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Frederick Hale, a Republican of Maine, served as chairman from December 8, 1932, to March 8, 1933, and remained on the committee for nearly 22 years, from May 1919 to January 1941.

Born in Detroit, MI, in 1874, Hale graduated from Harvard University, and attended Columbia Law School. He began the practice of law in Portland, ME, in 1899, and served briefly in the State house of representatives. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1916, he served for more than 23 years, from March 4, 1917, to January 2, 1941, when he retired. Hale and his father, Eugene Hale, were the only father-son pair to both chair the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Hale was also the fourth Maine Senator to serve as chairman of the committee, no other State having produced more than two chairmen.

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