

**CHAIRMEN OF SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES
1789–present**

[Table 5-3]

INTRODUCTION

The following is a list of chairmen of all **standing** Senate committees, as well as the chairmen of select and joint committees that were precursors to Senate committees. (Other special and select committees of the twentieth century appear in Table 5-4.) Current standing committees and chairs are **highlighted in yellow**. The names of chairmen were taken from the *Congressional Directory* from 1816–1991. Four standing committees were founded before 1816. They were the Joint Committee on **ENROLLED BILLS** (established 1789), the joint Committee on the **LIBRARY** (established 1806), the Committee to **AUDIT AND CONTROL THE CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE** (established 1807), and the Committee on **ENGROSSED BILLS** (established 1810). The names of the chairmen of these committees for the years before 1816 were taken from the *Annals of Congress*.

This list also enumerates the dates of establishment and termination of each committee. These dates were taken from Walter Stubbs, *Congressional Committees, 1789–1982: A Checklist* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1985). There were eleven committees for which the dates of existence listed in *Congressional Committees, 1789–1982* did not match the dates the committees were listed in the *Congressional Directory*. The committees are: **ENGROSSED BILLS, ENROLLED BILLS, EXAMINE THE SEVERAL BRANCHES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE**, Joint Committee on the **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, LIBRARY, PENSIONS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, RETRENCHMENT, REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS, ROADS AND CANALS**, and the Select Committee to Revise the **RULES** of the Senate. For these committees, the dates are listed according to *Congressional Committees, 1789–1982*, with a note next to the dates detailing the discrepancy.

See note on sources at end of table.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES and CHAIRMEN
(Since 1789)**

Aeronautical and Space Sciences

Established July 24, 1958. Terminated February 11, 1977, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Commerce, Science, and Transportation**.

1958–1961: Lyndon B. Johnson (D-TX)

1961–1963: Robert S. Kerr (D-OK)

1963–1973: Clinton P. Anderson (D-NM)

1973–1977: Frank E. Moss (D-UT)

Jan. 10–Feb. 11, 1977: Wendell H. Ford (D-KY)

Agriculture—1st

Established December 9, 1825. Terminated March 3, 1857.

1825–1826: William Findlay (J-PA)
 1826–1827: Calvin Willey (Adams-CT)
 1827–1828: John Branch (J-NC)
 1828–1829: Ephraim Bateman (Adams-NJ)
 1829: Charles D. Bouligny ((Adams-LA)
 1829–1831: William Marks (AJ-PA)¹
 1831–1833: Horatio Seymour (AJ-VT)
 1833–1836: Bedford Brown (J-NC)
 1836–1837: John Page (J-NH)
 1837–1839: Perry Smith (D-CT)
 1839–1841: Alexander Mouton (D-LA)
 1841–1843: Lewis F. Linn (D-MO)
 1843–1845: William Upham (W-VT)
 1845–1851: Daniel Sturgeon (D-PA)
 1851: Presley Spruance (W-DE)²
 1851–1853: Pierre Soule (D-LA)
 1853–1857: Philip Allen (D-RI)

Agriculture—2d

Established March 6, 1863. Terminated February 5, 1884, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Agriculture and Forestry**.

1863–1864: John Sherman (R-OH)
 1864–1865: James H. Lane (R-KS)
 1865–1867: John Sherman (R-OH)
 1867–1871: Simon Cameron (R-PA)
 1871: Oliver Morton (R-IN)
 1872–1877: Frederick T. Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)
 1877–1879: Algernon S. Paddock (R-NE)
 1879–1881: John Johnston (D-VA)
 1881–1883: William Mahone (RA/R-VA)
 1883–1884: Warner Miller (R-NY)

Agriculture and Forestry

Established February 5, 1884, when the name of the Committee on **Agriculture—2d** was changed. Terminated February 11, 1977, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry**.

1884–1887: Warner Miller (R-NY)
 1887–1889: Thomas Palmer (R-MI)
 1889–1893: Algernon S. Paddock (R-NE)

¹When a senator changed parties during his Senate career, the party indicated is for the years of the chairmanship.

² On March 4, 1851, upon convening in special session, the Senate resolved, “That the committees of the Senate at the Executive session shall be formed and constituted the same as at the last session of Congress, except where vacancies have occurred by the expiration of the term of any senator, and in such cases said vacancies shall be filled by the Chair.” The terms of both the chairman (Daniel Sturgeon) and 2nd most senior member of this committee having expired, Presley Spruance has been included as chairman on this list.

1893–1895: James Z. George (D-MS)
1895–1908: Redfield Proctor (R-VT)
1908–1909: Henry C. Hansbrough (R-ND)
1909–1910: Jonathan P. Dolliver (R-IA)
1911–1913: Henry E. Burnham (R-NH)
1913–1919: Thomas P. Gore (D-OK)
1919–1921: Asle J. Gronna (R-ND)
1921–1926: George W. Norris (R-NE)
1926–1933: Charles McNary (R-OR)
1933–1944: Ellison D. Smith (D-SC)
1944–1947: Elmer Thomas (D-OK)
1947–1949: Arthur Capper (R-KS)
1949–1951: Elmer Thomas (D-OK)
1951–1953: Allen J. Ellender (D-LA)
1953–1955: George D. Aiken (R-VT)
1955–1971: Allen J. Ellender (D-LA)
1971–1977: Herman E. Talmadge (D-GA)

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Established February 11, 1977, when it replaced the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

1977–1981: Herman E. Talmadge (D-GA)
1981–1987: Jesse Helms (R-NC)
1987–1995: Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
1995–2001: Richard G. Lugar (R-IN)
2001: Thomas Harkin (D-IA)³
2001: Richard G. Lugar (R-IN)
2001–2003: Thomas Harkin (D-IA)⁴
2003–2005 : Thad Cochran (R-MS)
2005–2007: Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)
2007–2009: Tom Harkin (D-IA)
2009–2011: Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)
2011–2015: Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
2015–2021: Pat Roberts (R-KS)
2021–2025: Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
2025– : John Boozman (R-AR)

Appropriations

Established March 6, 1867.

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⁴ On June 6, 2001, the Democrats took control of the Senate after Senator James Jeffords (VT) changed from the Republican Party to Independent and announced that he would caucus with the Democrats.

1867–1869: Lot Morrill (R-ME)
 1869: William Pitt Fessenden (R-ME)
 1869–1871: Lot Morrill (R-ME)
 1871–1873: Cornelius Cole (R-CA)
 1873–1876: Lot Morrill (R-ME)
 1876–1879: William Windom (R-MN)
 1879–1881: Henry Davis (D-WV)
 1881–1893: William Allison (R-IA)
 1893–1895: Francis Cockrell (D-MO)
 1896–1908: William Allison (R-IA)
 1909–1911: Eugene Hale (R-ME)
 1911–1913: Francis E. Warren (R-WY)
 1913–1919: Thomas S. Martin (D-VA)
 1919–1929: Francis E. Warren (R-WY)⁵
 1930–1932: Wesley L. Jones (R-WA)⁶
 1932–1933: Frederick Hale (R-ME)
 1933–1946: Carter Glass (D-VA)⁷
 1946–1947: Kenneth McKellar (D-TN)
 1947–1949: Styles Bridges (R-NH)
 1949–1953: Kenneth McKellar (D-TN)
 1953–1955: Styles Bridges (R-NH)
 1955–1969: Carl Hayden (D-AZ)
 1969–1971: Richard B. Russell (D-GA)
 1971–1972: Allen J. Ellender (D-LA)
 1972–1977: John L. McClellan (D-AR)
 1978–1981: Warren G. Magnuson (D-WA)
 1981–1987: Mark O. Hatfield (R-OR)
 1987–1989: John C. Stennis (D-MS)
 1989–1995: Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)
 1995–1997: Mark O. Hatfield (R-OR)
 1997–2001: Ted Stevens (R-AK)
 2001: Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)⁸
 2001: Ted Stevens (R-AK)
 2001–2003: Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)⁹
 2003–2005: Ted Stevens (R-AK)
 2005–2007: Thad Cochran (R-MS)
 2007–2009: Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)

⁵ Died November 24, 1929.

⁶ Died November 19, 1932.

⁷ Died May 28, 1946.

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2009–2012: Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)
2012–2015: Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
2015–2018: Thad Cochran (R-MS)
2018–2021: Richard Shelby (R-AL)
2021–2023: Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
2023–2025: Patty Murray (D-WA)
2025– : Susan Collins (R-ME)

Armed Services

Established January 2, 1947. (The committees on Military Affairs and Naval Affairs were consolidated to form the new committee.)

1947–1949: Chan Gurney (R-SD)
1949–1951: Millard E. Tydings (D-MD)
1951–1953: Richard B. Russell (D-GA)
1953–1955: Leverett Saltonstall (R-MA)
1955–1969: Richard B. Russell (D-GA)
1969–1981: John C. Stennis (D-MS)
1981–1985: John Tower (R-TX)
1985–1987: Barry Goldwater (R-AZ)
1987–1995: Sam Nunn (D-GA)
1995–1999: Strom Thurmond (R-SC)
1999–2001: John W. Warner (R-VA)
2001: Carl Levin (D-MI)¹⁰
2001: John W. Warner (R-VA)
2001–2003: Carl Levin (D-MI)¹¹
2003–2007: John W. Warner (R-VA)
2007–2015: Carl Levin (D-MI)
2015–2018: John McCain (R-AZ)
2018–2021: James Inhofe (R-OK)
2021–2025: Jack Reed (D-RI)
2025– : Roger Wicker (R-MS)

Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate

Established November 4, 1807. The source for the early years in the *Annals of Congress*. (The committee is not mentioned in 1809.) Terminated January 2, 1947, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Rules and Administration**.

1807–1808: John Quincy Adams (F-MA)¹²

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¹² The *Annals of Congress* (10th Congress, 1st sess., p. 21) list all members of this committee but make no

1811–1815: Michael Leib (R-PA)
1815–1819: Abner Lacock (R-PA)
1819–1821: Jonathan Roberts (R-PA)
1821–1822: James Lanman (R-CT)
1822–1823: Nathan Macon (R-NC)
1823–1826: Horatio Seymour (Adams-VT)
1826–1830: Elias Kane (J-IL)
1830–1831: James Iredell (J-NC)
1831–1835: Nehemiah Knight (AJ-RI)
1835–1839: Samuel McKean (J/D-PA)
1839–1841: Nehemiah Knight (W-RI)
1841–1842: Albert S. White (W-IN)
1842–1845: Benjamin Tappan (D-OH)
1845–1846: Jesse Speight (D-MS)
1847–1848: Alpheus Felch (D-MI)
1848–1849: Isaac P. Walker (D-WI)
1849–1853: Augustus Dodge (D-IA)
1853–1858: Josiah Evans (D-SC)
1858–1859: William Wright (D-NJ)
1859–1861: Andrew Johnson (D-TN)
1861–1865: James Dixon (R-CT)
1865–1866: B. Gratz Brown (R-MO)
1866–1867: George Williams (R-OR)
1867–1870: Aaron Cragin (R-NH)
1870–1871: Orris S. Ferry (R-CT)
1871–1872: Reuben Fenton (R-NY)
1872–1875: Matthew Carpenter (R-WI)
1875–1879: John P. Jones (S/R-NV)
1879–1881: Benjamin Hill (D-GA)
1881–1893: John P. Jones (R-NV)
1893–1894: Edward White (D-LA)
1894–1895: Johnson N. Camden (D-WV)
1895–1903: John P. Jones (R-NV)
1903–1911: John Kean (R-NJ)
1911–1913: Frank O. Briggs (R-NJ)
1913–1916: John Sharp Williams (D-MS)
1916–1917: Luke Lea (D-TN)
1917–1919: William H. Thompson (D-KS)
1919–1923: William M. Calder (R-NY)
1923–1927: Henry W. Keyes (R-NH)
1927–1931: Charles S. Deneen (R-IL)
1931–1933: John G. Townsend (R-DE)
1933–1941: James F. Byrnes (D-SC)
1941–1947: Scott W. Lucas (D-IL)

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Banking and Currency

Established March 15, 1913. Terminated October 26, 1970, when the name changed to the Committee on **Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs**.

1913–1919: Robert L. Owen (D-OK)
1919–1927: George P. McLean (R-CT)
1927–1933: Peter Norbeck (R-SD)
1933–1936: Duncan U. Fletcher (D-FL)¹³
1937–1947: Robert F. Wagner (D-NY)
1947–1949: Charles W. Tobey (R-NH)
1949–1953: Burnet R. Maybank (D-SC)
1953–1955: Homer Capehart (R-IN)
1955–1959: J. William Fulbright (D-AR)
1959–1966: A. Willis Robertson (D-VA)
1967–1970: John J. Sparkman (D-AL)

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Established October 26, 1970, when the name was changed from the Committee on **Banking and Currency**.

1970–1975: John J. Sparkman (D-AL)
1975–1981: William Proxmire (D-WI)
1981–1987: Jake Garn (R-UT)
1987–1989: William Proxmire (D-WI)
1989–1995: Donald Riegle (D-MI)
1995–1999: Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-NY)
1999–2001: Phil Gramm (R-TX)
2001: Paul Sarbanes (D-MD)¹⁴
2001: Phil Gramm (R-TX)
2001–2003: Paul Sarbanes (D-MD)¹⁵
2003–2007: Richard Shelby (R-AL)
2007–2011: Christopher Dodd (D-CT)
2011–2015: Tim Johnson (D-SD)
2015–2017: Richard Shelby (R-AL)
2017–2021: Mike Crapo (R-ID)
2021–2025: Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
2025– : Tim Scott (R-SC)

¹³ Died June 17, 1936.

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Budget

Established July 12, 1974.

1975–1980: Edmund S. Muskie (D-ME)
1980–1981: Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC)
1981–1987: Pete Domenici (R-NM)
1987–1989: Lawton Chiles (D-FL)
1989–1995: James Sasser (D-TN)
1995–2001: Pete Domenici (R-NM)
2001: Kent Conrad (D-ND)¹⁶
2001: Pete Domenici (R-NM)
2001–2003: Kent Conrad (D-ND)¹⁷
2003–2005: Don Nickles (R-OK)
2005–2007: Judd Gregg (R-NH)
2007–2013: Kent Conrad (D-ND)
2013–2015: Patty Murray (D-WA)
2015–2021: Mike Enzi (R-WY)
2021–2023: Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
2023–2025: Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
2025– : Lindsay Graham (R-SC)

Select Committee on Canadian Relations

Established July 31, 1888. Terminated January 13, 1892, when it was made a standing committee.

1888–1892: George F. Hoar (R-MA)

Canadian Relations

Established January 13, 1892, having been preceded by a select committee. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1892–1893: John B. Allen (R-WA)
1893–1895: Edward Murphy (D-NY)
1895–1897: Thomas Carter (R-MT)
1897–1899: John C. Spooner (R-WI)
1899–1901: Marcus A. Hanna (R-OH)
1901–1903: John F. Dryden (R-NJ)
1903–1905: Charles W. Fulton (R-OR)
1905–1909: W. Murray Crane (R-MA)

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1909–1911: William Alden Smith (R-MI)
1911–1913: George T. Oliver (R-PA)
1913–1917: John K. Shields (D-TN)
1917–1919: John B. Kendrick (D-WY)
1919–1921: Frederick Hale (R-ME)

Select Committee on the Tenth **Census**

Established April 4, 1878. Terminated March 3, 1887, at the end of the 49th Congress. A standing committee was created in the next Congress.

1878–1879: Justin S. Morrill (R-VT)
1879–1881: George Pendleton (D-OH)
1881–1887: Eugene Hale (R-ME)

The Census

Established December 12, 1887, having been preceded by a select committee. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1887–1893: Eugene Hale (R-ME)
1893–1895: David Turpie (D-IN)
1895–1897: William Chandler (R-NH)
1897–1901: Thomas Carter (R-MT)
1901–1905: Joseph V. Quarles (R-WI)
1905–1909: Chester Long (R-KS)
1909–1913: Robert M. La Follette (R-WI)
1913–1916: William E. Chilton (D-WV)
1916–1919: Morris Sheppard (D-TX)
1919–1921: Howard Sutherland (R-WV)

Civil Service and Retrenchment

Established December 4, 1873. Terminated April 18, 1921, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Civil Service**.

1873–1875: George Wright (R-IA)
1875–1877: Powell Clayton (R-AR)
1877: James Blaine (R-ME)
1877–1879: Henry Teller (R-CO)
1879–1881: M.C. Butler (D-SC)
1881–1887: Joseph Hawley (R-CT)
1887–1889: Jonathan Chace (R-RI)
1889–1893: Edward O. Wolcott (R-CO)
1893–1894: Wilkinson Call (D-FL)
1894–1895: Thomas Jarvis (D-NC)
1895–1899: Jeter C. Pritchard (R-NC)
1899–1901: Lucien Baker (R-KS)
1901–1909: George C. Perkins (R-CA)
1909–1913: Albert Cummins (R-IA)

1913–1917: Atlee Pomerene (D-OH)
1917–1919: Kenneth McKellar (D-TN)
1919–1921: Thomas Sterling (R-SD)

Civil Service

Established April 18, 1921, when it replaced the Committee on **Civil Service and Retrenchment**. Terminated January 2, 1947, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Post Office and Civil Service**.

1921–1923: Thomas Sterling (R-SD)
1923–1925: Robert Nelson Stanfield (R-OR)
1925–1926: James Couzens (R-MI)
1926–1933: Porter H. Dale (R-VT)
1933–1943: William H. Bulow (D-SD)
1943–1944: Kenneth McKellar (D-TN)
1944–1947: Sheridan Downey (D-CA)

Claims

Established December 10, 1816. Terminated January 2, 1947.

1816–1818: Jonathan Roberts (R-PA)
1818–1819: Robert Goldsborough (F-MD)
1819–1820: Jonathan Roberts (R-PA)
1820–1821: James J. Wilson (R-NJ)
1821–1833: Benjamin Ruggles (R/CRR/Adams/AJ-OH)
1833–1835: Samuel Bell (AJ-NH)
1835–1836: Arnold Naudain (AJ-DE)
1836–1841: Henry Hubbard (J/D-NH)
1841–1843: William A. Graham (W-NC)
1843–1845: Ephraim Foster (W-TN)
1845–1847: Isaac Pennybacker (D-VA)
1847–1849: James Mason (D-VA)
1849–1851: Moses Norris, Jr. (D-NH)
1851–1857: Richard Brodhead (D-PA)
1857–1861: Alfred Iverson (D-GA)
1861: Thomas Bragg (D-NC)
1861–1866: Daniel Clark (R-NH)
1866–1873: Timothy Howe (R-WI)
1873–1877: George Wright (R-IA)
1877–1879: Samuel J.R. McMillan (R-MN)
1879–1881: Francis Cockrell (D-MO)
1881–1885: Angus Cameron (R-WI)
1885–1886: Austin F. Pike (R-NH)
1886–1891: John C. Spooner (R-WI)
1891–1893: John H. Mitchell (R-OR)
1893–1895: Samuel Pasco (D-FL)
1895–1899: Henry M. Teller (R-CO)

1899–1905: Francis E. Warren (R-WY)
1905–1909: Charles W. Fulton (R-OR)
1909–1911: Henry E. Burnham (R-NH)
1911–1913: Coe I. Crawford (R-SD)
1913–1917: Nathan P. Bryan (D-FL)
1917–1919: Joseph T. Robinson (D-AR)
1919–1922: Selden P. Spencer (R-MO)
1922–1925: Arthur Capper (R-KS)
1925–1927: Rice W. Means (R-CO)
1927–1933: Robert B. Howell (R-NE)
1933–1940: Josiah W. Bailey (D-NC)
1940–1942: [vacant]
1942–1943: Prentiss M. Brown (D-MI)
1943–1944: Josiah W. Bailey (D-NC)
1944–1947: Allen J. Ellender (D-LA)

Coast Defenses

Established March 13, 1885. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1885–1891: Joseph Dolph (R-OR)
1891–1893: Watson Squire (R-WA)
1893–1895: John Gordon (D-GA)
1895–1897: Watson Squire (R-WA)
1897: Joseph R. Hawley (R-CT)
1898–1901: George W. McBride (R-OR)
1901–1905: John H. Mitchell (R-OR)
1905–1908: Philander C. Knox (R-PA)
1908–1911: George Nixon (R-NV)
1911–1913: Charles Curtis (R-KS)
1913–1914: James E. Martine (D-NJ)
1914–1917: Blair Lee (D-MD)
1917–1919: Charles S. Thomas (D-CO)
1919–1921: Joseph S. Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)

Coast and Insular Survey

Established December 15, 1899. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1899–1903: Addison G. Foster (R-WA)
1903–1905: Levi Ankeny (R-WA)
1905–1911: Samuel Piles (R-WA)
1911–1913: Charles E. Townsend (R-MI)
1913–1918: Willard Saulsbury, Jr. (D-DE)
1918–1919: Edward J. Gay (D-LA)
1919–1921: Walter Edge (R-NJ)

Commerce and Manufactures

Established December 10, 1816. Terminated December 12, 1825, when the committee was

divided into two committees: Committee on **Commerce**, and Committee on **Manufactures**.

1816–1817: William Hunter (F-RI)
1817–1820: Nathan Sanford (R-NY)
1820–1825: Mahlon Dickerson (R/CRR-NJ)

Commerce—1st

Established December 12, 1825, when the Committee on **Commerce and Manufactures** was divided into two committees. Terminated January 2, 1947, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Interstate and Foreign Commerce**.

1825–1826: James Lloyd (Adams-Clay R/Adams-MA)
1826–1827: Josiah Johnston (Adams-LA)
1827–1831: Levi Woodbury (J-NH)
1831–1832: John Forsyth (J-GA)
1832–1833: William R. King (J-AL)
1833–1835: Nathaniel Silsbee (AJ-MA)
1835–1836: John Davis (AJ-MA)
1836–1841: William R. King (J/D-AL)
1841–1845: Jabez Huntington (W-CT)
1845–1846: William Haywood (D-NC)
1846–1849: John Dix (D-NY)
1849–1856: Hannibal Hamlin (D-ME)
1856–1857: Henry Dodge (D-WI)
1857–1861: Clement Clay (D-AL)
1861: William Bigler (D-PA)
1861–1875: Zachariah Chandler (R-MI)
1875–1879: Roscoe Conkling (R-NY)
1879–1880: John B. Gordon (D-GA)
1880–1881: Matt Ransom (D-NC)
1881: Roscoe Conkling (R-NY)
1881–1887: Samuel J.R. McMillan (R-MN)
1887–1893: William Frye (R-ME)
1893–1895: Matt Ransom (D-NC)
1895–1911: William P. Frye (R-ME)
1911–1913: Knute Nelson (R-MN)
1913–1916: James P. Clarke (D-AR)
1916–1919: Duncan U. Fletcher (D-FL)
1919–1930: Wesley L. Jones (R-WA)
1930–1933: Hiram W. Johnson (R-CA)
1933–1935: Hubert D. Stephens (D-MS)
1935–1939: Royal S. Copeland (D-NY)
1939–1946: Josiah W. Bailey (D-NC)

Commerce—2d

Established April 13, 1961, when it replaced the Committee on **Interstate and Foreign Commerce**. Terminated February 11, 1977, when its functions were transferred to the

Committee on **Commerce, Science, and Transportation.**

1961–1977: Warren G. Magnuson (D-WA)

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Established February 11, 1977, when the functions of the Committee on **Commerce—2d** and the Committee on **Aeronautical and Space Sciences** were transferred.

1977–1978: Warren G. Magnuson (D-WA)

1978–1981: Howard W. Cannon (D-NV)

1981–1985: Bob Packwood (R-OR)

1985–1987: John C. Danforth (R-MO)

1987–1995: Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC)

1995–1997: Larry Pressler (R-SD)

1997–2001: John McCain (R-AZ)

2001: Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC)¹⁸

2001: John McCain (R-AZ)

2001–2003: Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC)¹⁹

2003–2005: John McCain (R-AZ)

2005–2007: Ted Stevens (R-AK)

2007–2009: Daniel Inouye (D-HI)

2009–2015: John D. Rockefeller IV (D-WV)

2015–2019: John Thune (R-SD)

2019–2021: Roger Wicker (R-MS)

2021–2025: Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

2025– : Ted Cruz (R-TX)

Conservation of National Resources

Established March 22, 1909. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1910–1913: Joseph M. Dixon (R-MT)

1913: Marcus A. Smith (D-AZ)

1913–1918: James K. Vardaman (D-MS)

1918–1919: LeBaron B. Colt (R-RI)

1919–1921: Ellison D. Smith (D-SC)

Select Committee on Corporations Organized in the District of Columbia

Established July 27, 1892. Terminated March 19, 1896, when it became a standing committee.

1892–1893: Arthur P. Gorman (D-MD)

1893–1895: Nelson Aldrich (R-RI)

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¹⁹ On June 6, 2001, the Democrats took control of the Senate after Senator James Jeffords (VT) changed from the Republican Party to Independent and announced that he would caucus with the Democrats.

1895–1896: James K. Jones (D-AR)

Corporations Organized in the District of Columbia

Established March 19, 1896, having previously been a select committee. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1896–1897: James K. Jones (D-AR)
1897–1899: John W. Daniel (D-VA)
1899–1901: Donelson Caffery (D-LA)
1901–1905: Thomas S. Martin (D-VA)
1905–1908: Samuel McEnery (D-LA)
1908–1909: Hernando D. Money (D-MS)
1909–1911: James P. Taliaferro (D-FL)
1911–1912: Francis G. Newlands (D-NV)
1912–1913: William J. Stone (D-MO)
1913–1919: Robert M. La Follette (R-WI)
1919–1921: Atlee Pomerene (D-OH)

Cuban Relations

Established December 15, 1899. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1899–1905: Orville H. Platt (R-CT)
1905–1909: Henry E. Burnham (R-NH)
1909–1911: George Sutherland (R-UT)
1911–1913: Carroll S. Page (R-VT)
1913–1915: Joseph L. Bristow (R-KS)
1916–1919: Oscar W. Underwood (D-AL)
1919–1921: Hiram W. Johnson (R-CA)

District of Columbia

Established December 18, 1816. Terminated February 11, 1977, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Governmental Affairs**.

1816–1817: Armistead Mason (R-VA)
1817–1819: Robert Goldsborough (F-MD)
1819–1821: Outerbridge Horsey (F-DE)
1821–1823: James Barbour (R-VA)
1823–1826: Edward Lloyd (CRR/J-MD)
1826–1827: Ezekiel F. Chambers (Adams-MD)
1827–1829: John Eaton (J-TN)
1829–1834: Ezekiel Chambers (AJ-MD)
1834–1836: John Tyler (AJ-VA)
1836–1837: Joseph Kent (AJ-MD)
1837–1839: William Roane (D-VA)
1839–1841: William Merrick (W-MD)
1841–1842: Richard Bayard (W-DE)
1842–1845: Jacob Miller (W-NJ)

1845–1846: William Haywood, Jr. (D-NC)
 1846–1848: Simon Cameron (D-PA)
 1848–1849: Herschel Johnson (D-GA)
 1849–1851: James Mason (D-VA)
 1851–1853: James Shields (D-IL)
 1853–1855: Moses Norris, Jr. (D-NH)
 1855–1861: Albert Brown (D-MS)
 1861: Andrew Johnson (D-TN)
 1861–1865: James Grimes (R-IA)
 1865–1867: Lot Morrill (R-ME)
 1867–1869: James Harlan (R-IA)
 1869–1870: Hannibal Hamlin (R-ME)
 1870–1873: James Patterson (R-NH)
 1873–1875: John F. Lewis (R-VA)
 1875–1877: George E. Spencer (R-AL)
 1877–1879: Stephen Dorsey (R-AR)
 1879–1881: Isham G. Harris (D-TN)
 1881–1891: John Ingalls (R-KS)
 1891–1893: James McMillan (R-MI)
 1893–1895: Isham G. Harris (D-TN)
 1895–1896: James K. Jones (D-AR)
 1896–1902: James McMillan (R-MI)²⁰
 1903–1913: Jacob Gallinger (R-NH)
 1913–1919: John Walter Smith (D-MD)
 1919–1921: Lawrence Y. Sherman (R-IL)
 1921–1925: L. Heisler Ball (R-DE)
 1925–1933: Arthur Capper (R-KS)
 1933–1941: William H. King (D-UT)
 1941–1945: Pat McCarran (D-NV)
 1945–1947: Theodore G. Bilbo (D-MS)
 1947–1949: C. Douglass Buck (R-DE)
 1949: J. Howard McGrath (D-RI)
 1949–1953: Matthew M. Neely (D-WV)
 1953–1955: Francis Case (R-SD)
 1955–1958: Matthew M. Neely (D-WV)
 1958–1969: Alan Bible (D-NV)
 1969–1971: Joseph D. Tydings (D-MD)
 1971–1977: Thomas F. Eagleton (D-MO)

Education

Established January 28, 1869. Terminated February 14, 1870, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Education and Labor**.

1869–1870: Charles Drake (R-MO)

²⁰ Died August 10, 1902.

Education and Labor

First listed 1884. Terminated January 2, 1947, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

1870–1873: Frederick Sawyer (R-SC)
1873–1875: James Flanagan (R-TX)
1875–1877: John J. Patterson (R-SC)
1877–1879: Ambrose Burnside (R-RI)
1879–1881: James E. Bailey (D-TN)
1881–1891: Henry Blair (R-NH)
1891–1893: Joseph M. Carey (R-WY)
1893–1895: James Kyle (PO-SD)
1895–1897: George Shoup (R-ID)
1897–1901: James Kyle (PO-SD)
1901–1905: Louis McComas (R-MD)
1905–1909: Jonathan P. Dolliver (R-IA)
1909–1913: William E. Borah (R-ID)
1913–1919: Hoke Smith (D-GA)
1919–1922: William S. Kenyon (R-IA)
1922–1924: William E. Borah (R-ID)
1924–1926: Lawrence C. Phipps (R-CO)
1926–1929: James Couzens (R-MI)
1929–1933: Jesse H. Metcalf (R-RI)
1933–1937: David I. Walsh (D-MA)
1937: Hugo L. Black (D-AL)
1937–1945: Elbert D. Thomas (D-UT)
1945–1947: James E. Murray (D-MT)

Energy and Natural Resources

Established February 11, 1977. Formerly Committee on **Interior and Insular Affairs**, which was preceded by Committee on **Public Lands—1st**, Committee on **Public Lands and Surveys**, and Committee on **Public Lands—2d**.

1977–1981: Henry M. Jackson (D-WA)
1981–1987: James A. McClure (R-ID)
1987–1995: J. Bennett Johnston (D-LA)
1995–2001: Frank H. Murkowski (R-AK)
2001: Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)²¹
2001: Frank H. Murkowski (R-AK)
2001–2003: Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)²²

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²² On June 6, 2001, the Democrats took control of the Senate after Senator James Jeffords (VT) changed from the Republican Party to Independent and announced that he would caucus with the Democrats.

2003–2007: Pete Domenici (R-NM)
2007–2013: Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)
2013–2014: Ron Wyden (D-OR)
2014–2015: Mary Landrieu (D-LA)
2015–2021: Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
2021–2025: Joe Manchin (D/I-WV)
2025– : Mike Lee (R-UT)

Engrossed Bills

Established in 1806. Source for the early years: *The Annals of Congress* (see 10th Congress, 1st sess., p. 21). First listed in the *Congressional Directory* in 1822. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1807–1809: Andrew Gregg (R-PA)
1809: Francis Malbone (F-RI)²³
1809–1813: Nicholas Gilman (R-NH)
1813–1815: Jeremiah B. Howell (R-RI)
1815–1817: Eligius Fromentin (R-LA)
1817–1819: John J. Crittenden (R-KY)
1819–1820: Prentiss Mellen (F-MA)
1822–1825: James Lanman (R/CRR-CT)
1825–1831: William Marks (Adams/AJ-PA)
1831–1832: John M. Robinson (J-IL)
1832–1833: Asher Robbins (AJ-RI)
1833–1836: Ether Shepley (J-ME)
1836–1837: Thomas Morris (J-OH)
1837–1838: Clement Clay (D-AL)
1838–1839: John Norvell (D-MI)
1839–1840: Oliver Smith (W-IN)
1840–1841: John Henderson (W-MS)
1841–1842: Samuel McRoberts (D-IL)
1842–1843: Charles Conrad (W-LA)
1843–1844: William Dayton (W-NJ)
1844–1845: John B. Francis (LO-RI)
1845–1847: Joseph Chalmers (D-MS)
1847–1848: Solomon Downs (D-LA)
1848–1849: Thomas Rusk (D-TX)
1849–1851: George W. Jones (D-IA)
1851–1853: James A. Bayard, Jr. (D-DE)
1853–1856: Benjamin Fitzpatrick (D-AL)
1856–1857: Jacob Collamer (OP-VT)
1857–1859: William Wright (D-NJ)
1859–1861: Joseph Lane (D-OR)
1861–1865: Henry S. Lane (R-IN)
1865–1866: Waitman Willey (R-WV)
1866–1867: Aaron Cragin (R-NH)

²³Died June 4, 1809.

1867–1869: Joseph Fowler (R-TN)
1869–1872: William Buckingham (R-CT)
1872–1873: Eugene Casserly (D-CA)
1873–1879: Thomas Bayard (D-DE)
1879–1881: Roscoe Conkling (R-NY)
1881–1889: Eli Saulsbury (D-DE)
1889–1893: Francis Cockrell (D-MO)
1893–1895: William B. Allison (R-IA)
1895–1905: Francis Cockrell (D-MO)
1905–1907: James H. Berry (D-AR)
1907–1911: Augustus O. Bacon (D-GA)
1911–1913: Furnifold M. Simmons (D-NC)
1913–1919: Francis E. Warren (R-WY)
1919–1921: Lee S. Overman (D-NC)

Joint Committee on **Enrolled Bills**

Established July 31, 1789. Terminated in 1884 when it became a standing committee.

1789–1791: Paine Wingate (Anti-Admin-NH)
1791–1795: John Rutherford (Pro-Admin-NJ)
1796–1797: Richard Stockton (F-NJ)
1797–1799: Isaac Tichenor (F-VT)
1799–1803: Dwight Foster (F-MA)
1803–1806: [no committee member appointed]
1806–1811: James Turner (R-NC)
1839–1841: Benjamin Tappan (D-OH)
1841–1842: Augustus Porter (W-MI)
1842–1843: William Sprague (W-RI)
1843–1845: [committee not listed in the *Congressional Directory*]
1845–1846: Jesse Bright (D-IN)
1847–1850: Thomas Rusk (D-TX)
1850–1851: George Badger (W-NC)
1851–1859: George Jones (D-IA)
1859–1861: Henry Haun (D-CA)
1861: Willard Saulsbury, Sr. (D-DE)
1861–1863: Orville Browning (R-IL)
1863–1865: Timothy Howe (R-WI)
1865–1867: James Nye (R-NV)
1867–1869: Edmund Ross (R-KS)
1869–1871: John Thayer (R-NE)
1871–1872: Matthew Carpenter (R-WI)
1872–1873: William Windom (R-MN)
1873–1875: Powell Clayton (R-AR)
1875–1879: Simon Conover (R-FL)
1879–1881: Zebulon Vance (D-NC)
1881–1884: William Sewell (R-NJ)

Enrolled Bills

Established March 9, 1875. [Does not appear in the *Congressional Directory* as a Senate Committee until 1884] Terminated January 2, 1947, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Rules and Administration**.

1884–1885: William Sewell (R-NJ)
1885–1889: Thomas M. Bowen (R-CO)
1889–1891: Charles Farwell (R-IL)
1891–1893: Wilbur Sanders (R-MT)
1893–1895: Donelson Caffery (D-LA)
1895–1901: William Sewell (R-NJ)
1901–1903: Marcus Hanna (R-OH)
1903–1907: John F. Dryden (R-NJ)
1907–1909: Albert J. Hopkins (R-IL)
1909–1911: Robert J. Gamble (R-SD)
1911–1913: Isaac Stephenson (R-WI)
1913–1919: Henry F. Hollis (D-NH)
1919–1921: L. Heisler Ball (R-DE)
1921–1923: Howard Sutherland (R-WV)
1923–1925: James H. Watson (R-IN)
1925–1931: Frank L. Greene (R-VT)
1931–1933: [vacant]
1933–1945: Hattie Caraway (D-AR)
1945–1947: [vacant]

Environment and Public Works

Established February 11, 1977. Preceded by the Committee on **Public Works**, and the Committee on **Public Buildings and Grounds**.

1977–1981: Jennings Randolph (D-WV)
1981–1987: Robert T. Stafford (R-VT)
1987–1992: Quentin N. Burdick (D-ND)
1992–1993: Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY)
1993–1995: Max Baucus (D-MT)
1995–1999: John H. Chafee (R-RI)
1999–2001: Robert C. Smith (R-NH)
2001: Harry Reid (D-NV)²⁴
2001: Robert C. Smith (R-NH)
2001–2003: James Jeffords (I-VT)²⁵
2003–2007: James Inhofe (R-OK)

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2007–2015: Barbara Boxer (D-CA)
2015–2017: James Inhofe (R-OK)
2017–2021: John Barrasso (R-WY)
2021–2025: Thomas Carper (D-DE)
2025– : Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

Select Committee on **Epidemic Diseases**

Established December 4, 1878. Terminated December 12, 1887, when it was made a standing committee.

1878–1887: Isham Harris (D-TN)

Epidemic Diseases

Established December 12, 1887, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Epidemic Diseases**. Terminated March 19, 1896, when the name was changed to the Committee on Public Health and National Quarantine.

1887–1893: Isham Harris (D-TN)
1893–1895: John P. Jones (R-NV)

Select Committee to Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service

Established December 8, 1875. Terminated in 1884 when it became a standing committee.

1875–1876: George Boutwell (R-MA)
1876–1877: James Harvey (R-KS)
1877–1879: J. B. Chaffee (R-CO)
1879–1881: George Vest (D-MO)
1881–1883: Philetus Sawyer (R-WI)
1883–1884: Shelby M. Cullom (R-IL)

Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service

Established January 21, 1884, having been preceded by the Select Committee to Examine the Several Branches of the Civil service. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1884–1885: Shelby M. Cullom (R-IL)
1885–1887: Dwight Sabin (R-MN)
1887–1889: Matthew Quay (R-PA)
1889–1891: Anthony Higgins (R-DE)
1891–1893: Thomas C. Power (R-MT)
1893–1897: William Pepper (PO-KS)
1897: George F. Hoar (R-MA)
1898–1899: Joseph B. Foraker (R-OH)
1899–1900: Jonathan Ross (R-VT)
1901: Joseph B. Foraker (R-OH)
1902–1905: Moses Clapp (R-MN)
1905–1908: Morgan G. Bulkeley (R-CT)

1908–1909: Joseph M. Dixon (R-MT)
1909–1911: Harry Richardson (R-DE)
1911–1913: Thomas H. Paynter (D-KY)
1913–1919: William Alden Smith (R-MI)
1919–1921: John Walter Smith (D-MD)

Select Committee on **Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture**

Established December 17, 1907. Terminated March 22, 1909, when it was made a standing committee.

1907–1909: Isaac Stephenson (R-WI)

Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture

Established March 22, 1909, having been preceded by a select committee. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1909–1911: Isaac Stephenson (R-WI)
1911–1913: Henry F. Lippit (R-RI)
1913–1916: Morris Sheppard (D-TX)
1916–1918: William F. Kirby (D-AR)
1918–1919: George B. Martin (D-KY)
1919–1921: Arthur Capper (R-KS)

Expenditures in the Department of Commerce and Labor

Established April 5, 1912. Terminated June 24, 1914, when it was split into two committees.

1912–1913: Albert B. Fall (R-NM)
1913–1914: William H. Thompson (D-KS)

Expenditures in the Department of Commerce

Established June 24, 1914, having been preceded by the Committee on **Expenditures in the Department of Commerce and Labor**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1914–1917: William H. Thompson (D-KS)
1917–1919: Josiah O. Wolcott (D-DE)
1919–1921: Davis Elkins (R-WV)

Expenditures in Executive Departments

Established April 18, 1921. Terminated March 3, 1952, when it became the Committee on **Government Operations**, which was then replaced by the Committee on **Governmental Affairs** in 1977.

1921–1925: Medill McCormick (R-IL)
1925–1927: David A. Reed (R-PA)
1927–1930: Frederic M. Sackett (R-KY)
1930–1931: Guy D. Goff (R-WV)
1931–1933: Frederick Steiwer (R-OR)
1933–1939: J. Hamilton Lewis (D-IL)

1940–1942: Frederick Van Nuys (D-IN)
1942–1947: Lister Hill (D-AL)
1947–1949: George D. Aiken (R-VT)
1949–1952: John L. McClellan (D-AR)

Select Committee on **Expenditures in the Interior Department**

Established December 17, 1907. Terminated March 22, 1909, when it was made a standing committee.

1907–1909: Harry A. Richardson (R-DE)

Expenditures in the Interior Department

Established March 22, 1909, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Expenditures in the Interior Department**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1909–1911: Coe I. Crawford (R-SD)
1911–1912: Miles Poindexter (R-WA)
1912–1913: Thomas B. Catron (R-NM)
1913–1919: Reed Smoot (R-UT)
1919: John H. Bankhead (D-AL)

Select Committee on **Expenditures in the Department of Justice**

Established December 17, 1907. Terminated March 22, 1909, when it was made a standing committee.

1908–1909: Norris Brown (R-NE)

Expenditures in the Department of Justice

Established March 22, 1909, having been preceded by the Select Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1909–1913: William O. Bradley (R-KY)
1913–1917: George Sutherland (R-UT)
1917–1919: William E. Borah (R-ID)
1919–1921: Thomas P. Gore (D-OK)

Expenditures in the Department of Labor

Established June 24, 1914, having been preceded by the Committee on **Expenditures in the Department of Commerce and Labor**. Terminated April 18, 1921

1914–1915: Johnson N. Camden, Jr. (D-KY)
1916–1919: J.C.W. Beckham (D-KY)
1919–1921: Medill McCormick (R-IL)

Select Committee on **Expenditures in the Navy Department**

Established December 17, 1909. Terminated March 22, 1909, when it was made a standing committee.

1907–1909: Simon Guggenheim (R-CO)

Expenditures in the Navy Department

Established March 22, 1909, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Expenditures in the Navy Department**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1909–1911: William Lorimer (R-IL)
1911–1913: Asle Gronna (R-ND)
1913–1917: William Hughes (D-NJ)
1917–1919: Asle Gronna (R-ND)
1919–1921: Claude A. Swanson (D-VA)

Expenditures in the Post Office Department

Established December 22, 1909. Terminated April 18, 1921

1909–1913: Joseph L. Bristow (R-KS)
1913: James K. Vardaman (D-MS)
1914–1915: Blair Lee (D-MD)
1915–1917: Thomas W. Hardwick (D-GA)
1917–1919: William H. King (D-UT)
1919–1921: Henry W. Keyes (R-NH)

Expenditures of Public Money

Established January 21, 1884. Terminated in 1889.

1884–1885: James F. Wilson (R-IA)
1885–1887: Shelby M. Cullom (R-IL)
1887–1889: Charles B. Farwell (R-IL)

Select Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State

Established December 17, 1907, when it replaced the Committee on **Organization, Conduct, and Expenditures of Executive Departments**. Terminated March 22, 1909, when it was made a standing committee.

1907–1909: Thomas H. Carter (R-MT)

Expenditures in the Department of State

Established March 22, 1909, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Expenditures in the Department of State**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1909–1911: Elihu Root (R-NY)
1911–1912: William S. Kenyon (R-IA)
1913–1919: James Hamilton Lewis (D-IL)
1919–1921: Lawrence C. Phipps (R-CO)

Select Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department

Established December 17, 1907. Terminated December 22, 1909, when it was made a standing

committee.

1907–1909: Frank O. Briggs (R-NJ)

Expenditures in the Treasury Department

Established December 22, 1909, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Expenditures in the Treasury Department**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1909–1913: Theodore Burton (R-OH)

1913–1917: Joe T. Robinson (D-AR)

1917–1919: Park Trammell (D-FL)

1919–1921: Hoke Smith (D-GA)

Select Committee on **Expenditures in the War Department**

Established December 17, 1907. Terminated December 22, 1909, when it was made a standing committee.

1907–1909: Henry A. du Pont (R-DE)

Expenditures in the War Department

Established December 22, 1909, having been preceded by a select committee. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1909–1911: Henry A. du Pont (R-DE)

1911–1912: John D. Works (R-CA)

1912–1916: Miles Poindexter (R/PR-WA)

1916–1917: Henry A. du Pont (R-DE)

1917–1919: Charles E. Townsend (R-MI)

1919–1921: George E. Chamberlain (D-OR)

Finance

Established December 10, 1816.

1816–1818: George Campbell (R-TN)

1818–1819: John Eppes (R-VA)

1819–1821: Nathan Sanford (R-NY)

1821–1822: John Holmes (R-ME)

1822–1823: Walter Lowrie (R-PA)

1823–1833: Samuel Smith (CRR/J-MD)

1833–1836: Daniel Webster (AJ-MA)

May–Sept. 1841: Henry Clay (W-KY)

1836–1841: Silas Wright, Jr. (J/D-NY)

1841–1844: George Evans (W-ME)

Dec. 1, 1845–Jan. 7, 1846: John C. Calhoun (D-SC)

1846–1847: Dixon Lewis (D-AL)

1847–1849: Charles Atherton (D-NH)

1849–1850: Daniel Dickinson (D-NY)

1850–1861: Robert M.T. Hunter (D-VA)

1861: James Alfred Pearce (D-MD)
 1861–1864: William Fessenden (R-ME)
 1864–1865: John Sherman (R-OH)
 1865–1867: William Fessenden (R-ME)
 1867–1877: John Sherman (R-OH)
 1877–1879: Justin S. Morrill (R-VT)
 1879–1881: Thomas Bayard (D-DE)
 1881–1893: Justin S. Morrill (R-VT)
 1893–1895: Daniel Voorhees (D-IN)
 1895–1898: Justin S. Morrill (R-VT)²⁶
 1898–1911: Nelson Aldrich (R-RI)
 1911–1913: Boies Penrose (R-PA)
 1913–1919: Furnifold M. Simmons (D-NC)
 1919–1921: Boies Penrose (R-PA)
 1922–1923: Porter J. McCumber (R-ND)
 1923–1933: Reed Smoot (R-UT)
 1933–1941: Pat Harrison (D-MS)
 1941–1947: Walter F. George (D-GA)
 1947–1949: Eugene D. Millikin (R-CO)
 1949–1953: Walter F. George (D-GA)
 1953–1955: Eugene D. Millikin (R-CO)
 1955–1965: Harry Flood Byrd (D-VA)
 1966–1981: Russell B. Long (D-LA)
 1981–1985: Robert Dole (R-KS)
 1985–1987: Bob Packwood (R-OR)
 1987–1993: Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX)
 1993–1995: Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY)
 1995: Bob Packwood (R-OR)²⁷
 1995–2001: William V. Roth, Jr. (R-DE)²⁸
 2001: Max Baucus (D-MT)²⁹
 2001: Charles E. Grassley (R-IA)
 2001–2003: Max Baucus (D-MT)³⁰
 2003–2007: Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
 2007–2014: Max Baucus (D-MT)
 2014–2015: Ron Wyden (D-OR)
 2015–2019: Orrin Hatch (R-UT)
 2019–2021: Charles Grassley (R-IA)

²⁶Died December 28, 1898.

²⁷Term as chair ended September 8, 1995.

²⁸Term as Chair began September 12, 1995.

²⁹At the beginning of the 107th Congress in January 2001 the Senate was evenly divided. With a Democratic president and vice president still serving until January 20, the Democratic vice president was available to break a tie, and the Democrats thus controlled the Senate for 17 days, from January 3 to January 20. On January 3 the Senate adopted S. Res. 7 designating Democratic senators as committee chairmen to serve during this period and Republican chairmen to serve effective at noon on January 20, 2001.

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2021–2025: Ron Wyden (D-OR)
2025– : Michael Crapo (R-ID)

Fisheries

Established January 21, 1884. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1884–1885: Elbridge G. Lapham (R-NY)
1885–1887: Thomas Palmer (R-MI)
1887–1893: Francis Stockbridge (R-MI)
1893–1895: Richard Coke (D-TX)
1895–1901: George Perkins (R-CA)
1901–1903: Thomas R. Bard (R-CA)
1903–1908: Albert J. Hopkins (R-IL)
1908–1911: Jonathan Bourne, Jr. (R-OR)
1911–1912: Wesley L. Jones (R-WA)
1912–1913: John D. Works (R-CA)
1913–1915: John Thornton (D-LA)
1915–1917: Harry Lane (D-OR)
1917–1919: John F. Nugent (D-ID)
1919–1921: Truman H. Newberry (R-MI)

Select Committee on the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians

Established December 21, 1887. Terminated March 22, 1909, when it was made a standing committee.

1887–1893: Matthew C. Butler (D-SC)
1893–1895: Henry Teller (R-CO)
1895–1897: George Gray (D-DE)
1897–1899: Samuel Pasco (D-FL)
1899–1905: William Bate (D-TN)
1905–1909: Benjamin Tillman (D-SC)

Five Civilized Tribes of Indians

Established March 22, 1909, having been preceded by the Select Committee on the **Five Civilized Tribes of Indians**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1909–1913: Benjamin Tillman (D-SC)
1913–1918: Knute Nelson (R-MN)
1918–1919: George W. Norris (R-NE)
1919–1921: Robert Owen (D-OK)

Foreign Relations

Established December 10, 1816.

1816–1818: James Barbour (R-VA)
1818–1819: Nathaniel Macon (R-NC)
1819–1820: James Brown (R-LA)
1820–1821: James Barbour (R-VA)

1821–1822: Rufus King (F-NY)
 1822–1825: James Barbour (R/CRR-VA)
 1825–1826: Nathaniel Macon (J-NC)
 1826–1827: Nathan Sanford (Adams-NY)
 1827–1828: Nathaniel Macon (J-NC)
 1828–1832: Littleton Tazewell (J-VA)
 1832–1833: John Forsyth (J-GA)
 1833–1834: William Wilkins (J-PA)
 1834–1836: Henry Clay (AJ-KY)
 1836–1841: James Buchanan (D-PA)
 1841–1842: William C. Rives (W-VA)
 1842–1845: William Archer (W-VA)
 1845–1846: William Allen (D-OH)³¹
 1846: George McDuffie (D-SC)³²
 1846–1848: Ambrose Sevier (D-AR)
 1848–1849: Edward Hannegan (D-IN)
 1849: Thomas Hart Benton (D-MO)
 1849–1850: William R. King (D-AL)
 1850–1851: Henry S. Foote (D-MS)
 1851–1861: James Mason (D-VA)
 1861–1871: Charles Sumner (R-MA)
 1871–1877: Simon Cameron (R-PA)
 1877–1879: Hannibal Hamlin (R-ME)
 1879–1881: William Eaton (D-CT)
 Mar.–May 1881: Ambrose E. Burnside (R-RI)
 Oct. 1881: George F. Edmunds (R-VT)
 1881–1883: William Windom (R-MN)
 1883–1886: John F. Miller (R-CA)
 1886–1893: John Sherman (R-OH)
 1893–1895: John T. Morgan (D-AL)
 1895–1897: John Sherman (R-OH)
 1897–1900: Cushman Davis (R-MN)
 1900–1901: vacant³³
 1901–1913: Shelby M. Cullom (R-IL)
 1913–1914: Augustus O. Bacon (D-GA)
 1914–1918: William J. Stone (D-MO)
 1918–1919: Gilbert M. Hitchcock (D-NE)
 1919–1924: Henry Cabot Lodge (R-MA)
 1924–1933: William E. Borah (R-ID)
 1933–1940: Key Pittman (D-NV)
 1940–1941: Walter F. George (D-GA)

³¹Excused June 15, 1846.

³²Elected June 17, 1846.

³³ Following the death of Cushman Davis on November 27, 1900, the chairmanship remained vacant until Shelby M. Cullom was named chairman on December 18, 1901. During this period, Senator William P. Frye served as acting chairman.

1941–1947: Tom Connally (D-TX)
 1947–1949: Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-MI)
 1949–1953: Tom Connally (D-TX)
 1953–1955: Alexander Wiley (R-WI)
 1955–1957: Walter F. George (D-GA)
 1957–1959: Theodore Francis Green (D-RI)
 1959–1974: J. William Fulbright (D-AR)
 1975–1979: John J. Sparkman (D-AL)
 1979–1981: Frank Church (D-ID)
 1980: Jacob Javits (R-NY)³⁴
 1981–1985: Charles H. Percy (R-IL)
 1985–1987: Richard C. Lugar (R-IN)
 1987–1995: Claiborne Pell (D-RI)
 1995–2001: Jesse Helms (R-NC)
 2001: Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE)³⁵
 2001: Jesse Helms (R-NC)
 2001–2003: Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE)³⁶
 2003–2007: Richard Lugar (R-IN)
 2007–2009: Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE)
 2009–2013: John F. Kerry (D-MA)
 2013–2015: Robert Menendez (D-NJ)
 2015–2019: Bob Corker (R-TN)
 2019–2021: James Risch (R-ID)
 2021–2023: Robert Menendez (D-NJ)
 2023–2025: Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)
 2025– : James Risch (R-ID)

Select Committee on **Forest Reservations in California**

Established July 28, 1892. Terminated March 15, 1893, when the name was changed to Select Committee on **Forest Reservations**.

1892–1893: Charles Felton (R-CA)

Select Committee on **Forest Reservations**

Established March 15, 1893, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Forest Reservations in California**. Terminated March 19, 1896, when it was made a standing committee.

1893–1896: William V. Allen (PO-NE)

³⁴Javits served as chairman for one day—December 4, 1980 (S. Res.550).

³⁵At the beginning of the 107th Congress in January 2001 the Senate was evenly divided. With a Democratic president and vice president still serving until January 20, the Democratic vice president was available to break a tie, and the Democrats thus controlled the Senate for 17 days, from January 3 to January 20. On January 3 the Senate adopted S. Res. 7 designating Democratic senators as committee chairs to serve during this period and Republicans as chairs effective at noon on January 20, 2001.

³⁶ On June 6, 2001, the Democrats took control of the Senate after Senator James Jeffords (VT) changed from the Republican Party to Independent and announced that he would caucus with the Democrats.

Forest Reservations and the Protection of Game

Established March 19, 1896, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Forest Reservations**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1896–1899: William V. Allen (PO-NE)
1899–1901: Albert J. Beveridge (R-IN)
1901–1905: Joseph R. Burton (R-KS)
1905–1911: Frank B. Brandegee (R-CT)
1911–1913: George P. McLean (R-CT)
1913–1916: Harry Lane (D-OR)
1916: Thomas Taggart (D-IN)
1916–1917: George Oliver (R-PA)
1917–1919: George P. McLean (R-CT)
1919–1921: Gilbert M. Hitchcock (D-NE)

Select Committee to Investigate the Operations of the Geological Survey

Established July 28, 1892. Terminated December 15, 1899, when it became a standing committee.

1892–1893: Edward Wolcott (R-CO)
1893–1894: John Martin (D-KS)
1894–1895: Anselm J. McLaurin (D-MS)
1895–1899: Stephen Elkins (R-WV)

Geological Survey

Established December 15, 1899, having been preceded by the Select Committee to Investigate the Operations of the **Geological Survey**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1899–1901: Stephen Elkins (R-WV)
1901–1903: John Kean (R-NJ)
1903–1905: Addison G. Foster (R-WA)
1905–1909: Frank P. Flint (R-CA)
1909–1911: Frank O. Briggs (R-NJ)
1911–1912: Robert L. Taylor (D-TN)
1912–1913: George E. Chamberlain (D-OR)
1913–1917: Clarence D. Clark (R-WY)
1917–1919: Albert B. Fall (R-NM)
1919–1921: Marcus A. Smith (D-AZ)

Government Operations

Established March 3, 1952, when it replaced the Committee on **Expenditures in the Executive Departments**. Terminated February 11, 1977, when it was replaced by the Committee on **Governmental Affairs**.

1952–1953: John L. McClellan (D-AR)
1953–1955: Joseph R. McCarthy (R-WI)
1955–1972: John L. McClellan (D-AR)

1972–1974: Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D-NC)
1975–1977: Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-CT)

Governmental Affairs

Established February 11, 1977, when it replaced the Committees on **Government Operations, Post Office and Civil Service**, and **District of Columbia**. Terminated January 3, 2005, when it was replaced by the Committee on **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs**.

1977–1981: Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-CT)
1981–1987: William V. Roth (R-DE)
1987–1995: John Glenn (D-OH)
1995: William V. Roth (R-DE)³⁷
1995–1997: Ted Stevens (R-AK)³⁸
1997–2001: Fred D. Thompson (R-TN)
2001: Joseph Lieberman (D-CT)³⁹
2001: Fred D. Thompson (R-TN)
2001–2003: Joseph Lieberman (D-CT)⁴⁰
2003–2005: Susan Collins (R-ME)

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Established January 19, 1999, when the name of the Committee on **Labor and Human Resources** was changed to **Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**.

1999–2001: James M. Jeffords (R-VT)
2001: Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA)⁴¹
2001: James M. Jeffords (R-VT)
2001–2003: Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA)⁴²
2003–2005: Judd Gregg (R-NH)
2005–2007: Mike Enzi (R-WY)
2007–2009: Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA)
2009–2015: Tom Harkin (D-IA)
2015–2021: Lamar Alexander (R-TN)

³⁷Term as chair ended September 12, 1995, when he became chair of Finance.

³⁸Term as chair began September 12, 1995.

³⁹At the beginning of the 107th Congress in January 2001 the Senate was evenly divided. With a Democratic president and vice president still serving until January 20, the Democratic vice president was available to break a tie, and the Democrats thus controlled the Senate for 17 days, from January 3 to January 20. On January 3 the Senate adopted S. Res. 7 designating Democratic senators as committee chairmen to serve during this period and Republican chairmen to serve effective at noon on January 20, 2001.

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2021–2023 : Patty Murray (D-WA)
2023–2025: Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
2025– : Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Established January 3, 2005, when the name of the **Governmental Affairs Committee** was changed to **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs**.

2005–2007: Susan Collins (R-ME)
2007–2013: Joseph Lieberman (D/ID-CT)
2013–2015: Tom Carper (D-DE)
2015–2021: Ron Johnson (R-WI)
2021–2025: Gary Peters (D-MI)
2025– : Rand Paul (R-KY)

Human Resources

Established February 11, 1977, when the name of the Committee on **Labor and Public Welfare** was changed to **Human Resources**. Terminated March 7, 1979, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Labor and Human Resources**.

1977–1979: Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-NJ)

Immigration

Established December 12, 1889. Terminated January 2, 1947, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on the **Judiciary**.

1889–1893: William Chandler (R-NH)
1893–1895: David Hill (D-NY)
1895–1897: Henry Cabot Lodge (R-MA)
1897–1899: Charles Fairbanks (R-IN)
1899–1903: Boies Penrose (R-PA)
1903–1911: William Dillingham (R-VT)
1911–1913: Henry Cabot Lodge (R-MA)
1913–1918: Ellison D. Smith (D-SC)
1918–1919: Thomas W. Hardwick (D-GA)
1919–1924: LeBaron B. Colt (R-RI)
1924–1930: Hiram W. Johnson (R-CA)
1930–1931: Arthur R. Gould (R-ME)
1931–1933: Henry D. Hatfield (R-WV)
1933–1937: Marcus A. Coolidge (D-MA)
1937–1947: Richard B. Russell (D-GA)

Indian Affairs—1st

Established January 3, 1820. Terminated January 2, 1947.

1820–1821: David Holmes (R-MS)
1821–1823: Henry Johnson (R-LA)

1823–1828: Thomas H. Benton (JR/J-MO)
1828–1832: Hugh Lawson White (J-TN)
1832–1833: George M. Troup (J-GA)
1833–1840: Hugh Lawson White (J/AJ/W-TN)
1840–1841: Ambrose Sevier (D-AR)
1841–1842: James T. Morehead (W-KY)
1842–1845: Albert White (W-IN)
1845–1846: Ambrose Sevier (D-AR)
1846–1847: Arthur Bagby (D-AL)
1847–1853: David Atchison (D-MO)
1853–1861: William Sebastian (D-AR)
1861–1866: James Doolittle (R-WI)
1866–1869: John B. Henderson (R-MO)
1869–1873: James Harlan (R-IA)
1873–1875: William Buckingham (R-CT)
1875–1879: William Allison (R-IA)
1879–1881: Richard Coke (D-TX)
1881–1893: Henry Dawes (R-MA)
1893–1895: James K. Jones (D-AR)
1895–1899: Richard Pettigrew (SR-SD)
1899–1901: John M. Thurston (R-NE)
1901–1905: William Stewart (R-NV)
1905–1911: Moses E. Clapp (R-MN)
1911–1913: Robert J. Gamble (R-SD)
1913–1914: William J. Stone (D-MO)
1914–1919: Henry F. Ashurst (D-AZ)
1919–1921: Charles Curtis (R-KS)
1921–1923: Selden P. Spencer (R-MO)
1923–1927: John W. Harreld (R-OK)
1927–1933: Lynn J. Frazier (R-ND)
1933–1936: Burton K. Wheeler (D-MT)
1936–1945: Elmer Thomas (D-OK)
1945–1947: Joseph O'Mahoney (D-WY)

**Select Committee on
INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Established February 11, 1977. Terminated February 24, 1993, when it became a permanent select committee and changed its name to Committee on Indian Affairs.

1977–1979: James Abourezk (D-SD)
1979–1981: John Melcher (D-MT)
1981–1983: William S. Cohen (R-ME)
1983–1987: Mark Andrews (R-ND)
1987–1993: Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)

INDIAN AFFAIRS—2ND

Established February 24, 1993.

1993–1995: Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)
1995–1997: John McCain (R-AZ)
1997–2001: Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO)
2001: Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)⁴³
2001: Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO)
2001–2003: Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)⁴⁴
2003–2005: Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO)
2005–2007: John McCain (R-AZ)
2007–2011: Byron Dorgan (D-ND)
2011–2013: Daniel Akaka (D-HI)
2013–2014: Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
2014–2015: Jon Tester (D-MT)
2015–2017: John Barrasso (R-WY)
2017–2021: John Hoeven (R-ND)
2021–2025: Brian Schatz (D-HI)
2025– : Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Select Committee on **INDIAN DEPREDATIONS**

Established December 12, 1889. Terminated April 5, 1893, when it was made a standing committee.

1889–1891: Gideon C. Moody (R-SD)
1891–1893: George L. Shoup (R-ID)

Indian Depredations

Established April 5, 1893, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Indian Depredations**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1893–1895: William Lindsay (D-KY)
1895–1899: John L. Wilson (R-WA)
1899–1901: William Deboe (R-KY)
1901–1903: Robert J. Gamble (R-SD)
1903–1905: J. Frank Allee (R-DE)
1905: Charles Dick (R-OH)
1906–1907: Elmer J. Burkett (R-NE)
1907–1911: Charles Curtis (R-KS)
1911–1912: Isadore Rayner (D-MD)⁴⁵

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⁴⁴On June 6, 2001, the Democrats took control of the Senate after Senator James Jeffords (VT) changed from the Republican Party to Independent and announced that he would caucus with the Democrats.

1913–1917: William Borah (R-ID)
1917–1919: Miles Poindexter (R-WA)
1919–1921: Henry L. Myers (D-MT)

Interior and Insular Affairs

Established January 28, 1948. Terminated February 11, 1977, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Energy and Natural Resources**.

1948–1949: Hugh Butler (R-NE)
1949–1953: Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-WY)
1953–1954: Hugh Butler (R-NE)⁴⁶
1954–1955: Guy Cordon (R-OR)
1955–1961: James E. Murray (D-MT)
1961–1963: Clinton P. Anderson (D-NM)
1963–1977: Henry M. Jackson (D-WA)

Interoceanic Canals

Established December 15, 1899. Terminated January 2, 1947 when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Interstate and Foreign Commerce**.

1899–1903: John T. Morgan (D-AL)
1903–1904: [vacant]
1905: John H. Mitchell (R-OR)
1905–1907: Joseph H. Millard (R-NE)
1907–1909: Alfred B. Kittredge (R-SD)
1909–1911: Frank Flint (R-CA)
1911–1913: Frank B. Brandegee (R-CT)
1913–1917: James A. O'Gorman (D-NY)
1917–1919: John K. Shields (D-TN)
1919–1922: William E. Borah (R-ID)
1922–1930: Walter Edge (R-NJ)
1930–1933: Thomas D. Schall (R-MN)
1933–1937: Thomas P. Gore (D-OK)
1937–1945: Bennett (Champ) Clark (D-MO)
1945–1947: Tom Stewart (D-TN)

Select Committee to Investigate Interstate Commerce

Established March 17, 1885. Terminated January 18, 1886.

1885–1886: Shelby M. Cullom (R-IL)

Interstate Commerce

Established December 12, 1887, having been preceded by the Select Committee to Investigate **Interstate Commerce**. Terminated January 2, 1947, when the name was changed to the

⁴⁵ Died November 25, 1912.

⁴⁶ Died July 1, 1954.

Committee on **Interstate and Foreign Commerce.**

1887–1893: Shelby M. Cullom (R-IL)
1893–1895: Matthew Butler (D-SC)
1895–1901: Shelby M. Cullom (R-IL)
1901–1911: Stephen Elkins (R-WV)
1911–1913: Moses E. Clapp (R-MN)
1913–1917: Francis G. Newlands (D-NV)
1918–1919: Ellison D. Smith (D-SC)
1919–1924: Albert B. Cummins (R-IA)
1924–1925: Ellison D. Smith (D-SC)
1925–1928: James E. Watson (R-IN)
1928–1933: James Couzens (R-MI)
1933–1935: Clarence C. Dill (D-WA)
1935–1946: Burton K. Wheeler (D-MT)

Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Established January 2, 1947. Terminated April 13, 1961, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Commerce.**

1947–1949: Wallace H. White, Jr. (R-ME)
1949–1953: Edwin C. Johnson (D-CO)
1953: Charles W. Tobey (R-NH)
1953–1955: John W. Bricker (R-OH)
1955–1961: Warren G. Magnuson (D-WA)

Select Committee on **Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands**

Established February 14, 1889. Terminated December 16, 1891, when it was made a standing committee.

1889–1891: William Stewart (R-NV)

Irrigation and Reclamation

Established December 16, 1891, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands.** Terminated January 2, 1947.

1891–1893: Francis E. Warren (R-WY)
1893–1895: Stephen M. White (D-CA)
1895–1899: Francis E. Warren (R-WY)
1899–1903: Joseph Simon (R-OR)
1903–1905: Thomas R. Bard (R-CA)
1905–1909: Levi Ankeny (R-WA)
1909–1911: Thomas H. Carter (R-MT)
1911–1912: George S. Nixon (R-NV)⁴⁷
1912–1913: Wesley Jones (R-WA)
1913: Henry L. Myers (D-MT)

⁴⁷ Died June 6, 1912.

1913–1917: Marcus A. Smith (D-AZ)
1917–1919: James D. Phelan (D-CA)
1919–1926: Charles McNary (R-OR)
1926–1929: Lawrence C. Phipps (R-CO)
1929–1933: John Thomas (R-ID)
1933–1934: Sam Bratton (D-NM)
1934–1935: [vacant]
1935–1938: Alva B. Adams (D-CO)
1938–1946: John H. Bankhead, II (D-AL)

Judiciary

Established December 10, 1816.

1816–1817: Dudley Chase (R-VT)
1817–1818: John J. Crittenden (R-KY)
1818–1819: James Burrill, Jr. (F-RI)
1819–1823: William Smith (R-SC)
1823–1828: Martin Van Buren (CRR/J-NY)
1828–1829: John Macpherson Berrien (J-GA)
1829–1831: John Rowan (J-KY)
1831–1832: William Marcy (J-NY)
1832–1833: William Wilkins (J-PA)
1833–1836: John Clayton (AJ-DE)
1836–1838: Felix Grundy (J/D-TN)
1838–1841: Garret D. Wall (D-NJ)
1841–1845: John Macpherson Berrien (W-GA)
1845–1848: Chester Ashley (D-AR)
1848–1857: Andrew Butler (D-SC)
1857–1861: James Bayard, Jr. (D-DE)
1861–1872: Lyman Trumbull (R-IL)
1872–1879: George Edmunds (R-VT)
1879–1881: Allen G. Thurman (D-OH)
1881–1891: George Edmunds (R-VT)
1891–1893: George F. Hoar (R-MA)
1893–1895: James Pugh (D-AL)
1895–1904: George F. Hoar (R-MA)
1904–1905: Orville Platt (R-CT)
1905–1913: Clarence D. Clark (R-WY)
1913–1919: Charles A. Culberson (D-TX)
1919–1923: Knute Nelson (R-MN)
1923–1924: Frank B. Brandegee (R-CT)
1924–1926: Albert B. Cummins (R-IA)
1926–1933: George W. Norris (R-NE)
1933–1941: Henry F. Ashurst (D-AZ)
1941: Matthew Neely (D-WV)⁴⁸

⁴⁸ Despite having been elected Governor of West Virginia, the Senate designated Neely, then the ranking majority

1941–1944: Frederick Van Nuys (D-IN)
1944–1947: Pat McCarran (D-NV)
1947–1949: Alexander Wiley (R-WI)
1949–1953: Pat McCarran (D-NV)
1953–1955: William Langer (R-ND)
1955–1956: Harley M. Kilgore (D-WV)
1956–1978: James O. Eastland (D-MS)
1979–1981: Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA)
1981–1987: Strom Thurmond (R-SC)
1987–1995: Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE)
1995–2001: Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)
2001: Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT)⁴⁹
2001: Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)
2001–2003: Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT)⁵⁰
2003–2005: Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)
2005–2007: Arlen Specter (R-PA)
2007–2015: Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT)
2015–2019: Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
2019–2021: Lindsay Graham (R-SC)
2021–2025: Dick Durbin (D-IL)
2025– : Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

Labor and Human Resources

Established March 7, 1979, when the name was changed from the Committee on **Human Resources**. Terminated January 19, 1999, when the name was changed to **Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**.

1979–1981: Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-NJ)
1981–1987: Orrin Hatch (R-UT)
1987–1995: Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA)
1995–1997: Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R-KS)
1997–1999: James M. Jeffords (R-VT)

Labor and Public Welfare

Established January 2, 1947. Terminated February 11, 1977, when its name was changed to the Committee on **Human Resources**.

1947–1949: Robert A. Taft, Sr. (R-OH)

member of the Judiciary Committee, to serve as chairman during the remainder of his Senate service. He served as chairman from January 9 until January 12, 1941.

⁴⁹At the beginning of the 107th Congress in January 2001 the Senate was evenly divided. With a Democratic president and vice president still serving until January 20, the Democratic vice president was available to break a tie, and the Democrats thus controlled the Senate for 17 days, from January 3 to January 20. On January 3 the Senate adopted S. Res. 7 designating Democratic senators as committee chairmen to serve during this period and Republican chairmen to serve effective at noon on January 20, 2001.

⁵⁰On June 6, 2001, the Democrats took control of the Senate after Senator James Jeffords (VT) changed from the Republican Party to Independent and announced that he would caucus with the Democrats.

1949–1951: Elbert D. Thomas (D-UT)
 1951–1953: James E. Murray (D-MT)
 1953–1955: H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ)
 1955–1969: Lister Hill (D-AL)
 1969–1971: Ralph Yarborough (D-TX)
 1971–1977: Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-NJ)

Joint Committee on the **Library of Congress**

First listed in 1806. [It is listed in the *Congressional Directory* as a joint committee between 1806 and 1844 and again from 1861 to 1882. From 1844 to 1860, it is listed as a Senate committee in the *Congressional Directory*.] Terminated in 1883 when it became a Senate committee.

(Joint Committee—only the Senate members are listed here.)

1806–1807: Abraham Baldwin (R-GA)*
 Uriah Tracy (F-CT)*
 1807–1808: John Quincy Adams (F-MA)*
 William Branch Giles (R-VA)*
 1808–1809: William Branch Giles (R-VA)*
 Buckner Thruston (R-KY)*
 Andrew Gregg (R-PA)*
 1810–1812: Michael Leib (R-PA)*
 Samuel Smith (R-MD)*
 John Condit (R-NJ)*
 1812–1813: Michael Leib (R-PA)*
 Charles Tait (R-GA)*
 George Washington Campbell (R-TN)*
 1813–1814: Michael Leib (R-PA)*
 David Stone (R-NC)*
 1814–1815: Robert Goldsborough (F-MD)*
 Eligius Fromentin (R-LA)*
 Charles Tait (R-GA) *
 1815–1817: Eligius Fromentin (R-LA)*
 William Hunter (F-RI)*
 Robert Goldsborough (F-MD) *
 1817–1829: Mahlon Dickerson (CRR/J-NJ)
 1829–1835: Asher Robbins (AJ-RI)
 1835–1836: William Preston (N-SC)
 1836–1839: Asher Robbins (J/W-RI)
 1839–1840: Benjamin Tappan (D-OH)
 1840–1841: Garret Wall (D-NJ)
 1841–1842: William C. Preston (W-SC)
 1842–1843: William Woodbridge (W-MI)
 1843–1845: Rufus Choate (W-MA)

(Committee on the Library)

1845–1861: James Pearce (OP/D-MD)

(Joint Committee on the Library)

1861–1863: James Pearce (D-MD)
1863–1865: Jacob Collamer (R-VT)
1865–1866: Timothy Howe (R-WI)
1866–1867: John A.J. Creswell (UU-MD)
1867–1869: Edwin Morgan (R-NY)
1869–1871: Alexander Cattell (R-NJ)
1871–1873: Lot Morrill (R-ME)
1873–1879: Timothy Howe (R-WI)
1879–1881: D.W. Voorhees (D-IN)
1881–1883: John Sherman (R-OH)

Library

Established in 1883. Terminated January 2, 1947, when it again became a joint committee.

1883–1885: John Sherman (R-OH)
1885–1887: William Sewell (R-NJ)
1887–1891: William Evarts (R-NY)
1891–1893: Matthew S. Quay (R-PA)
1893–1895: Roger Q. Mills (D-TX)
1895–1897: Henry Hansbrough (R-ND)
1897–1913: George P. Wetmore (R-RI)
1913–1916: Luke Lea (D-TN)
1916–1919: John Sharp Williams (D-MS)
1919–1923: Frank B. Brandegee (R-CT)
1923–1925: George Wharton Pepper (R-PA)
1925–1933: Simeon D. Fess (R-OH)
1933–1947: Alben W. Barkley (D-KY)

Manufactures—1st

Established December 12, 1825, when the Committee on **Commerce and Manufactures** was divided into two committees. Terminated March 3, 1855.

1825–1833: Mahlon Dickerson (J-NJ)
1833–1835: Theodore Frelinghuysen (AJ-NJ)
1835–1836: Nehemiah Knight (AJ-RI)
1836–1839: John M. Niles (D-CT)
1839–1841: Wilson Lumpkin (D-GA)
1841–1845: James Simmons (W-RI)
1845–1849: Daniel Dickinson (D-NY)
1849–1853: William Sebastian (D-AR)
1853–1855: William Wright (D-NJ)

Manufactures—2d

Established February 10, 1864. Terminated January 2, 1947.

1864–1869: William Sprague (R-RI)
1869–1871: Oliver Morton (R-IN)
1871–1872: Hannibal Hamlin (R-ME)
1872–1877: Thomas J. Robertson (R-SC)
1877: Newton Booth (R-CA)
1877–1879: Edward Rollins (R-NH)
1879–1881: La Fayette Grover (D-OR)
1881–1883: Omar Conger (R-MI)
1883–1889: H.H. Riddleberger (RA/R-VA)
1889–1892: James McMillan (R-MI)
1892–1893: Anthony Higgins (R-DE)
1893–1895: Charles Gibson (D-MD)
1895–1897: George P. Wetmore (R-RI)
1897–1901: William E. Mason (R-IL)
1901–1903: Porter J. McCumber (R-ND)
1903–1913: Weldon Heyburn (R-ID)
1913–1918: James A. Reed (D-MO)
1918–1919: James K. Vardaman (D-MS)
1919–1924: Robert M. La Follette (R-WI)
1924–1926: William B. McKinley (R-IL)
1926–1927: O.E. Weller (R-MD)
1927–1929: George P. McLean (R-CT)
1929–1933: Robert M. LaFollette, Jr. (R-WI)
1933–1939: Robert J. Bulkley (D-OH)
1939–1947: John H. Overton (D-LA)

Military Affairs

Established December 10, 1816. Terminated January 2, 1947, when it was incorporated into the new Committee on **Armed Services**.

1816–1817: John Williams (R-TN)
1817–1818: George M. Troup (R-GA)
1818–1823: John Williams (R-TN)
1823–1825: Andrew Jackson (JR-TN)
1825–1828: William Henry Harrison (Adams-OH)
1828–1841: Thomas H. Benton (J/D-MO)
1841–1842: William Preston (W-SC)
1842–1845: John J. Crittenden (W-KY)
1845–1849: Thomas H. Benton (D-MO)
1849–1851: Jefferson Davis (D-MS)
1851–1855: James Shields (D-IL)
1855–1857: John Weller (D-CA)
1857–1861: Jefferson Davis (D-MS)
1861: Robert Ward Johnson (D-AR)

1861–1872: Henry Wilson (R-MA)
 1872–1877: John A. Logan (R-IL)
 1877–1879: George E. Spencer (R-AL)
 1879–1881: Theodore Randolph (D-NJ)
 1881–1886: John A. Logan (R-IL)
 1887–1893: Joseph R. Hawley (R-CT)
 1893–1894: Edward Walthall (D-MS)
 1894–1905: Joseph R. Hawley (R-CT)
 1905–1911: Francis E. Warren (R-WY)
 1911–1913: Henry A. du Pont (R-DE)
 1913: Joseph F. Johnston (D-AL)⁵¹
 1913–1919: George E. Chamberlain (D-OR)
 1919–1927: James W. Wadsworth, Jr. (R-NY)
 1927–1933: David Reed (R-PA)
 1933–1941: Morris Sheppard (D-TX)
 1942–1945: Robert R. Reynolds (D-NC)
 1945–1947: Elbert Thomas (D-UT)

Militia

Established December 10, 1816. Terminated December 16, 1857.

1816–1817: Joseph Varnum (R-MA)
 1817–1818: Clement Storer (R-NH)
 1818–1819: Benjamin Ruggles (R-OH)
 1819–1823: James Noble (R-IN)
 1823–1829: John Chandler (CRR/J-ME)
 1829–1832: Isaac Barnard (J-PA)
 1832–1836: John M. Robinson (J-IL)
 1836–1838: Garret Wall (J/D-NJ)
 1838–1841: Clement Clay (D-AL)
 1841–1842: Samuel Phelps (W-VT)
 1842–1845: Alexander Barrow (W-LA)
 1845–1847: David Atchison (D-MO)
 1847–1849: Thomas Rusk (D-TX)
 1849–1857: Sam Houston (D/Am-TX)

Mines and Mining

Established December 5, 1865. Terminated January 2, 1947.

1865–1869: John Conness (R-CA)
 1869–1871: William Stewart (R-NV)
 1871–1872: Benjamin Rice (R-AR)
 1872–1875: Hannibal Hamlin (R-ME)
 1875–1877: Aaron A. Sargent (R-CA)
 1877–1879: William Sharon (R-NV)
 1879–1881: Frank Hereford (D-WV)

⁵¹ Died August 8, 1913.

1881–1883: Nathaniel P. Hill (R-CO)
1883–1885: Thomas Bowen (R-CO)
1885–1887: Henry Teller (R-CO)
1887–1901: William M. Stewart (R/S-NV)
1901–1905: Nathan B. Scott (R-WV)
1905–1911: Charles Dick (R-OH)
1911–1912: William Lorimer (R-IL)
1912–1913: William A. Massey (R-NV)
1913–1918: Thomas J. Walsh (D-MT)
1918–1919: Charles B. Henderson (D-NV)
1919–1923: Miles Poindexter (R-WA)
1923–1932: Tasker L. Oddie (R-NV)
1932–1933: Roscoe C. Patterson (R-MO)
1933–1940: M.M. Logan (D-KY)
1940–1947: Joseph F. Guffey (D-PA)

Select Committee on the Levee System of the **Mississippi River**

Established June 3, 1870. Terminated March 3, 1879, and was replaced by the Committee on the Improvement of the **Mississippi River and Its Tributaries**.

1870–1873: William Kellogg (R-LA)
1873–1877: James Alcorn (R-MS)
1877–1879: Blanche Kelso Bruce (R-MS)

Improvement of the **Mississippi River and Its Tributaries**

Established March 19, 1879, when it replaced the Select Committee on the Levee System of the **Mississippi River**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1879–1880: L.C.Q. Lamar (D-MS)
1880–1881: Benjamin F. Jonas (D-LA)
1881–1882: John I. Mitchell (R-PA)
1882–1887: Charles H. Van Wyck (R-NE)
1887–1889: Algernon S. Paddock (R-NE)
1889–1893: William D. Washburn (R-MN)
1893–1894: William Bate (D-TN)
1894–1895: Newton Blanchard (D-LA)
1895–1908: Knute Nelson (R-MN)
1908–1911: William Warner (R-MO)
1911–1913: Jeff Davis (D-AR)
1913–1919: Albert Cummins (R-IA)
1919–1921: Joseph E. Ransdell (D-LA)

Naval Affairs

Established December 10, 1816. Terminated January 2, 1947, when it was incorporated into the new Committee on **Armed Services**.

1816–1818: Charles Tait (R-GA)
1818–1819: Nathan Sanford (R-NY)

1819–1823: James Pleasants (R-VA)
 1823–1825: James Lloyd (Adams-Clay F-MA)
 1825–1832: Robert Y. Hayne (J-SC)
 1832–1833: George M. Dallas (J-PA)
 1833–1836: Samuel Southard (AJ-NJ)
 1836–1839: William Rives (J/D-VA)
 1839–1841: Reuel Williams (D-ME)
 1841–1842: Willie P. Mangum (W-NC)
 1842–1845: Richard Bayard (W-DE)
 1845–1847: John Fairfield (D-ME)
 1847–1851: David Yulee (D-FL)
 1851–1855: William Gwin (D-CA)
 1855–1861: Stephen Mallory (D-FL)
 1861: John R. Thomson (D-NJ)
 1861–1864: John Hale (R-NH)
 1864–1870: James Grimes (R-IA)
 1870–1877: Aaron Cragin (R-NH)
 1877–1879: Aaron A. Sargent (R-CA)
 1879–1881: John R. McPherson (D-NJ)
 1881–1893: James Donald Cameron (R-PA)
 1893–1895: John R. McPherson (D-NJ)
 1895–1897: James Donald Cameron (R-PA)
 1897–1909: Eugene Hale (R-ME)
 1909–1913: George C. Perkins (R-CA)
 1913–1918: Benjamin Tillman (D-SC)
 1918–1919: Claude A. Swanson (D-VA)
 1919–1923: Carroll S. Page (R-VT)
 1923–1933: Frederick Hale (R-ME)
 1933–1937: Park Trammell (D-FL)
 1937–1947: David I. Walsh (D-MA)

Organization, Conduct, and Expenditures of the Executive Departments

Established December 15, 1889. Terminated December 17, 1907, when it was replaced by the Select Committee on **Expenditures in the Department of State**.

1889–1893: Frank Hiscock (R-NY)
 1893–1895: James Smith (D-NJ)
 1895–1899: Marion Butler (PO-NC)
 1899–1901: Louis E. McComas (R-MD)
 1901–1905: Matthew S. Quay (R-PA)
 1906–1907: Thomas H. Carter (R-MT)

Pacific Islands and Porto Rico ⁵²

Established December 15, 1899. Terminated February 5, 1920, when the name was changed to **Pacific Islands, Porto Rico, and the Virgin Islands**.

1899–1909: Joseph B. Foraker (R-OH)
1909–1911: Chauncy M. Depew (R-NY)
1911–1912: Harry A. Richardson (R-DE)
1912–1913: Miles Poindexter (R-WA)
1913–1918: John F. Shafroth (D-CO)
1918–1919: Willard Saulsbury, Jr. (D-DE)
1919–1920: Albert B. Fall (R-NM)

Pacific Islands, Porto Rico, and the Virgin Islands

Established February 5, 1920, when the name was changed from the Committee on the **Pacific Islands and Porto Rico**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1920–1921: Albert B. Fall (R-NM)

Pacific Railroad

Established December 22, 1863. Terminated March 12, 1873, when it was replaced by the Committee on **Railroads**.

1863–1871: Jacob Howard (R-MI)
1871–1873: William Stewart (R-NV)

Pacific Railroads

Established March 15, 1893. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1893–1895: Calvin S. Brice (D-OH)
1895–1900: John H. Gear (R-IA)
1901–1905: Jonathan Dolliver (R-IA)
1905–1907: Russell A. Alger (R-MI)
1907–1911: Elmer J. Burkett (R-NE)
1911–1913: Robert L. Owen (D-OK)
1913–1919: Frank B. Brandegee (R-CT)
1919–1921: Charles S. Thomas (D-CO)

Patents

Established September 7, 1837. Terminated January 2, 1947.

1837–1838: John Ruggles (D-ME)
1838–1840: Robert Strange (D-NC)
1840–1841: Daniel Sturgeon (D-PA)
1841–1842: Samuel Prentiss (W-VT)
1842–1843: John Leads Kerr (W-MD)

⁵² Spelled this way in *Congressional Directory*.

1843–1845: Samuel Phelps (W-VT)
1845–1846: Simon Cameron (D-PA)
1846–1847: Walter Colquitt (D-GA)
1847–1849: James D. Westcott (D-FL)
1849–1851: Hopkins Turney (D-TN)
1851–1852: Moses Norris, Jr. (D-NH)
1852–1857: Charles James (D-RI)
1857–1859: David S. Reid (D-NC)
1859–1861: William Bigler (D-PA)
1861–1862: James Simmons (R-RI)
1862–1866: Edgar Cowan (R-PA)
1866–1871: Waitman Willey (R-WV)
1871–1875: Orris S. Ferry (R/LR/R-CT)
1875–1877: Bainbridge Wadleigh (R-NH)
1877–1879: Newton Booth (R-CA)
1879–1881: Francis Kernan (D-NY)
1881–1887: Orville Platt (R-CT)
1887–1891: Henry M. Teller (R-CO)
1891–1893: Nathan F. Dixon (R-RI)
1893–1894: George Gray (D-DE)
1894–1895: Wilkinson Call (D-FL)
1895–1899: Orville H. Platt (R-CT)
1899–1903: Jeter Pritchard (R-NC)
1903–1907: Alfred Kittredge (R-SD)
1907–1909: Reed Smoot (R-UT)
1909–1913: Norris Brown (R-NE)
1913–1918: Ollie M. James (D-KY)
1918–1919: William F. Kirby (D-AR)
1919–1921: George Norris (R-NE)
1921–1923: Hiram W. Johnson (R-CA)
1923–1925: Richard P. Ernst (R-KY)
1925–1926: William M. Butler (R-MA)
1926: Richard P. Ernst (R-KY)
1926–1929: Jesse H. Metcalf (R-RI)
1929–1931: Charles W. Waterman (R-CO)
1931–1933: Felix Hebert (R-RI)
1933: Robert Wagner (D-NY)
1934–1938: William Gibbs McAdoo (D-CA)
1939–1944: Homer T. Bone (D-WA)
1944–1947: Claude Pepper (D-FL)

Pensions

First listed in 1816. Terminated January 2, 1947.

1816–1817: Jeremiah Howell (R-RI)
1817–1818: James Noble (R-IN)
1818–1819: Abner Lacock (R-PA)

1819–1820: Nicholas Van Dyke (F-DE)
1820–1829: James Noble (R/CRR/Adams-IN)
1829–1830: John Holmes (AJ-ME)
1830–1833: Samuel Foot (AJ-CT)
1833–1837: Gideon Tomlinson (AJ-CT)
1837–1839: Thomas Morris (D-OH)
1839–1841: Franklin Pierce (D-NH)
1841–1845: Isaac Bates (W-MA)
1845–1849: Henry Johnson (W-LA)
1849–1859: George W. Jones (D-IA)
1859–1861: John Thomas (R-ID)
1861: John R. Thomson (D-NJ)
1861–1865: Lafayette Foster (R-CT)
1865–1867: Henry S. Lane (R-IN)
1867–1869: Peter Van Winkle (R-WV)
1869–1872: George Edmunds (R-VT)
1872–1875: Daniel D. Pratt (R-IN)
1875–1879: John Ingalls (R-KS)
1879–1880: Robert Withers (D-VA)
1880–1881: Henry Blair (R-NH)
1881–1882: Henry Teller (R-CO)
1882–1887: John I. Mitchell (R-PA)
1887–1893: Cushman K. Davis (R-MN)
1893–1895: John M. Palmer (D-IL)
1895–1903: Jacob H. Gallinger (R-NH)
1903–1913: Porter J. McCumber (R-ND)
1913–1916: Benjamin Shively (D-IN)
1916–1917: Charles F. Johnson (D-ME)
1917–1918: William Hughes (D-NJ)
1918–1919: Thomas J. Walsh (D-MT)
1919–1922: Porter J. McCumber (R-ND)
1922–1925: Holm O. Bursum (R-NM)
1925–1927: Peter Norbeck (R-SD)
1927–1933: Arthur R. Robinson (R-IN)
1933–1939: George McGill (D-KS)
1939–1941: Sherman Minton (D-IN)
1941–1942: H. H. Schwartz (D-WY)
1943–1945: Theodore G. Bilbo (D-MS)
1945–1947: James M. Tunnell (D-DE)

Philippines

Established December 15, 1899. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1899–1911: Henry Cabot Lodge (R-MA)
1911–1913: Simon Guggenheim (R-CO)
1913–1918: Gilbert M. Hitchcock (D-NE)
1918–1919: John F. Shafroth (D-CO)

1919–1921: Warren Harding (R-OH)

Post Office and Civil Service

Established January 2, 1947, when it replaced the Committee on **Post Offices and Post Roads**, and the Committee on **Civil Service**. Terminated February 11, 1977, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Governmental Affairs**.

1947–1949: William Langer (R-ND)
1949–1953: Olin D. Johnston (D-SC)
1953–1955: Frank Carlson (R-KS)
1955–1965: Olin D. Johnston (D-SC)
1965–1969: A.S. Mike Monroney (D-OK)
1969–1977: Gale W. McGee (D-WY)

Post Offices and Post Roads

Established December 10, 1816. Terminated January 2, 1947, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Post Office and Civil Service**.

1816–1818: James J. Wilson (R-NJ)
1818–1823: Montfort Stokes (R-NC)
1823–1825: James Lanman (R-CT)
1825–1829: Richard M. Johnson (J-KY)
1829–1830: George M. Bibb (J-KY)
1830–1836: Felix Grundy (J-TN)
1836–1841: John M. Robinson (D-IL)
1841–1845: William Merrick (W-MD)
1845–1849: John Niles (D-CT)
1849–1857: Thomas Rusk (D-TX)
1857–1861: David Yulee (D-FL)
1861: William Gwin (D-MS)
1861–1865: Jacob Collamer (R-VT)
1865–1866: James Dixon (R-CT)
1866–1875: Alexander Ramsey (R-MN)
1875–1877: Hannibal Hamlin (R-ME)
1877–1879: Thomas Ferry (R-MI)
1879–1881: Samuel B. Maxey (D-TX)
1883–1885: Nathaniel P. Hill (R-CO)
1885–1887: Omar Conger (R-MI)
1887–1893: Philetus Sawyer (R-WI)
1893–1894: Alfred Colquitt (D-GA)
1894–1895: William Vilas (D-WI)
1895–1901: Edward O. Wolcott (R-CO)
1901–1903: William E. Mason (R-IL)
1903–1911: Boies Penrose (R-PA)
1911–1913: Jonathan Bourne, Jr. (R-OR)
1913–1919: John H. Bankhead (D-AL)
1919–1923: Charles E. Townsend (R-MI)

1923–1925: Thomas Sterling (R-SD)
1925–1929: George H. Moses (R-NH)
1929–1931: Lawrence C. Phipps (R-CO)
1931–1933: Tasker L. Oddie (R-NV)
1933–1947: Kenneth McKellar (D-TN)

Printing

Established December 15, 1841. Terminated January 2, 1947, when it became a joint committee. [The *Congressional Directory* lists **Printing** as a joint committee from 1861–1883 but as a Senate committee both before and after that period.]

(Committee on Printing)

1841–1842: Willie Mangum (W-NC)
1842–1843: [committee not listed in the *Congressional Directory*]
1843–1845: James Simmons (W-RI)
1845–1847: Charles Atherton (D-NH)
1847–1849: Simon Cameron (D-PA)
1849–1851: Solon Borland (D-AR)
1851–1852: Hannibal Hamlin (D-ME)
1852–1853: Solon Borland (D-AR)
1853–1855: Benjamin Fitzpatrick (D-AL)
1855–1858: Robert Johnson (D-AR)
1858–1861: Graham Fitch (D-IN)

(Joint Committee on Printing)

1861–1879: Henry Anthony (R-RI)
1879–1881: William Pinkney Whyte (D-MD)
1881–1884: Henry Anthony (R-RI)

(Committee on Printing)

1884–1893: Charles F. Manderson (R-NE)
1893–1895: Arthur P. Gorman (D-MD)
1895–1897: Eugene Hale (R-ME)
1897–1899: Henry Cabot Lodge (R-MA)
1899–1909: Thomas C. Platt (R-NY)
1909–1912: Reed Smoot (R-UT)
1912–1913: Harry Richardson (R-DE)
1913–1916: Duncan U. Fletcher (D-FL)
1916–1917: William E. Chilton (D-WV)
1917–1919: Marcus Smith (D-AZ)
1919–1925: George H. Moses (R-NH)
1925–1927: George Wharton Pepper (R-PA)
1927–1928: Hiram Bingham (R-CT)
1928–1933: Henrik Shipstead (FL-MN)
1933–1947: Carl Hayden (D-AZ)

Private Land Claims

Established December 26, 1826. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1826–1829: William Smith (J-SC)
1829–1830: Jacob Burnet (AJ-OH)
1830–1832: Elias Kane (J-IL)
1832–1833: George Poindexter (AJ-MS)
1833–1834: Elias Kane (J-IL)
1834–1836: John Black (AJ-MS)
1836–1841: Lewis Linn (J/D-MO)
1841–1845: John Henderson (W-MS)
1845–1847: David Yulee (D-FL)
1847–1853: Solomon Downs (D-LA)
1853–1855: John Pettit (D-IN)
1855–1861: Judah Benjamin (OP/D-LA)
1861–1867: Ira Harris (R-NY)
1867–1871: George Williams (R-OR)
1871–1872: Garrett Davis (D-KY)
1872–1879: Allen G. Thurman (D-OH)
1879–1881: George F. Edmunds (R-VT)
1881–1885: Thomas F. Bayard (D-DE)
1885–1893: Matt Ransom (D-NC)
1893–1895: Eugene Hale (R-ME)
1895–1897: Isham G. Harris (D-TN)
1897–1898: James K. Jones (D-AR)
1898–1899: Arthur P. Gorman (D-MD)
1899–1909: Henry M. Teller (SR/D-CO)
1909–1910: John W. Daniel (D-VA)
1910–1913: Augustus Bacon (D-GA)
1913–1918: Henry Cabot Lodge (R-MA)
1918–1919: Knute Nelson (R-MN)
1919–1921: Charles A. Culberson (D-TX)

Privileges and Elections

Established March 10, 1871. Terminated January 2, 1947, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Rules and Administration**.

1871–1872: William Stewart (R-NV)
1872–1877: Oliver P. Morton (R-IN)
1877–1879: Bainbridge Wadleigh (R-NH)
1879–1881: Eli Saulsbury (D-DE)
1881–1891: George Hoar (R-MA)
1891–1894: Zebulon Vance (D-NC)
1894–1895: George Gray (D-DE)
1895–1897: John H. Mitchell (R-OR)
1897: George F. Hoar (R-MA)
1898–1901: William Chandler (R-NH)

1901–1911: Julius Burrows (R-MI)
1911–1913: William P. Dillingham (R-VT)
1913–1917: John W. Kern (D-IN)
1917–1919: Atlee Pomerene (D-OH)
1919–1923: William P. Dillingham (R-VT)
1923–1925: Selden P. Spencer (R-MO)
1925–1927: Richard P. Ernst (R-KY)
1927–1933: Samuel Shortridge (R-CA)
1933–1941: Walter F. George (D-GA)
1941–1947: Theodore Francis Green (D-RI)

Public Buildings and Grounds

First listed in 1838. From 1838 to 1855, the committee is listed in the *Congressional Directory* as the Committee on **Public Buildings**. From 1856 to 1883, it is listed as a joint committee]. Terminated January 2, 1947, when its functions were transferred to the Committee on **Public Works**.

(Committee on Public Buildings)

1838–1841: William S. Fulton (D-AR)
1841–1842: John Leeds Kerr (W-MD)
1842–1845: William Dayton (W-NJ)
1845–1846: Simon Cameron (D-PA)
1846–1847: Jesse Bright (D-IN)
1847–1851: Robert M.T. Hunter (D-VA)
1851–1852: James Whitcomb (D-IN)
1852–1853: Charles James (D-RI)
1853–1857: James Bayard (D-DE)

(Joint Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds)

1857–1861: Jesse Bright (D-IN)
1861–1866: Solomon Foot (R-VT)
1866–1867: B. Gratz Brown (R-MO)
1867–1869: William Pitt Fessenden (R-ME)
1869–1878: Justin S. Morrill (R-VT)
1878–1879: Henry Dawes (R-MA)
1879–1881: Charles W. Jones (D-FL)
1881–1883: Edward H. Rollins (R-NH)

(Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds)

1883–1887: William Mahone (RA/R-VA)
1887–1893: Leland Stanford (R-CA)
1893–1895: George Vest (D-MO)
1895–1899: Matthew S. Quay (R-PA)
1899–1905: Charles W. Fairbanks (R-IN)

1905–1911: Nathan Scott (R-WV)
1911–1913: George Sutherland (R-UT)
1913–1918: Claude A. Swanson (D-VA)
1918–1919: James A. Reed (D-MO)
1919–1926: Bert M. Fernald (R-ME)
1926–1927: Irvine L. Lenroot (R-WI)
1927–1933: Henry W. Keyes (R-NH)
1933–1942: Tom Connally (D-TX)
1942–1945: Francis Maloney (D-CT)
1945–1946: Charles O. Andrews (D-FL)⁵³

Public Health and National Quarantine

Established March 19, 1896, when the name was changed from the Committee on **Epidemic Diseases**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1896–1903: George G. Vest (D-MO)
1903–1907: John T. Morgan (D-AL)
1908–1909: John W. Daniel (D-VA)
1909–1911: Thomas S. Martin (D-VA)
1911–1913: Charles A. Culberson (D-TX)
1913–1919: Joseph E. Ransdell (D-LA)
1919–1921: Joseph I. France (R-MD)

Public Lands—1st

Established December 10, 1816. Terminated April 18, 1921, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Public Lands and Surveys**.

1816–1819: Jeremiah Morrow (R-OH)
1819–1820: Thomas Williams (R-MS)
1820–1823: Jesse Thomas (R-IL)
1823–1831: David Barton (Adams-Clay R/Adams/AJ-MO)
1831–1832: William R. King (J-AL)
1832–1833: Elias Kane (J-IL)
1833–1835: George Poindexter (AJ-MS)
1835–1836: Thomas Ewing (AJ-OH)
1836–1841: Robert Walker (D-MS)
1841–1843: Oliver Smith (W-IN)
1843–1845: William Woodbridge (W-MI)
1845–1849: Sidney Breese (D-IL)
1849–1853: Alpheus Felch (D-MI)
1853: Solon Borland (D-AR)⁵⁴
1853–1855: Augustus Dodge (D-IA)
1855–1859: Charles Stuart (D-MI)
1859–1861: Robert W. Johnson (D-AR)

⁵³ Died September 11, 1946.

⁵⁴ Resigned from Senate, April 3, 1853.

1861–1865: James Harlan (R-IA)
1865–1873: Samuel Pomeroy (R-KS)
1873–1875: William Sprague (R-RI)
1875–1879: Richard Oglesby (R-IL)
1879–1881: Joseph McDonald (D-IN)
1881–1891: Preston Plumb (R-KS)
1891–1893: Joseph N. Dolph (R-OR)
1893–1895: James H. Berry (D-AR)
1895–1897: Fred T. Dubois (R-ID)
1897–1908: Henry C. Hansbrough (R-ND)
1908–1912: Knute Nelson (R-MN)
1912–1913: Reed Smoot (R-UT)
1913–1915: George E. Chamberlain (D-OR)
1915–1919: Henry L. Myers (D-MT)
1919–1921: Reed Smoot (R-UT)

Public Lands—2d

Established January 2, 1947, when the name was changed from the Committee on **Public Lands and Surveys**. Terminated January 28, 1948, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Interior and Insular Affairs**.

1947–1948: Hugh Butler (R-NE)

Public Lands and Surveys

Established April 18, 1921, when the name was changed from the Committee on **Public Lands—1st**. Terminated January 2, 1947, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Public Lands—2d**.

1921–1923: Reed Smoot (R-UT)
1923–1924: Irvine L. Lenroot (R-WI)
1924: Edwin F. Ladd (R-ND)⁵⁵
1924–1927: Robert Nelson Stanfield (R-OR)
1927–1933: Gerald P. Nye (R-ND)
1933: John B. Kendrick (D-WY)⁵⁶
1933–1937: Robert Wagner (D-NY)
1937–1941: Alva B. Adams (D-CO)⁵⁷
1941–1947: Carl A. Hatch (D-NM)

Public Works

Established January 2, 1947. Terminated February 11, 1977, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Environment and Public Works**.

1947–1949: Chapman Revercomb (R-WV)
1949–1953: Dennis Chavez (D-NM)

⁵⁵ Died June 22, 1924.

⁵⁶ Died November 3, 1933.

⁵⁷ Died December 1, 1941.

1953–1955: Edward Martin (R-PA)
1955–1962: Dennis Chavez (D-NM)
1963–1966: Patrick V. McNamara (D-MI)
1966–1977: Jennings Randolph (D-WV)

Railroads

Established March 12, 1873, when it replaced the Committee on the **Pacific Railroad** [*not the Committee on Pacific Railroads*]. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1873–1875: William Stewart (R-NV)
1875–1877: J. Rodman West (R-LA)
1877–1879: John H. Mitchell (R-OR)
1879–1880: Matt Ransom (D-NC)
1880–1881: L.Q.C. Lamar (D-MS)
1881–1883: William Pitt Kellogg (R-LA)
1883–1887: Philetus Sawyer (R-WI)
1887–1889: Dwight Sabin (R-MN)
1889–1891: John H. Mitchell (R-OR)
1891–1893: Lyman R. Casey (R-ND)
1893–1894: Johnson Camden (D-WV)
1894–1895: John Martin (D-KS)
1895–1905: Clarence D. Clark (R-WY)
1905–1907: J. Frank Allee (R-DE)
1907–1911: Morgan Bulkeley (R-CT)
1911–1913: Thomas P. Gore (D-OK)
1913–1915: George C. Perkins (R-CA)
1915–1917: James D. Phelan (D-CA)
1917–1919: Peter G. Gerry (D-RI)
1919–1921: Irvine L. Lenroot (R-WI)

Retrenchment

Established December 9, 1844. Last listed in 1857.

1843–1845: James T. Morehead (W-KY)
1845–1846: Dixon Lewis (D-AL)
1847–1849: Hopkins Turney (D-TN)
1849–1853: James Bradbury (D-ME)
1853–1857: Stephen Adams (D-MS)

Revision of the Laws

Established March 8, 1869. Terminated January 14, 1928. [This committee is not listed in the *Congressional Directory* in 1920 or after 1925.]

1868–1875: Roscoe Conkling (R-NY)
1875–1877: George Boutwell (R-MA)
1877–1879: Isaac Christiancy (R-MI)
1879–1881: William Wallace (D-PA)

1881–1883: John F. Miller (R-CA)
1883–1885: Omar Conger (R-MI)
1885–1893: James F. Wilson (R-IA)
1893–1895: John W. Daniel (D-VA)
1895–1901: Julius C. Burrows (R-MI)
1901–1909: Chauncy M. Depew (R-NY)
1909–1912: Weldon B. Heyburn (R-ID)
1913–1915: Joseph T. Robinson (D-AR)
1916–1917: Paul O. Husting (D-WI)
1918: [vacant]
1919: Joseph T. Robinson (D-AR)
1920: [not listed in *Congressional Directory*]
1921: James E. Watson (R-IN)
1921–1925: Richard P. Ernst (R-KY)

Revolutionary Claims

Established December 18, 1832. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1832–1836: Gabriel Moore (J/AJ-AL)
1836–1839: Bedford Brown (D-NC)
1839–1841: Perry Smith (D-CT)
1841–1842: Nathan F. Dixon (W-RI)
1842–1843: Samuel Phelps (W-VT)
1843–1845: Spencer Jarnagin (W-TN)
1845–1846: Thomas Clayton (W-DE)
1846–1847: James Semple (D-IL)
1847–1849: Jesse Bright (D-IN)
1849–1852: Isaac P. Walker (D-WI)
1852–1853: Richard Brodhead (D-PA)
1853–1855: Isaac P. Walker (D-WI)
1855–1858: Josiah Evans (D-SC)
1858–1859: James Shields (D-MN)
1859–1861: John Crittenden (Am-KY)
1861: Alfred O.P. Nicholson (D-TN)
1861–1863: Preston King (R-NY)
1863–1865: Morton Wilkinson (R-MN)
1865–1866: Alexander Ramsey (R-MN)
1866–1867: Richard Yates (R-IL)
1867–1869: James Nye (R-NV)
1869–1871: Richard Yates (R-IL)
1871–1873: John Pool (R-NC)
1873–1875: William Brownlow (R-TN)
1875–1877: John Stevenson (D-KY)
1877–1879: John W. Johnston (D-VA)
1879–1881: Henry Anthony (R-RI)
1881–1883: John W. Johnston (D-VA)
1883–1887: Charles Jones (D-FL)

1887–1893: Richard Coke (D-TX)
1893–1895: James Donald Cameron (R-PA)
1895–1896: James L. Pugh (D-AL)
1897: Augustus O. Bacon (D-GA)
1897–1898: Edward C. Walthall (D-MS)
1898–1899: George Gray (D-DE)
1899–1901: William Lindsay (D-KY)
1901–1905: Benjamin Tillman (D-SC)
1905–1908: Alexander S. Clay (D-GA)
1908–1909: James P. Taliaferro (D-FL)
1909–1911: Joseph W. Bailey (D-TX)
1911–1912: William J. Stone (D-MO)
1912–1913: Francis G. Newlands (D-NV)
1913–1914: William O. Bradley (R-KY)
1914–1915: Frank S. White (D-AL)
1915–1919: Edwin S. Johnson (D-SD)
1919–1921: Morris Sheppard (D-TX)

Select Committee on **Roads and Canals**

First listed in 1820. Terminated January 18, 1830, when it became a standing committee.

1820–1821: Rufus King (F-NY)
1821–1823: Richard M. Johnson (R-KY)
1823: James Brown (Adams-Clay R-LA)
1824–1825: Ethan Allen Brown (Adams-Clay R-OH)
1825–1830: William Hendricks (Adams-IN)

Roads and Canals

Established January 18, 1830. Terminated March 3, 1857.

1830–1837: William Hendricks (AJ-IN)
1837–1839: John Tipton (D-IN)
1839–1841: Richard Young (D-IL)
1841–1845: Augustus Porter (W-MI)
1845–1849: Edward Hannegan (D-IN)
1849–1854: Jesse Bright (D-IN)
1854–1857: John Slidell (D-LA)

Select Committee to Revise the **Rules** of the Senate

Established December 3, 1867. Terminated June 23, 1874, when it became a standing committee.

1867–1871: Henry B. Anthony (R-RI)
1871–1873: Samuel Pomeroy (R-KS)
1873–1874: Thomas Ferry (R-MI)

Rules

Established December 9, 1874, having been preceded by the Select Committee to Revise the

Rules of the Senate. Terminated January 2, 1947, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Rules and Administration**.

1874–1877: Thomas Ferry (R-MI)
1877–1879: James Blaine (R-ME)
1879–1881: J.T. Morgan (D-AL)
1881–1887: William Frye (R-ME)
1887–1893: Nelson Aldrich (R-RI)
1893–1895: Joseph C.S. Blackburn (D-KY)
1895–1899: Nelson Aldrich (R-RI)
1899–1907: John C. Spooner (R-WI)
1907–1909: Philander C. Knox (R-PA)
1909–1913: W. Murray Crane (R-MA)
1913–1919: Lee S. Overman (D-NC)
1919–1921: Philander C. Knox (R-PA)
1921–1929: Charles Curtis (R-KS)
1929–1933: George H. Moses (R-NH)
1933–1936: Royal S. Copeland (D-NY)
1936–1941: Matthew M. Neely (D-WV)
1941–1947: Harry Flood Byrd (D-VA)

Rules and Administration

Established January 2, 1947, when the name was changed from the Committee on **Rules**.

1947–1949: C. Wayland Brooks (R-IL)
1949–1953: Carl Hayden (D-AZ)
1953–1955: William E. Jenner (R-IN)
1955–1957: Theodore Francis Green (D-RI)
1957–1960: Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D-MO)
1960–1963: Mike Mansfield (D-MT)
1963–1973: B. Everett Jordan (D-NC)
1973–1978: Howard W. Cannon (D-NV)
1978–1981: Claiborne Pell (D-RI)
1981–1987: Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-MD)
1987–1995: Wendell H. Ford (D-KY)
1995: Ted Stevens (R-AK)⁵⁸
1995–1999: John W. Warner (R-VA)⁵⁹
1999–2001: Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
2001: Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT)⁶⁰
2001: Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

⁵⁸Term as chair ended September 12, 1995, when he became chair of Governmental Affairs.

⁵⁹Term as chair began September 12, 1995.

⁶⁰At the beginning of the 107th Congress in January 2001 the Senate was evenly divided. With a Democratic president and vice president still serving until January 20, the Democratic vice president was available to break a tie, and the Democrats thus controlled the Senate for 17 days, from January 3 to January 20. On January 3 the Senate adopted S. Res. 7 designating Democratic senators as committee chairmen to serve during this period and Republican chairmen to serve effective at noon on January 20, 2001.

2001–2003: Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT)⁶¹
2003–2007: Lott, Trent (R-MS)
2007–2009: Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
2009–2015: Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
2015–2017: Roy Blunt (R-MO)
2017–2018: Richard Shelby (R-AL)
2018–2021: Roy Blunt (R-MO)
2021–2025: Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
2025– : Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

Select Committee on **Small Business**

Established February 20, 1950, having been preceded by the Special Committee to Study Problems of American **Small Business** (see Table 5-4). Terminated March 25, 1981, when it became a standing committee.

1951–1953: John J. Sparkman (D-AL)
1953–1955: Edward Thye (R-MN)
1955–1967: John J. Sparkman (D-AL)
1967–1969: George A. Smathers (D-FL)
1969–1974: Alan Bible (D-NV)
1975–1981: Gaylord Nelson (D-WI)

Small Business

Established March 25, 1981, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Small Business**.

1981–1987: Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. (R-CT)
1987–1995: Dale Bumpers (D-AR)
1995–2001: Christopher S. Bond (R-MO)
2001: John F. Kerry (D-MA)⁶²
2001: Christopher S. Bond (R-MO)

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

On June 29, 2001, the Senate adopted S. Res. 123 changing the name of the committee from Small Business to Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

2001–2003: John F. Kerry (D-MA)⁶³
2003–2007: Olympia Snowe (R-ME)
2007–2009: John Kerry (D-MA)
2009–2014: Mary Landrieu (D-LA)

⁶¹ On June 6, 2001, the Democrats took control of the Senate after Senator James Jeffords (VT) changed from the Republican Party to Independent and announced that he would caucus with the Democrats.

⁶² At the beginning of the 107th Congress in January 2001 the Senate was evenly divided. With a Democratic president and vice president still serving until January 20, the Democratic vice president was available to break a tie, and the Democrats thus controlled the Senate for 17 days, from January 3 to January 20. On January 3 the Senate adopted S. Res. 7 designating Democratic senators as committee chairmen to serve during this period and Republican chairmen to serve effective at noon on January 20, 2001.

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2014–2015: Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
2015–2017: David Vitter (R-LA)
2017–2019: Jim Risch (R-ID)
2019–2021: Marco Rubio (R-FL)
2021–2023: Ben Cardin (D-MD)
2023–2025: Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
2025– : Joni Ernst (R-IA)

Select Committee on **Standards, Weights, and Measures**

Established December 18, 1901. Terminated March 22, 1909, when it was made a standing committee.

1901–1903: Alfred B. Kittredge (R-SD)
1903–1908: Reed Smoot (R-UT)
1908–1909: William E. Borah (R-ID)

Standards, Weights, and Measures

Established March 22, 1909, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Standards, Weights, and Measures**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1909–1911: Carroll S. Page (R-VT)
1911–1913: John H. Bankhead (D-AL)
1913–1917: Moses E. Clapp (R-MN)
1917–1919: William S. Kenyon (R-IA)
1919–1921: James A. Reed (D-MO)

Territories

Established March 25, 1844. Terminated April 18, 1921, when the name was changed to the Committee on **Territories and Insular Affairs**.

1844–1845: Arthur Bagby (D-AL)
1845–1847: James D. Westcott (D-FL)
1847–1858: Stephen A. Douglas (D-IL)
1858–1861: James Green (D-MO)
1861–1867: Benjamin Wade (R-OH)
1867–1869: Richard Yates (R-IL)
1869–1873: James Nye (R-NV)
1873–1875: Arthur Boreman (R-WV)
1875–1877: Phineas W. Hitchcock (R-NE)
1877–1879: John J. Patterson (R-SC)
1879–1881: A.H. Garland (D-AR)
1881–1883: Alvin Saunders (R-NE)
1883–1887: Benjamin Harrison (R-IN)
1887–1893: Orville Platt (R-CT)
1893–1895: Charles Faulkner (D-WV)
1895–1897: Cushman K. Davis (R-MN)
1897–1901: George L. Shoup (R-ID)

1901–1911: Albert J. Beveridge (R-IN)
1911–1913: William Alden Smith (R-MI)
1913–1919: Key Pittman (D-NV)
1919–1921: Harry S. New (R-IN)

Territories and Insular Affairs

Established April 18, 1921, when the name was changed from the Committee on **Territories**.
Terminated January 2, 1947.

1921–1923: Harry S. New (R-IN)
1923–1924: Hiram W. Johnson (R-CA)
1924–1928: Frank B. Willis (R-OH)
1928–1933: Hiram Bingham (R-CT)
1933–1947: Millard E. Tydings (D-MD)

Select Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard

Established December 16, 1872. Terminated March 19, 1879, when it was made a standing committee.

1872–1876: William Windom (R-MN)
1876–1877: John H. Mitchell (R-OR)
1877–1879: Angus Cameron (R-WI)

Transportation Routes to the Seaboard

Established March 18, 1879, having been preceded by the Select Committee on **Transportation Routes to the Seaboard**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1879–1881: James Beck (D-KY)
1881–1883: Benjamin Harrison (R-IN)
1883–1887: Nelson Aldrich (R-RI)
1887–1889: John H. Mitchell (R-OR)
1889–1891: Matthew S. Quay (R-PA)
1891–1893: Jacob H. Gallinger (R-NH)
1893–1895: John L.M. Irby (D-SC)
1895–1897: George McBride (R-OR)
1897–1899: Thomas C. Platt (R-NY)
1899–1901: Joseph V. Quarles (R-WI)
1901–1903: William P. Dillingham (R-VT)
1903–1909: Robert J. Gamble (R-SD)
1909–1911: George T. Oliver (R-PA)
1911–1913: Ellison D. Smith (D-SC)
1913–1919: Porter J. McCumber (R-ND)
1919–1921: Duncan U. Fletcher (D-FL)

Select Committee to Establish the University of the United States

Established June 2, 1890. Terminated March 19, 1896, when it was made a standing committee.

1890–1891: George F. Edmunds (R-VT)
1891–1893: Redfield Proctor (R-VT)
1893–1895: Eppa Hunton (D-VA)
1895–1897: James Kyle (PO-SD)

University of the United States

Established March 19, 1896, having been preceded by the Select Committee to Establish the **University of the United States**. Terminated April 18, 1921.

1897–1901: George L. Wellington (R-MD)
1901–1903: William J. Deboe (R-KY)
1903–1905: Chester I. Long (R-KS)
1905–1909: James A. Hemenway (R-IN)
1909–1911: Simon Guggenheim (R-CO)
1911–1913: Joseph F. Johnston (D-AL)
1913–1919: William P. Dillingham (R-VT)
1919–1921: John Sharp Williams (D-MS)

Veterans' Affairs

Established October 26, 1970.

1971–1977: Vance Hartke (D-IN)
1977–1981: Alan Cranston (D-CA)
1981–1985: Alan Simpson (R-WY)
1985–1987: Frank Murkowski (R-AK)
1987–1993: Alan Cranston (D-CA)
1993–1995: John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV)
1995–1997: Alan K. Simpson (R-WY)
1997–2001: Arlen Specter (R-PA)
2001: John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV)⁶⁴
2001: Arlen Specter (R-PA)
2001–2003: John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV)⁶⁵
2003–2005: Arlen Specter (R-PA)
2005–2007: Larry Craig (R-ID)
2007–2011: Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI)
2011–2013: Patty Murray (D-WA)
2013–2015: Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
2015–2019: Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
2020–2021: Jerry Moran (R-KS)
2021–2025: Jon Tester (D-MT)

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2025– : Jerry Moran (R-KS)

Sources: Committee names and most chairmen: U.S., Congress, *Congressional Directory*, 1816–1997; *Congressional Record* for 1999; chairmen prior to 1816: U.S., Congress, *Annals of Congress*; dates of establishment and termination: Walter Stubbs, *Congressional Committees, 1789–1982: A Checklist* (Westport, CT, 1985); see also Garrison Nelson, David Canon, and Charles Stewart III, *Committees in the U.S. Congress, 1789–1946*, CQ Press, 2002; Garrison Nelson with Clark H. Bensen and Mary T. Mitchell, *Committees in the U.S. Congress, 1947–1992*, CQ Press, 1993, 1994; Garrison Nelson and Charles Stewart III, *Committees in the U.S. Congress 1993–2010*, CQ Press, 2011. Chairman lists for some committees have been corrected based on lists of chairmen in the histories published by those committees. Any discrepancies between sources are noted at the relevant committees.

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