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William Windom, a Republican of Minnesota, who served on the committee for the decade from 1871 to 1881, became chairman on December 6, 1876, and occupied the position until March 4, 1879.

Born in Belmont County, OH, in 1827, Windom was educated there. As a young lawyer, he moved to Winona, MN, in 1855. Four years later, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served until 1869, when he was appointed to fill a Senate vacancy. Elected to the Senate in 1871, he served until March 4, 1881, then resigned to become Secretary of the Treasury under President James A. Garfield. After Garfield's death later that year, he again ran successfully for the Senate to fill the vacancy caused by his own resignation and served out his term until 1883, when he failed to be reelected. He then moved to New York City. In 1889, President Benjamin Harrison appointed Windom Secretary of the Treasury, and he remained in that post until his death in 1891.

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