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Allen J. Ellender, a Democrat from Louisiana, became chairman of the committee on January 28, 1971, and served until he died on July 27, 1972. He was a committee member for 23 years, from 1949 to 1972.

Born on September 24, 1890, in Montegut, Terrebonne Parish, LA, Ellender attended public and private schools, graduated from St. Aloysius College, New Orleans, in 1909 and from the law department of Tulane University in 1913, then practiced law in Houma, LA. After a dozen years in the State house of representatives, Ellender in 1936 won election to the U.S. Senate and served there for 35 years until his death. Before chairing the Appropriations Committee, Ellender served as chairman of the Committee on Claims and the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. He also served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the 92d Congress.

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