

# *Black-American Chairs of Subcommittees of Standing Committees in the U.S. House and Senate, 1885–2007*

CONGRESS	MEMBER	COMMITTEE	SUBCOMMITTEE	
110th (2007–2009)	Corrine Brown (D-FL)	Transportation and Infrastructure	Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials	
	Donna Christensen (D-VI) <sup>a</sup>	Natural Resources	Insular Affairs	
	Elijah Eugene Cummings (D-MD)	Transportation and Infrastructure	Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation	
	William Lacy Clay, Jr. (D-MO)	Oversight and Government Reform	Information Policy, Census, and National Archives	
	Danny K. Davis (D-IL)	Oversight and Government Reform	Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia	
	Alcee Lamar Hastings (D-FL)	Rules	Legislative and Budget Process	
	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)	Homeland Security	Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection	
	Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)	Transportation and Infrastructure	Water Resources and Environment	
	John R. Lewis (D-GA)	Ways and Means	Oversight	
	Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	Transportation and Infrastructure	Economic Development, Public Bldgs & Emergency Management	
	Barack Obama (D-IL) <sup>b</sup>	Foreign Relations	European Affairs	
	Donald Milford Payne (D-NJ)	Foreign Affairs	Africa and Global Health	
	Bobby L. Rush (D-IL)	Energy and Commerce	Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection	
	Robert Cortez Scott (D-VA)	Judiciary	Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security	
	Edolphus Towns (D-NY)	Oversight and Government Reform	Government Management, Organization, and Procurement	
	Maxine Waters (D-CA)	Financial Services	Housing and Community Opportunity	
	Melvin L. Watt (D-NC)	Financial Services	Oversight and Investigations	
	Albert Russell Wynn (D-MD)	Energy and Commerce	Environment and Hazardous Materials	
	104th–109th (1995–2007)	No black Members chaired subcommittees	N/A	N/A
	103rd (1993–1995)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	House Administration	Libraries and Memorials
William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)		Post Office and Civil Service	Oversight and Investigations	
Barbara-Rose Collins (D-MI)		Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Operations and Services	
Cardiss Collins (D-IL)		Energy and Commerce	Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness	
John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)		Government Operations	Legislation and National Security	
Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)		Armed Services	Military Acquisition	
Julian Carey Dixon (D-CA)		Appropriations	District of Columbia	
Floyd Harold Flake (D-NY)		Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs	General Oversight, Investigations, and the Resolution of Failed Financial Institutions	
Harold Eugene Ford, Jr. (D-TN)		Ways and Means	Human Resources	
Kweisi Mfume (D-MD)		Small Business	Minority Enterprise, Finance and Urban Development	
Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>		District of Columbia	Judiciary and Education	
Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>		Post Office and Civil Service	Compensation and Employee Benefits	
Major Robert Odell Owens (D-NY)		Education and Labor	Select Education and Civil Rights	
Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)		Ways and Means	Select Revenue Measures	

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103rd (1993–1995) <i>Continued</i>	Louis Stokes (D-OH)	Appropriations	Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies	
	Edolphus Towns (D-NY)	Government Operations	Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations	
	Alan Dupree Wheat (D-MO)	District of Columbia	Government Operations and Metropolitan Affairs	
102nd (1991–1993)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	House Administration	Libraries and Memorials	
	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Post Office and Civil Service	Investigations	
	Cardiss Collins (D-IL)	Energy and Commerce	Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness	
	John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)	Government Operations	Legislation and National Security	
	Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)	Armed Services	Research and Development	
	Julian Carey Dixon (D-CA)	Appropriations	District of Columbia	
	Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Judiciary and Education	
	Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)	Foreign Affairs	Africa	
	Michael Alphonso (Mike) Espy (D-MS)	Budget	Community Development and Natural Resources	
	Harold Eugene Ford, Sr. (D-TN)	Ways and Means	Human Resources	
	Major Robert Odell Owens (D-NY)	Education and Labor	Select Education	
	Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)	Ways and Means	Select Revenue Measures	
	Gus Savage (D-IL)	Public Works and Transportation	Public Buildings and Grounds	
	Alan Dupree Wheat (D-MO)	District of Columbia	Government Operations and Metropolitan Affairs	
	101st (1989–1991)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Education and Labor	Labor-Management Relations
		William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	House Administration	Libraries and Memorials
Cardiss Collins (D-IL)		Government Operations	Government Activities and Transportation	
John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)		Government Operations	Legislation and National Security	
George William Crockett, Jr. (D-MI)		Foreign Affairs	Western Hemisphere Affairs	
Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)		Armed Services	Research and Development	
Julian Carey Dixon (D-CA)		Appropriations	District of Columbia	
Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)		District of Columbia	Judiciary and Education	
Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)		Foreign Affairs	International Operations	
Michael Alphonso (Mike) Espy (D-MS)		Hunger (Select)	Domestic	
Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>		Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	International Development, Finance Trade, and Monetary Policy	
Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>		District of Columbia	Fiscal Affairs and Health	
Harold Eugene Ford, Sr. (D-TN)		Ways and Means	Human Resources	
Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)		Education and Labor	Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education	
George Thomas (Mickey) Leland (D-TX)		Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Operations and Services	
Major Robert Odell Owens (D-NY)		Education and Labor	Select Education	
Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)		Ways and Means	Select Revenue Measures	
Gus Savage (D-IL)		Public Works and Transportation	Economic Development	
Alan Dupree Wheat (D-MO)	District of Columbia	Government Operations and Metropolitan Affairs		
100th (1987–1989)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Education and Labor	Labor-Management Relations	
	Cardiss Collins (D-IL)	Government Operations	Government Activities and Transportation	
	John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)	Judiciary	Criminal Justice	
	George William Crockett, Jr. (D-MI)	Foreign Affairs	Western Hemisphere Affairs	
	Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)	Armed Services	Military Installations and Facilities	
	Julian Carey Dixon (D-CA)	Appropriations	District of Columbia	
	Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Judiciary and Education	

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100th (1987–1989) <i>Continued</i>	Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)	Post Office and Civil Service	Census and Population
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	International Development Institutions and Finance
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	District of Columbia	Fiscal Affairs and Health
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	Education and Labor	Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education
	George Thomas (Mickey) Leland (D-TX)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Operations and Services
	Major Robert Odell Owens (D-NY)	Education and Labor	Select Education
	Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)	Ways and Means	Select Revenue Measures
	Gus Savage (D-IL)	Public Works and Transportation	Economic Development
	Louis Stokes (D-OH)	Intelligence (Permanent Select)	Program and Budget Authorization
	Alan Dupree Wheat (D-MO)	District of Columbia	Government Operations and Metropolitan Affairs
99th (1985–1987)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Education and Labor	Labor-Management Relations
	Cardiss Collins (D-IL)	Government Operations	Government Activities and Transportation
	John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)	Judiciary	Criminal Justice
	Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)	Armed Services	Military Installations and Facilities
	Julian Carey Dixon (D-CA)	Appropriations	District of Columbia
	Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Judiciary and Education
	Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Personnel and Modernization
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	Domestic Monetary Policy
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	District of Columbia	Fiscal Affairs and Health
	Harold Eugene Ford, Sr. (D-TN)	Ways and Means	Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	Education and Labor	Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education
	George Thomas (Mickey) Leland (D-TX)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Operations and Services
	Parren James Mitchell (D-MD)	Joint Economic Committee	Investment, Jobs, and Press
	Parren James Mitchell (D-MD)	Small Business	SBA and SBIC Authority, Minority Enterprise and General Small Business Problems
	Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)	Ways and Means	Select Revenue Measures
	Louis Stokes (D-OH)	Intelligence (Permanent Select)	Program and Budget Authorization
98th (1983–1985)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Education and Labor	Labor-Management Relations
	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Operations and Services
	Cardiss Collins (D-IL)	Government Operations	Government Activities and Transportation
	John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)	Judiciary	Criminal Justice
	Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)	Armed Services	Military Installations and Facilities
	Julian Carey Dixon (D-CA)	Appropriations	District of Columbia
	Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Judiciary and Education
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	Domestic Monetary Policy
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	District of Columbia	Fiscal Affairs and Health
	Harold Eugene Ford, Sr. (D-TN)	Ways and Means	Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation
	William Herbert Gray III (D-PA)	District of Columbia	Government Operations and Metropolitan Affairs
	Katie Beatrice Hall (D-IN)	Post Office and Civil Service	Census and Population
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	Education and Labor	Employment Opportunities
	George Thomas (Mickey) Leland (D-TX)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Personnel and Modernization
	Parren James Mitchell (D-MD)	Small Business	SBA and SBIC Authority, Minority Enterprise and General Small Business Problems
	Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)	Ways and Means	Oversight

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97th (1981–1983)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Operations and Services
	Cardiss Collins (D-IL)	Government Operations	Manpower and Housing
	John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)	Judiciary	Criminal Justice
	Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Fiscal Affairs and Health
	Julian Carey Dixon (D-CA)	Appropriations	District of Columbia
	Mervyn Malcolm Dymally (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Judiciary and Education
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs	Domestic Monetary Policy
	Harold Eugene Ford, Sr. (D-TN)	Ways and Means	Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation
	William Herbert Gray III (D-PA)	District of Columbia	Government Operations and Metropolitan Affairs
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	Education and Labor	Employment Opportunities
	George Thomas (Mickey) Leland (D-TX)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Personnel and Modernization
	Parren James Mitchell (D-MD)	Small Business	SBA and SBIC Authority, Minority Enterprise and General Small Business Problems
	Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)	Ways and Means	Oversight
96th (1979–1981)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Personnel and Modernization
	Cardiss Collins (D-IL)	Government Operations	Manpower and Housing
	John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)	Judiciary	Crime
	Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Fiscal Affairs and Health
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC)	District of Columbia	Government Affairs and Budget
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	Education and Labor	Employment Opportunities
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	House Administration	Printing
	Parren James Mitchell (D-MD)	Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs	Domestic Monetary Policy
	Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)	Ways and Means	Health
	Louis Stokes (D-OH)	Budget	Human and Community Resources
95th (1977–1979)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Post Office and Civil Service	Civil Service
	Cardiss Collins (D-IL)	Government Operations	Manpower and Housing
	John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)	Judiciary	Crime
	Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Fiscal and Government Affairs
	Charles Coles Diggs, Jr. (D-MI)	International Relations	Africa
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs	Historic Preservation and Coinage
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	Assassinations (Select)	Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	Education and Labor	Employment Opportunities
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	House Administration	Printing
	Ralph Harold Metcalfe (D-IL)	Merchant Marine and Fisheries	Panama Canal
	Parren James Mitchell (D-MD)	Banking and Urban Affairs	Domestic Monetary Policy
	Parren James Mitchell (D-MD)	Budget	Human Resources
	Robert Nelson Cornelius Nix, Sr. (D-PA)	Post Office and Civil Service	Investigations
Louis Stokes (D-OH)	Budget	Community and Physical Resources	
94th (1975–1977)	William Lacy Clay, Sr. (D-MO)	Post Office and Civil Service	Employee Rights and Intergovernmental Programs
	John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)	Judiciary	Crime
	Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Education, Labor, and Social Services
	Charles Coles Diggs, Jr. (D-MI)	Foreign Affairs	International Resources, Food, and Energy
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	District of Columbia	Government Operations
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	Education and Labor	Equal Opportunities
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	House Administration	Electrical and Mechanical Office Equipment
	Ralph Harold Metcalfe (D-IL)	Merchant Marine and Fisheries	Panama Canal
	Robert Nelson Cornelius Nix, Sr. (D-PA)	Foreign Affairs	International Economic Policy

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93rd (1973–1975)	John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)	Judiciary	Crime
	Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA)	District of Columbia	Education
	Charles Coles Diggs, Jr. (D-MI)	Foreign Affairs	Africa
	Walter Edward Fauntroy (D-DC) <sup>a</sup>	District of Columbia	Judiciary
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	Education and Labor	Equal Opportunity
	Augustus Freeman (Gus) Hawkins (D-CA)	House Administration	Electrical and Mechanical Office Equipment
	Robert Nelson Cornelius Nix, Sr. (D-PA)	Foreign Affairs	Asian and Pacific Affairs
92nd (1971–1973)	Charles Coles Diggs, Jr. (D-MI)	Foreign Affairs	Africa
	Robert Nelson Cornelius Nix, Sr. (D-PA)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Facilities and Mail
91st (1969–1971)	Charles Coles Diggs, Jr. (D-MI)	District of Columbia	Subcommittee No. 2
	Charles Coles Diggs, Jr. (D-MI)	Foreign Affairs	Africa
	Robert Nelson Cornelius Nix, Sr. (D-PA)	Foreign Affairs	Foreign Economic Policy
	Robert Nelson Cornelius Nix, Sr. (D-PA)	Post Office and Civil Service	Postal Facilities and Mail
90th (1967–1969)	William Levi Dawson (D-IL)	Government Operations	Special Studies
	Charles Coles Diggs, Jr. (D-MI)	District of Columbia	Subcommittee No. 2
89th (1965–1967)	William Levi Dawson (D-IL)	Government Operations	Executive and Legislative Reorganization
	Robert Nelson Cornelius Nix, Sr. (D-PA)	Post Office and Civil Service	Census and Statistics
	Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D-NY)	Education and Labor	Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Poverty War Program
88th (1963–1965)	William Levi Dawson (D-IL)	Government Operations	Executive and Legislative Reorganization
87th (1961–1963)	William Levi Dawson (D-IL)	Government Operations	Executive and Legislative Reorganization
	Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D-NY)	Education and Labor	Labor Management Irregularities
86th (1959–1961)	William Levi Dawson (D-IL)	Government Operations	Executive and Legislative Reorganization
	Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D-NY)	Interior and Insular Affairs	Mines and Mining
49th (1885–1887)	James Edward O'Hara (R-NC)	Invalid Pensions	H.R. 6485 (Relating to increase of pension in certain cases)*

a Denotes Delegate

b Denotes U.S. Senator

\* There were no official subcommittees for the Invalid Pensions Committee; however, Members were often assigned leadership roles in considering specific bills or charged with organizing petitions from specific states [Minutes of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, 49th Congress, Records of the United States House of Representatives (RG 233), National Archives Building, Washington, DC]