (R-TX)
- Ranking Member: Collin Peterson (D-MN)

## Appropriations:

- Chairman: Hal Rogers (R-KY)
- Ranking Member: Nita Lowey (D-NY)

## Armed Services:

- Chairman: Mac Thornberry (R-TX)
- Ranking Member: Adam Smith (D-WA)

## Budget:

- Chairman: Tom Price (R-GA)
- Ranking Member: Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

## Education and the Workforce:

- Chairman: John Kline (R-MN)
- Ranking Member: Bobby Scott (D-VA)

## Energy and Commerce

- Chairman: Fred Upton (R-MI)
- Ranking Member: Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

## Ethics

- Chairman: Charlie Dent (R-PA)
- Ranking Member: Linda Sanchez (D-CA)

## Financial Services

- Chairman: Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)
- Ranking Member: Maxine Waters (D-CA)

## Foreign Affairs

- Chairman: Ed Royce (R-CA)
- Ranking Member: Eliot Engel (D-NY)

## Homeland Security

- Chairman: Mike McCaul (R-TX)
- Ranking Member: Bennie Thompson (D-MS)

## Intelligence

- Chairman: Devin Nunes (R-CA)
- Ranking Member: Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)

## Judiciary

- Chairman: Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)
- Ranking Member: John Conyers (D-MI)

## Natural Resources

- Chairman: Rob Bishop (R-UT)
- Ranking Member: Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ)

## Oversight and Government Reform

- Chairman: Jason Chaffetz (R-UT)
- Ranking Member: Elijah Cummings (D-MD)

## Rules

- Chairman: Pete Sessions (R-TX)
- Ranking Member: Louise Slaughter (D-NY)

## Science, Space and Technology

- Chairman: Lamar Smith (R-TX)
- Ranking Member: Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)

## Small Business

- Chairman: Steve Chabot (R-OH)
- Ranking Member: Nydia Velazquez (D-NY)

## Transportation

- Chairman: Bill Shuster (R-PA)
- Ranking Member: Peter DeFazio (D-OR)

## Veterans Affairs

- Chairman: Jeff Miller (R-FL)
- Ranking Member: Corrine Brown (D-FL)

## Ways and Means

- Chairman: Paul Ryan (R-WI)
- Ranking Member: Sander Levin (D-MI)

**Announced Subcommittee Leadership**

## House Appropriations

- Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development –Robert Aderholt (R-AL)
- Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science –John Culberson (R-TX)
- Subcommittee on Defense –Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)
- Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development –Mike Simpson (R-ID)
- Subcommittee on Financial Services –Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)
- Subcommittee on Homeland Security –John Carter (R-TX)
- Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment –Ken Calvert (R-CA)
- Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education –Tom Cole (R-OK)
- Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch –Tom Graves (R-GA)
- Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs –Charles Dent (R-PA)
- Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations –Kay Granger (R-TX)
- Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development –Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)

## House Energy &amp; Commerce

- Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade—Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX); Vice Chair: Leonard Lance (R-NJ)
- Subcommittee on Communications and Technology—Greg Walden (R-OR); Vice Chair: Bob Latta (R-OH)
- Subcommittee on Energy and Power—Ed Whitfield (R-KY); Vice Chair: Pete Olson (R-TX)
- Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy—John Shimkus (R-IL); Vice Chair: Gregg Harper (R-MS)
- Subcommittee on Health—Joe Pitts (R-PA); Vice Chair: Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations—Tim Murphy (R-PA); Vice Chair: David McKinley (R-WV)

## House Financial Services

- Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government-Sponsored Enterprises—Scott Garrett (R-NJ)
- Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit—Randy Neugebauer (R-TX)
- Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance—Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)
- Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade—Bill Huizenga (R-MI)
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations—Sean Duffy (R-WI)

**House Committee Updates**

The new Republican members of the House Appropriations Committee are:

- Rep. David Jolly (R-FL),
- Rep. Scott Rigell (R-VA)
- Rep-Elect Even Jenkins (R-WV)
- Rep-Elect David Young (R-IA).

The new Republican members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee are:

- Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN)
- Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
- Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY)
- Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)
- Rep. Bill Flores (R-TX)
- Rep. Rich Hudson (R-NC)
- Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)

The new Republican members of the House Ways & Means Committee are:

- Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SC)
- Rep. Pat Meehan (R-PA)
- Rep. George Holding (R-NC)
- Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO)

The new Republican members of the House Financial Services are:

- Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ)
- Rep. Roger Williams (R-TX)
- Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO)
- Rep-Elect Bob Dold (R-IL)
- Rep-Elect Frank Guinta (R-NH)
- Rep-Elect French Hill (R-AR)
- Rep-Elect Mia Love (R-UT)
- Rep-Elect Bruce Poliquin (R-ME)