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Wesley L. Jones, a Republican from Washington, became chairman on January 11, 1930, serving in the post until he died on November 19, 1932. He was a committee member for 19 years, until 1932.

Born in Bethany, IL, in 1863, Jones taught school, and graduated from Southern Illinois College in 1885. Admitted to the bar the following year, Jones moved to North Yakima, WA, in 1889, where he continued the practice of law. After spending a decade in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1899 to 1909, Jones won election to the U.S. Senate in 1908.

For further reading: Garraty, John A. and Mark C. Carnes, eds. American National Biography. New York, 1999. Vol. 12.