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Mark O. Hatfield, a Republican from Oregon, served as chairman from 1981 to 1987 and again from 1995 to 1997. He was a member of the committee for nearly 25 years from February 1972 to January 1997.

Born on July 12, 1922, in Dallas, OR, Hatfield graduated from Willamette University in 1943 and received an A.M. degree from Stanford University in 1948. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific as a lieutenant (jg.). From 1949 to 1956, Hatfield taught political science at Willamette University, where he also served as dean of students. A member of the State house of representatives and later the State senate, Hatfield became Secretary of State in 1956. He served as Governor of Oregon from 1958 to 1966, then won election to the U.S. Senate, where he served for 30 years until his retirement in 1997.

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