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Francis E. Warren, a Republican of Wyoming, served twice as chairman, from April 28, 1911, to March 15, 1913, and again from May 28, 1919, until his death on November 24, 1929. He remained a committee member for 30 years, from 1899 to 1929.

Born in Hinsdale, MA, in 1844, Warren, who enlisted as a private in the Civil War, won the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry on the battlefield at the siege of Port Hudson. He is the only recipient of that award to serve as chairman of the committee. Warren moved to Wyoming (then a part of the Territory of Dakota) in 1868, where he engaged in various business enterprises in Cheyenne. From 1873 to 1890, he held a number of elective and appointive positions, including membership in the Territorial senate, of which he became president. Twice appointed Governor of the Territory of Wyoming, Warren was elected in 1890 as the new State's first Governor. He resigned that same year after being elected to the U.S. Senate, where he served until 1893. He again won election to the Senate in 1895 and served until his death 34 years later. Funeral services were held for Warren in the Senate chamber.

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