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A Democrat from Georgia, Richard B. Russell was elected chairman of the committee on January 14, 1969, and served in the post until he died on January 21, 1971. He was a member of the Appropriations Committee for all of his 38 years in the Senate.

Born in Winder, Barrow County, GA, on November 2, 1897, Russell attended the public schools of Georgia and graduated from the Seventh District Agricultural and Mechanical School, Powder Springs, GA, in 1914; from Gordon Institute, Barnesville, GA, in 1915; and from the law department of the University of Georgia at Athens in 1918. Russell then practiced law, served for 10 years in the State house of representatives, and won election as Governor. On January 12, 1933, he was elected to the U.S. Senate to fill a vacancy and served until his death. During the 91st and 92d Congresses, he served as President pro tempore of the Senate. Russell chaired the Senate Armed Services Committee for 16 years from 1951 to 1969, except for the period 1953–55. He gave up that position to take the Appropriations chairmanship.

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