



CHAIRMEN OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

“I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me, God.”

—Congressional Oath of Office

Judiciary Committee Chairmen 1813–2006

United States House of Representatives

1. Charles J. Ingersoll (Pennsylvania)	13th Congress
2. Hugh Nelson (Virginia)*	14th and 15th Congresses
3. John Sergeant (Pennsylvania)*	16th and 17th (1st Sess.) Congresses
4. Hugh Nelson (Virginia)*	17th (2nd Sess.) Congress
5. Daniel Webster (Massachusetts)	18th and 19th Congresses
6. Philip P. Barbour (Virginia)	20th Congress
7. James Buchanan (Pennsylvania)	21st Congress
8. Warren R. Davis (South Carolina)	22nd (1st Sess.) Congress
9. John Bell (Tennessee)	22nd (2nd Sess.) and 23rd (1st Sess.) Congresses
10. Thomas F. Foster (Georgia)	23rd (2nd Sess.) Congress
11. Samuel Beardsley (New York)	24th (1st Sess.)
12. Francis Thomas (Maryland)	24th (2nd Sess.) and 25th Congresses
13. John Sergeant (Pennsylvania)*	26th Congress
14. Daniel D. Barnard (New York)	27th Congress
15. William Wilkins (Pennsylvania)	28th (1st Sess.) Congress
16. Romulus M. Saunders (North Carolina)	28th (2nd Sess.) Congress
17. George O. Rathbun (New York)	29th Congress
18. Joseph R. Ingersoll (Pennsylvania)	30th Congress
19. James Thompson (Pennsylvania)	31st Congress
20. James X. McLanahan (Pennsylvania)	32nd Congress
21. Frederick P. Stanton (Tennessee)	33rd Congress
22. George A. Simmons (New York)	34th Congress
23. George S. Houston (Alabama)	35th Congress
24. John Hickman (Pennsylvania)	36th and 37th Congresses
25. James F. Wilson (Iowa)	38th through 40th Congresses
26. John A. Bingham (Ohio)	41st and 42nd Congresses
27. Benjamin F. Butler (Massachusetts)	43rd Congress
28. James P. Knott (Kentucky)	44th through 46th Congresses
29. Thomas B. Reed (Maine)	47th Congress
30. John R. Tucker (Virginia)	48th and 49th Congresses
31. David B. Culberson (Texas)*	50th Congress
32. Ezra B. Taylor (Ohio)	51st Congress
33. David B. Culberson (Texas)*	52nd and 53rd Congresses
34. David B. Henderson (Iowa)	54th and 55th Congresses
35. George W. Ray (New York)	56th and 57th Congresses
36. John J. Jenkins (Wisconsin)	58th through 60th Congresses
37. Richard W. Parker (New Jersey)	61st Congress
38. Henry D. Clayton (Alabama)	62nd and 63rd Congresses
39. Edwin Y. Webb (North Carolina)	64th and 65th Congresses

40. Andrew J. Volstead (Minnesota)	66th and 67th Congresses
41. George S. Graham (Pennsylvania)	68th through 71st Congresses
42. Hatton W. Sumners (Texas)	72nd through 79th Congresses
43. Earl C. Michener (Michigan)	80th Congress
44. Emanuel Celler (New York)*	81st and 82nd Congresses
45. Chauncey W. Reed (Illinois)	83rd Congress
46. Emanuel Celler (New York)*	84th through 92nd Congresses
47. Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (New Jersey)	93rd through 100th Congresses
48. Jack B. Brooks (Texas)	101st through 103rd Congresses
49. Henry J. Hyde (Illinois)	104th through 106th Congresses
50. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (Wisconsin)	107th through 109th Congresses

* Members served non-consecutive terms as Chairman.