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John L. McClellan, a Democrat from Arkansas, who had been on the committee for 28 years, became chairman on August 2, 1972, and served until he died on November 28, 1977.

Born in Sheridan, Grant County, AR, on February 25, 1896, McClellan studied law and gained admission to the bar in 1913 at the age of 17. He then practiced law, served in the U.S. Army during World War I, and became prosecuting attorney of the seventh judicial district of Arkansas from 1927–30. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1934, he served until 1939, then resumed the practice of law until winning election to the Senate in 1942. He remained there for 34 years until his death. McClellan chaired the Senate Government Operations Committee for 18 years before becoming Appropriations chairman.

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