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INTRODUCTION

Legislation relating to veterans has played an important role in the activity of every Congress since the founding of our Nation. In the earliest Congresses, the House first considered veterans' measures, like other legislative proposals, in a Committee of the Whole, composed of all Representatives. After a Committee of the Whole agreed on a proposal's general thrust, a temporary, select committee was appointed to work out the particulars. Through this system the House created dozens of select committees in its first years.¹

Existing alongside these select committees were a handful of permanent committees, called standing committees. The first standing committee of the House which considered measures relating to pensions was the Committee on Claims, created November 13, 1794. The Committee on Claims was vested with jurisdiction over revolutionary and land claims, and all sorts of pensions.² That Committee apparently handled all veterans' legislation until the creation of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on December 22, 1813. From that date until the creation of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (P.L. 79-601),³ veterans' measures were considered by various committees as the House saw fit to create to consider problems and legislation at various points in time.

Following is a history of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs from its inception on January 2, 1947, and of the predecessor committees which considered legislation now within its purview.

¹ H. Doc. 246, 87th Cong., p. 9. History of the U.S. House of Representatives.

² Barclay's Digest and Standing Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives, 1860-61, p. 176.

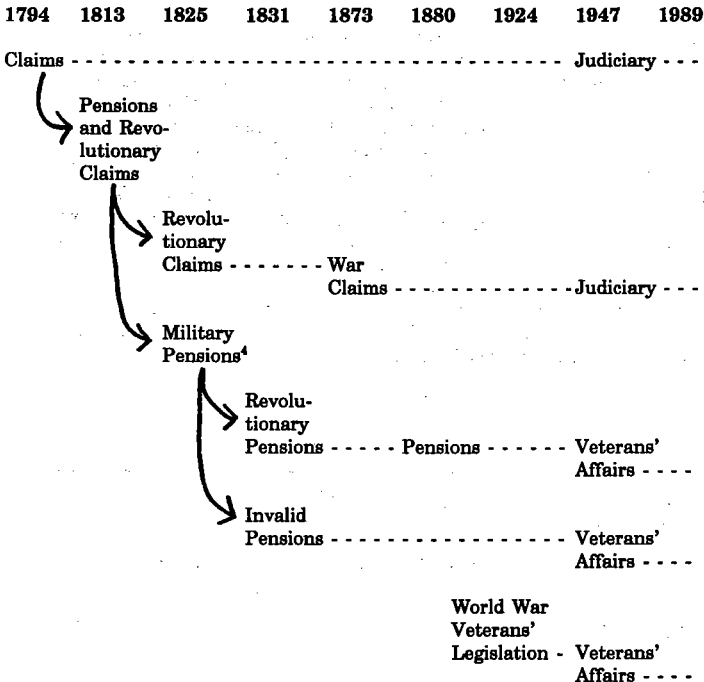
³ 60 Stat. 812.

I. PREDECESSOR COMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Throughout the history of the House, numerous committees have addressed veterans' issues. This section briefly traces the evolution of these committees until the creation of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs (1947).

The following diagram illustrates the evolution of committees dealing with veterans' issues. Numbers across the top of the diagram indicate important years—those during which a relevant committee was created, and possibly another abolished. Committees listed in a column were created during the year at the head of the column. Dashes (- - -) between years indicate the existence of a committee from the date at the head of the first column until the date at the head of the second column. Where a committee in one column has an arrow to one or more committees in another column, relevant portions of its jurisdiction were transferred to those committees in the latter year.

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⁴ Created as the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, but after a few days renamed Military Pensions.

**From the Committee on Claims, 1794, to the Committee on
Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, 1813**

The Committee on Claims was established on November 13, 1794, and it shares with Elections the distinction of being the oldest standing committee of the House.⁵ Upon the establishment of the Committee on November 13, 1794, it was given jurisdiction of all "matters or things touching claims and demands on the United States."⁶ A note in Barclay's Digest and Standing Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives, 1860-61 (p. 176), states "that originally the Committee on Claims was charged with all revolutionary and land claims, and all sorts of pensions."

Although a Committee on Claims existed until 1947, its jurisdiction relating to veterans was removed in 1813 and transferred to a new Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims. On December 22, 1813, the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims was established with the adoption of a motion by Representative Stevenson Archer of Maryland.⁷ Originally seven members were appointed to the Committee, and its duties were as follows:⁸

[T]o take into consideration all such petitions, and matters, or things, touching military pensions, and, also claims and demands originating in the Revolutionary War, or arising therefrom, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon together with such propositions for relief therein, as to them shall seem expedient.

**The Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims Splits into
Two Committees, 1825**

In effect, the jurisdiction of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims was split between two committees in 1825. Its claims jurisdiction was transferred to a Committee on Revolutionary Claims, and its pensions jurisdiction was transferred to a Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, renamed the Committee on Military Pensions a few days later.

⁵ Hinds' Precedents, vol. 4, sec. 4262, p. 810.

⁶ Third and Fourth Congresses, Journal, p. 229 (Gales and Seaton ed.).

⁷ 2d sess. of 13th Cong., Journal, pp. 178, 182; Annals, p. 803.

⁸ House Rules, 1824, p. 39.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions was created on December 9, 1825, by the adoption of a proposal submitted by Representative Peter Little of Maryland.⁹ The Committee was renamed Military Pensions on December 13, 1825, by the adoption of a proposal of Representative Daniel Webster of Massachusetts.¹⁰ Its jurisdiction was as follows:¹¹

[T]o take into consideration all such matters respecting pensions for military service, and also, all such matters respecting invalid pensions, as shall be referred to them by the House.

The same December 13, 1825, proposal of Representative Webster changed the name of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.¹² This name change reflected the Committee's loss of jurisdiction over revolutionary pensions to the newly-created Committee on Military Pensions. The jurisdiction of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims was as follows:¹³

[T]o take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching claims and demands originating in the Revolutionary War, or arising therefrom, as shall be presented or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein, as to them shall seem expedient.

The Committee on Military Pensions Splits into Two Committees, 1831

In 1831, the Committee on Military Pensions was abolished and its jurisdiction was split, in effect, between two committees—the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions and the Committee on Invalid Pensions. On January 10, 1831, a resolution submitted by Representative James Trezvant of Virginia, Chairman of the Committee on Military Pensions, was agreed to.¹⁴ The resolution transferred jurisdiction over pensions for services in the

⁹ 19th Cong., 1st sess., Journal, p. 32.

¹⁰ 19th Cong., 1st sess., Journal, p. 46.

¹¹ House Manual, 1827, rule 71, p. 40.

¹² 19th Cong., 1st sess., Journal, p. 46.

¹³ House Manual, 1827, rule 64, p. 39.

¹⁴ 21st Cong., 2d sess., Journal, pp. 145, 167.

Revolutionary War, except invalid pensions, to a reestablished Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.¹⁶

The same 1831 resolution transferred jurisdiction over invalid pensions, to a new Committee on Invalid Pensions.¹⁶ In addition, in practice if not by Rule, pensions from the War of 1812 were within the purview of this Committee.¹⁷

From the adoption of this resolution until 1873, accordingly, the Committees on Invalid Pensions, on Revolutionary Pensions, and on Revolutionary Claims all existed concurrently.

From 1832 Until the Turn of the Century: Abolition of Committees on Revolutionary Pensions, 1880, and Revolutionary Claims, 1873

Following the Civil War, matters pertaining to pensions of that War were referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.¹⁸ In general, this Committee reported all general pension legislation relating to veterans of the Civil War;¹⁹ it also reported private and special acts for the relief of soldiers of that War.²⁰ In addition, on December 6, 1888,²¹ the resolutions distributing the President's message referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions so much as related to "pension laws and their modification and revision."

In the 40th Congress, the jurisdiction of the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions was expanded to include all matters relating to pensions of soldiers of the War of 1812. On March 26, 1867, a precedent-setting matter on this subject was initially referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, according to common practice. However, the Chair of that Committee suggested it be referred to the Revolutionary Pensions panel, because his panel was overworked. Following is a statement from the *Congressional Globe* to that effect.

¹⁶ House Manual, 1831, rule 71, p. 42.

¹⁶ 21st Cong., 2d sess., Journal, pp. 145, 167.

¹⁷ Hinds' Precedents, vol. 4, sec. 4258, p. 809.

¹⁸ Rules of the House, 1880, p. 171.

¹⁹ 51st Cong., 1st sess., Repts. 13, 226, 629, 2953, 3204; 2d sess., 53d Cong., Repts. 583, 1212, 1213.

²⁰ 59th Cong., 1st sess., Journal, pp. 1366-1374.

²¹ 50th Cong., 2d sess., Journal, p. 53.

If there be no objection, the Chair will make a statement to the House. Yesterday the House referred a joint resolution of the Legislature of Michigan, in reference to pensions to soldiers of the War of 1812, to the Committee on Invalid Pensions when appointed. The Chair had a conference with the chairman in the 39th Congress, and who will probably be the chairman of the committee in the 40th Congress, and he stated that the committee was overworked and suggested that the subject should be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions. There being no objections, that reference was made.²²

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions was abolished during the rules recodification of 1880, when its jurisdiction was transferred to a new Committee on Pensions.²³ The Committee on Pensions received jurisdiction over pensions of all the wars of the United States, other than the Civil War.²⁴ It reported private and special bills for the relief of soldiers of all wars except the Civil War,²⁵ as well as bills proposing general pension legislation for all wars except the Civil War.²⁶ Appropriations for laws reported from this Committee were determined by the Committee on Appropriations in the general pension appropriation bill.²⁷

During the same period, the Committee on Revolutionary Claims was abolished when a Committee on War Claims, with broader claims jurisdiction, was created.²⁸ The change occurred on December 2, 1873, by a motion of Representative William P. Frye of Maine. The jurisdiction of the Committee on War Claims was all petitions, matters, or things touching claims growing out of any war in which the United States had been engaged.²⁹ Although it principally considered claims not directly related to veterans, it considered legislation relating to claims for reimbursement for burial of dead officers,

²² Congressional Globe, 40th Cong., 1st sess, p. 362.

²³ 10 Congressional Record 205, 1267.

²⁴ House Manual, 1880, Rule XI, sec. 26, p. 171.

²⁵ 59th Cong., 1st sess., Journal, pp. 1376-1378.

²⁶ 54th Cong., 2d sess., Rept. 2635.

²⁷ 58th Cong., 1st sess., Rept. 581.

²⁸ 43d Cong., 1st sess., Journal, p. 184.

²⁹ House Manual, 1874, rule 84, p. 184.

soldiers, and sailors,³⁰ and for reimbursement of officers and men of the Army for medical expense incurred during leave or furlough.³¹

By 1880, accordingly, House Committees considering veterans' legislation still numbered three, but then comprised the Committees on Invalid Pensions, on Pensions, and on War Claims.

From the Turn of the Century To 1946: Creation of Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation, 1924

A Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation was established on January 18, 1924, with the adoption of H. Res. 146.³² It originally had jurisdiction over legislation pertaining to:³³

[W]ar-risk insurance of soldiers, sailors, and marines and other persons in the military and naval service of the United States during or growing out of the World War, the United States Veterans' Bureau, the compensations and allowances of such persons and their beneficiaries, and all legislation affecting them other than civil service, public lands, adjusted compensations, pensions, and private claims.

The Committee's jurisdiction was enlarged on January 3, 1939,³⁴ to include pensions of individuals and their beneficiaries within the Committee's purview. This change was reflected in the Committee's written jurisdiction by adding "and pensions" after "allowances," and by deleting "pensions" before "and private claims."³⁵

At the same time, the pensions jurisdiction of two other committees was clarified. That of the Committee on Pensions was clarified to state coverage of pensions for specific wars—the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion.³⁶ That of the Committee on Invalid

³⁰ 55th Cong., Rept. 2093.

³¹ 56th Cong., Rept. 2617.

³² 65 Congressional Record 1143.

³³ House Manual, 1925, rule XI, sec. 51(c).

³⁴ 84 Congressional Record 13.

³⁵ House Manual, 1941, rule XI, sec. 40.

³⁶ House Manual, 1941, rule XI, sec. 25.

Pensions was clarified to state coverage of pensions not specifically covered by the other two committees:³⁷

[A]ll the wars of the United States and peacetime service, other than the Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Rebellion, and World War.

The Committee on War Claims also continued to exist.

The Legislative Reorganization Act Of 1946: Creation of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 1947

The Committees on Pensions, Invalid Pensions, and World War Veterans' Legislation were abolished by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, effective 1947, when their jurisdiction was transferred to a new Committee on Veterans' Affairs.³⁸ The Committee on War Claims also was abolished by the 1946 Act, and its jurisdiction was transferred to the Committee on the Judiciary.³⁹

II. COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (P.L. 79-601) established the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, effective with the outset of the 80th Congress (1947).

Section 121(a)(18) of the Act⁴⁰ amended House Rule X to create the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, consisting of 27 members. This provision became House Rule X, section (1)(r).

Section 121(b)(1)(r)⁴¹ of the act amended House Rule XI, according the Committee the following jurisdiction:

1. Veterans measures generally.
2. Pensions of all the wars of the United States, general and special.

³⁷ House Manual, 1941, rule XI, sec. 24.

³⁸ House Manual, 1986, Rule X, cl. 1(u).

³⁹ House Manual, 1986, Rule X, Cl. 1(m).

⁴⁰ 60 Stat. 823.

⁴¹ 60 Stat. 829.

3. Life insurance issued by the government on account of service in the Armed Forces.
4. Compensation, vocational rehabilitation, and education of veterans.
5. Veterans' hospitals, medical care, and treatment of veterans.
6. Soldiers' and sailors' civil relief.
7. Readjustment of servicemen to civilian life.

This provision of the act became House Rule XI, section 18.

Since 1947, the Committee's jurisdiction was modified substantively only once, but the size of the Committee changed often. Although provisions of House Rule X specified the size of the Veterans' Committee as 27, on several occasions the House passed a resolution allowing a different number of Members to serve on the Committee, as follows:

- 82nd Congress, H.Res. 60, set the size at 23;
- 83rd Congress, H.Res. 418, set the size at 28;
- 91st Congress, H.Res. 174, set the size at 25;
- 92nd Congress, H.Res. 192, set the size at 26;
- 93rd Congress, H.Res. 158, set the size at 26.

In addition, between the 84th and 90th Congresses the number of Members elected to the Committee varied, although it appears that no resolutions on point were agreed to by the House.

The Committee Reform Amendments of 1974 (H.Res. 988, 93rd Congress, effective 1975, 94th Congress) eliminated the provision of House Rules specifying the size of the Veterans' Committee and of the other House committees. Since then the House has been able to elect as many Veterans' Committee members as it chooses without first passing a resolution setting the Committee's size.

The Committee's jurisdiction was enhanced in 1967, with the adoption of H. Res. 241, during the 90th Congress (1967-1969). The resolution transferred jurisdiction over national cemeteries from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Since then the Committee's jurisdiction has not been modified substantively. The Committee's present jurisdiction appears in House Rule X, clause (1)(u) as follows:

- (1) Veterans' measures generally.
- (2) Cemeteries of the United States in which veterans of any war or conflict are or may be buried, whether in the United States or abroad, except cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior.
- (3) Compensation, vocational rehabilitation, and education of veterans.
- (4) Life insurance issued by the Government on account of service in the Armed Forces.
- (5) Pensions of all the wars of the United States, general and special.
- (6) Readjustment of servicemen to civil life.

(7) Soldiers' and sailors' civil relief.

(8) Veterans' hospitals, medical care, and treatment of veterans.

**CHAIRMEN OF PREDECESSOR COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE
VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Committee on Claims (1794-1947)

Representative	Party ¹	State	Years
Uriah Tracy	F	Connecticut	1794-1796
Dwight Foster	F	Massachusetts	1796-1800
Nathaniel Macon	D	North Carolina	1800-1801
John C. Smith	F	Connecticut	1801-1806
David Holmes	NP	Virginia	1806-1809
Richard M. Johnson	D	Kentucky	1809-1810
Erastus Root	D	New York	1810-1811
Burwell Bassett	D	Virginia	1811
Thomas Gholson, Jr.	D	Virginia	1811-1813
Stevenson Archer	D	Maryland	1813-1814
Bartlett Yancey	R	North Carolina	1814-1817
Lewis Williams	R	North Carolina	1817-1829
William McCoy	D	Virginia	1828-1829
Elisha Whittlesey	NP	Ohio	1829-1833
	AM		1833-1835
	W		1835-1838
John Chambers	W	Kentucky	1838-1839
William C. Dawson	W	Georgia	1839
David Russell	W	New York	1839-1841
Joshua R. Giddings	W	Ohio	1841-1843
			1855-1857
Thomas Arnold	W	Tennessee	1842
Joseph Vance	W	Ohio	1843-1845
John R. J. Daniel	D	North Carolina	1845-1847
			1849-1853
John A. Rockwell	W	Connecticut	1847-1849
Alfred P. Edgerton	D	Ohio	1853-1855
Samuel S. Marshall	D	Illinois	1857-1859
Mason W. Tappan	R	New Hampshire	1860-1861
Reuben E. Fenton	R	New York	1861-1863
James T. Hale	R	Pennsylvania	1863-1865
Columbus Delano	R	Ohio	1865-1867
John A. Bingham	R	Ohio	1867-1869
William B. Washburn	R	Massachusetts	1869-1871
Austin Blair	R	Michigan	1871-1873
John B. Hawley	R	Illinois	1873-1875
John M. Bright	D	Tennessee	1875-1881

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE--Continued**

Committee on Claims (1794-1947)--Continued

Representative	Party ¹	State	Years
Richard Crowley	R	New York	1881-1883
Benton McMillin	D	Tennessee	1883-1885
William M. Springer	D	Illinois	1886-1887
Samuel W.T. Lanham	D	Texas	1888-1889
William G. Laidlaw	R	New York	1889-1891
Benjamin H. Bunn	D	North Carolina	1891-1895
Charles N. Brumm	R	Pennsylvania	1895-1899
Joseph V. Graff	R	Illinois	1899-1905
James M. Miller	R	Kansas	1905-1909
George W. Prince	R	Illinois	1909-1911
Edward W. Pou	D	North Carolina	1911-1917
Hubert D. Stephens	D	Mississippi	1917-1919
George W. Edmonds	R	Pennsylvania	1919-1925
Charles L. Underhill	R	Massachusetts	1925-1929
Edward M. Irwin	R	Illinois	1929-1931
Loring M. Black, Jr.	D	New York	1931-1935
Ambrose J. Kennedy	D	Maryland	1935-1941
Dan R. McGehee	D	Mississippi	1941-1947

**Committee on Pensions and
Revolutionary Claims (1813-1825)**

Samuel D. Ingham	R	Pennsylvania	1813-1814
John J. Chappell	R	South Carolina	1814-1817
John Rhea	D	Tennessee	1817-1823
Peter Little	D	Maryland	1823-1825

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE--Continued

Committee on Military Pensions (1825-1831)

Representative	Party ¹	State	Years
Tristram Burges	W	Rhode Island	1825-1828
James Mitchell	W	Tennessee	1828-1829
Isaac C. Bates	AJ	Massachusetts	1829-1830
James Trezvant	J	Virginia	1830-1831

Committee on Revolutionary Claims (1825-1873)

Peter Little	D	Maryland	1825-1826
Robert Allen	D	Tennessee	1826-1827
George Wolf	D	Pennsylvania	1827-1829
Tristram Burges	W	Rhode Island	1829-1831
Henry A. Muhlenberg	J	Pennsylvania	1831-1837
	D		1837-1838
Robert Craig	D	Virginia	1838-1840
Joseph F. Randolph	W	New Jersey	1840-1841
Hiland Hall	W	Vermont	1841-1843
Richard D. Davis	D	New York	1843-1845
Joseph Johnson	D	Virginia	1845-1847
Daniel P. King	W	Massachusetts	1847-1849
Cullen Sawtelle	D	Maine	1849-1851
Moses MacDonald	D	Maine	1851-1853
R. W. Peckham	D	New York	1853-1855
David Ritchie	W	Pennsylvania	1856-1857
Samuel S. Cox	D	Ohio	1857-1859
George Briggs	R	New York	1860-1861
R. Holland Duell	R	New York	1861-1863
Hiram Price	R	Iowa	1863-1865
Kellian V. Whaley	R	West Virginia	1865-1867
Hamilton Ward	R	New York	1867-1869
Sempronius H. Boyd	R	Missouri	1869-1871
Alexander S. Wallace	R	South Carolina	1871-1873

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE--Continued

Committee on Invalid Pensions (1831-1947)

Representative	Party ¹	State	Years
Tristram Burges	W	Rhode Island	1831-1834
Jesse Miller	D	Pennsylvania	1834-1836
James M. H. Beale	D	Virginia	1836-1837
William Taylor	D	New York	1837-1839
Sherrod Williams	W	Kentucky	1839-1841
Calvary Morris	W	Ohio	1841-1843
Jacob Brinkerhoff	D	Ohio	1843-1845
Preston King	D	New York	1845-1847
Henry Nes	W	Pennsylvania	1847-1848
Andrew S. Fulton	W	Virginia	1848-1849
Shepherd Leffler	D	Iowa	1849-1851
Isham G. Harris	D	Tennessee	1851-1853
Thomas A. Hendricks	D	Indiana	1853-1855
Andrew Oliver	D	New York	1856-1857
Joshua H. Jewett	D	Kentucky	1857-1859
Reuben E. Fenton	R	New York	1860-1861
Alfred Ely	R	New York	1861-1863
Kellian V. Whaley	R	West Virginia	1863-1865
Sidney Perham	R	Maine	1865-1869
John F. Benjamin	R	Missouri	1869-1871
Jesse H. Moore	R	Illinois	1871-1873
Jeremiah M. Rusk	R	Wisconsin	1873-1875
George A. Jenks	D	Pennsylvania	1875-1877
Americus V. Rice	D	Ohio	1877-1879
Alexander H. Coffroth	D	Pennsylvania	1879-1881
T. M. Browne	R	Indiana	1881-1883
Courtland C. Matson	D	Indiana	1883-1889
Edmund N. Morrill	R	Kansas	1889-1891
Augustus N. Martin	D	Indiana	1891-1895
John A. Pickler	R	South Dakota	1895-1897
George W. Ray	R	New York	1897-1899
Cyrus A. Sulloway	R	New Hampshire	1899-1911
Isaac R. Sherwood	D	Ohio	1911-1919
Charles E. Fuller	R	Illinois	1919-1926

CHAIRMEN OF PREDECESSOR COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE
VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE--Continued

Committee on Invalid Pensions (1831-1847)--Continued

Representative	Party ¹	State	Years
William I. Swoope	R	Pennsylvania	1926-1927
W. T. Fitzgerald	R	Ohio	1927-1929
John M. Nelson	R	Wisconsin	1929-1931
Mell G. Underwood	D	Ohio	1931-1936
John Lesinski	D	Michigan	1937-1946
Augustine B. Kelley	D	Pennsylvania	1946-1947

Committee on Revolutionary Pensions (1831-1880)

Henry Hubbard	D	New Hampshire	1831-1833
Daniel Wardwell	R	New York	1833-1837
William S. Morgan	D	Virginia	1837-1839
John Taliaferro	W	Virginia	1839-1843
George Rathbun	D	New York	1843-1844
David L. Seymour	D	New York	1844-1845
Richard Brodhead	D	Pennsylvania	1845-1847
William M. Cocke	D	Tennessee	1847-1849
Loren P. Waldo	D	Connecticut	1849-1851
John S. Millson	D	Virginia	1851-1853
William M. Churchwell	D	Tennessee	1853-1855
Jacob Broom	A	Pennsylvania	1856-1857
John Hickman	D	Pennsylvania	1857-1859
John F. Potter	R	Wisconsin	1860-1861
Charles H. Van Wyck	R	New York	1861-1863
De Witt C. Littlejohn	R	New York	1863-1865
Walter D. McIndoe	R	Wisconsin	1865-1867
Benjamin F. Loan	R	Missouri	1867-1869
John T. Deweese	R	North Carolina	1869-1870
Charles W. Willard	R	Vermont	1870-1873
Lazarus D. Shoemaker	R	Pennsylvania	1873-1875
Eppa Hunton	D	Virginia	1875-1877
L. A. Mackey	D	Pennsylvania	1877-1879
John Whiteaker	D	Oregon	1879-1880

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Committee on War Claims (1873-1947)

Representative	Party ¹	State	Years
William Lawrence	R	Ohio	1873-1875
John R. Eden	D	Illinois	1875-1879
Edward S. Bragg	D	Wisconsin	1879-1881
L. C. Houk	R	Tennessee	1881-1883
George W. Geddes	D	Ohio	1883-1887
William J. Stone	D	Kentucky	1887-1889
Ormsby B. Thomas	R	Wisconsin	1889-1891
Frank E. Beltzhoover	D	Pennsylvania	1891-1895
Thaddeus M. Mahon	R	Pennsylvania	1895-1907
Kittredge Haskins	R	Vermont	1907-1909
Charles B. Law	R	New York	1909-1911
Thetus W. Sims	D	Tennessee	1911-1913
Alexander W. Gregg	D	Texas	1913-1919
Benjamin K. Focht	R	Pennsylvania	1919-1921
Bertrand H. Snell	R	New York	1921-1923
James G. Strong	R	Kansas	1923-1931
Miles C. Allgood	D	Alabama	1931-1935
John H. Hoepffel	D	California	1935-1937
Alfred F. Beiter	D	New York	1937-1939
Reuben T. Wood	D	Missouri	1939-1941
Joseph A. Gavagan	D	New York	1941-1943
Edward P. C. Wilson	D	New Jersey	1943-1945
Clair Engle	D	California	1945-1947

Committee on Pensions (1880-1947)

John Whiteaker	D	Oregon	1880-1881
B. F. Marsh	R	Illinois	1881-1883
Goldsmith W. Hewitt	D	Alabama	1883-1885
Nathaniel B. Eldredge	D	Michigan	1886-1887
Archibald M. Bliss	D	New York	1888-1889
Milton De Lano	R	New York	1889-1891
Robert P. C. Wilson	D	Missouri	1891-1893
Charles L. Moses	D	Georgia	1893-1895

**CHAIRMEN OF PREDECESSOR COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE
VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE--Continued**

Committee on Pensions (1880-1947)--Continued

Representative	Party ¹	State	Years
Henry C. Loudenslager	R	New Jersey	1895-1911
William Richardson	D	Alabama	1911-1914
John A. Key	D	Ohio	1914-1919
Sam R. Sells	R	Tennessee	1919-1921
Harold Knutson	R	Minnesota	1921-1931
William F. Kopp	R	Iowa	1931
Allard H. Gasque	D	South Carolina	1931-1938
Martin F. Smith	D	Washington	1939-1943
Charles A. Buckley	D	New York	1943-1947

Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation (1924-1947)

Royal C. Johnson	R	South Dakota	1924-1931
John E. Rankin	D	Mississippi	1931-1947

**CHAIRMEN OF PRESENT
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Representative	Party ¹	State	Years
Edith Nourse Rogers	R	Massachusetts	1947-1949 1953-1955
John E. Rankin	D	Mississippi	1949-1953
Olin E. Teague	D	Texas	1955-1973
Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn	D	South Carolina	1973-1974
Ray Roberts	D	Texas	1975-1981
G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery	D	Mississippi	1981-present

¹ Party Abbreviations:

A—American.
 AJ—Anti-Jackson.
 AM—Anti-Masonic.
 D—Democrat.
 F—Federalist.
 J—Jacksonian.
 NP—No Party.
 R—Republican.
 W—Whig.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

80TH CONGRESS, 1947-48

REPUBLICANS ⁴²DEMOCRATS ⁴⁴EDITH NOURSE ROGERS, Massachusetts, *Chairman*

BERNARD W. (PAT) KEARNEY,
New York
ALVIN E. O'KONSKI, Wisconsin
HOMER A. RAINEY, Ohio
FRANK A. MATTHEWS, Jr., New Jersey
WILLIAM J. CROW, Pennsylvania
W. HOWES MEADE, Kentucky
RICHARD B. VAIL, Illinois
HERBERT A. MEYER, Kansas
E. (EDWARD) A. MITCHELL, Indiana
JAMES T. PATTERSON, Connecticut
DAYTON E. PHILLIPS, Tennessee
ROBERT TRIPP ROSS, New York
GEORGE W. SARBACHER, Jr.,
Pennsylvania
CLAUDE I. BAKEWELL, Missouri
GLENN R. DAVIS, Wisconsin ⁴³

JOHN E. RANKIN, Mississippi
A. LEONARD ALLEN, Louisiana
WALTER B. HUBER, Ohio
MELVIN PRICE, Illinois ⁴⁵
OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas
GLEN D. JOHNSON, Oklahoma
JOE L. EVINS, Tennessee
GEORGIA L. LUSK, New Mexico
W. M. (DON) WHEELER, Georgia
HAMILTON C. JONES, North Carolina
HAROLD, D. DONOHUE, Massachusetts

⁴² Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 14, 1947.

⁴³ Elected to committee May 23, 1947.

⁴⁴ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 16, 1947.

⁴⁵ Resigned from committee Jan. 20, 1948.

81ST CONGRESS, 1949-50

DEMOCRATS ⁴⁶REPUBLICANS ⁴⁹JOHN E. RANKIN, Mississippi, *Chairman*

A. LEONARD ALLEN, Louisiana
 WALTER B. HUBER, Ohio
 OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas
 JOE L. EVINS, Tennessee
 W. M. (DON) WHEELER, Georgia
 HAMILTON C. JONES, North Carolina
 HAROLD D. DONOHUE, Massachusetts
 CLARENCE G. BURTON, Virginia
 PETER F. MACK, Jr., Illinois
 CLARE MAGEE, Missouri
 EARL CHUDOFF, Pennsylvania
 HARLEY O. STAGGERS, West Virginia
 PETER W. RODINO, Jr., New Jersey ⁴⁷
 JAMES E. NOLAND, Indiana
 CARL ELLIOTT, Alabama
 HAROLD A. PATTEN, Arizona
 WAYNE L. HAYES, Ohio ⁴⁸

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS, Massachusetts
 BERNARD W. (PAT) KEARNEY,
 New York
 ALVIN E. O'KONSKI, Wisconsin
 HERBERT A. MEYER, Kansas ⁵⁰
 JAMES T. PATTERSON, Connecticut ⁵¹
 DAYTON E. PHILLIPS, Tennessee
 GLENN R. DAVIS, Wisconsin
 HUBERT B. SCHUDDER, California
 CECIL M. HARDEN, Indiana
 RICHARD W. HOFFMAN, Illinois
 WILLIAM H. BATES, Massachusetts ⁵²

⁴⁶ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 18, 1949.

⁴⁷ Resigned from committee Jan. 26, 1950.

⁴⁸ Elected to committee Mar. 30, 1950.

⁴⁹ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 18, 1949.

⁵⁰ Resigned from committee Mar. 1, 1950.

⁵¹ Resigned from committee Jan. 9, 1950.

⁵² Elected to committee Mar. 1, 1950.

82D CONGRESS, 1951-52

DEMOCRATS ⁵³

A. LEONARD ALLEN, Louisiana
 OLIN EARL TEAGUE, Texas
 JOE L. EVINS, Tennessee
 HAMILTON C. JONES, North Carolina
 HAROLD D. DONOHUE,
 South Carolina ⁵⁴
 CLARE MAGEE, Missouri ⁵⁵
 HARLEY O. STAGGERS, West Virginia ⁵⁶
 CARL ELLIOTT, Alabama ⁵⁷
 WAYNE L. HAYS, Ohio ⁵⁸
 WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN DORN,
 South Carolina
 WALTER ROGERS, Texas
 ROBERT T. SECREST, Ohio ⁵⁹
 ELIZABETH KEE, West Virginia ⁶⁰
 VERA BUCHANAN, Pennsylvania ⁶¹

REPUBLICANS ⁶²

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS, Massachusetts
 BERNARD W. (PAT) KEARNEY,
 New York
 ALVIN E. O'KONSKI, Wisconsin
 JAMES P. S. DEVEREAUX, Maryland ⁶³
 WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
 E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
 ALAN OAKLEY HUNTER, California
 WILLIAM L. SPRINGER, Illinois
 WINSTON L. PROUTY, Vermont
 HAMAR D. DENNY, Jr., Pennsylvania ⁶⁴
 EDWARD L. SITTLER, Jr.,
 Pennsylvania ⁶⁵
 EDMUND P. RADWAN, New York ⁶⁶

⁵³ Democratic members were initially elected Jan. 12, 1951.

⁵⁴ Resigned from committee Aug. 9, 1951.

⁵⁵ Resigned from committee June 13, 1951.

⁵⁶ Resigned from committee April 6, 1951.

⁵⁷ Resigned from committee Oct. 20, 1951.

⁵⁸ Resigned from committee Aug. 9, 1951.

⁵⁹ Elected to committee July 18, 1951.

⁶⁰ Elected to committee Aug. 9, 1951.

⁶¹ Elected to committee Aug. 9, 1951. Resigned from committee Aug. 16, 1951.

⁶² Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 15, 1951.

⁶³ Resigned from committee July 3, 1952.

⁶⁴ Resigned from committee Aug. 1, 1951.

⁶⁵ Elected to committee Oct. 4, 1951.

⁶⁶ Elected to committee Feb. 20, 1952.

83D CONGRESS, 1953-54

REPUBLICANS ⁶⁷DEMOCRATS ⁶⁸EDITH NOURSE ROGERS, Massachusetts, *Chairman*

BERNARD W. (PAT) KEARNEY,
New York
WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
WILLIAM L. SPRINGER, Illinois
WINSTON L. PROUTY, Vermont
EDMUND P. RADWAN, New York
RUSSELL V. MACK, Washington
JOHN P. SAYLOR, Pennsylvania
EDWARD J. BONIN, Pennsylvania
PETER FRELINGHUYSEN, Jr.,
New Jersey
WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD, California
PAUL A. FINO, New York
ALBERT W. CRETELLA, Connecticut

OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas
JOE L. EVINS, Tennessee
W. J. BRYAN DORN, South Carolina
ROBERT T. SECREST, Ohio ⁶⁹
ELIZABETH KEE, West Virginia
GEORGE S. LONG, Louisiana
HARLAN HAGAN, California
JAMES A. BYRNE, Pennsylvania
BRADY BENTRY, Texas
D. R. (BILLY) MATTHEWS, Florida
ED EDMONDSON, Oklahoma
ARMISTEAD SELDEN, Jr., Alabama
WILLIAM H. NATCHER, Kentucky ⁷⁰
LESTER JOHNSON, Wisconsin ⁷¹

⁶⁷ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 19, 1953.

⁶⁸ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 19, 1953.

⁶⁹ Resigned from the House Sept. 26, 1954.

⁷⁰ Elected to committee Jan. 25, 1954.

⁷¹ Elected to committee Jan. 25, 1954.

84TH CONGRESS, 1955-56

DEMOCRATS ⁷²REPUBLICANS ⁷⁶OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas, *Chairman*

W. J. BRYAN DORN, South Carolina
 ELIZABETH KEE, West Virginia
 GEORGE S. LONG, Louisiana
 JAMES A. BYRNE, Pennsylvania
 D. R. (BILLY) MATTHEWS, Florida ⁷³
 ED EDMONDSON, Oklahoma
 FRANK W. BOYKIN, Alabama
 WAYNE N. ASPINALL, Colorado
 LEO W. O'BRIEN, New York
 GEORGE A. SHUFORD, North Carolina
 GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Missouri
 CHARLES C. DIGGS, Jr., Michigan
 B. F. SISK, California
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida ⁷⁴

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS, Massachusetts
 BERNARD W. (PAT) KEARNEY,
 New York
 WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
 E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
 PAUL A. FINO, New York
 PHIL WEAVER, Nebraska
 WILLIAM H. AVERY, Kansas
 E. KEITH THOMSON, Wyoming
 EUGENE SILER, Kentucky
 CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California

⁷² Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 13, 1955.

⁷³ Resigned from committee Jan. 31, 1955.

⁷⁴ Elected to committee Mar. 16, 1955.

⁷⁶ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 20, 1955.

85TH CONGRESS, 1957-58

DEMOCRATS ⁷⁶REPUBLICANS ⁸²OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas, *Chairman*

W. J. BRYAN DORN, South Carolina
 ELIZABETH KEE, West Virginia
 GEORGE S. LONG, Louisiana ⁷⁷
 FRANK W. BOYKIN, Alabama
 WAYNE N. ASPINALL, Colorado
 GEORGE A. SHUFORD, North Carolina
 GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Missouri
 CHARLES C. DIGGS, Jr., Michigan
 B. F. SISK, California
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida
 WALTER S. BARING, Nevada
 BASIL L. WHITENER, North Carolina ⁷⁸
 ERWIN MITCHELL, Georgia ⁷⁹
 ROBERT A. EVERETT, Tennessee ⁸⁰
 ROBERT N. C. NIX, Pennsylvania ⁸¹

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS, Massachusetts
 BERNARD W. (PAT) KEARNEY,
 New York
 WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
 E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
 PAUL A. FINO, New York
 PAUL WEAVER, Nebraska
 JOHN P. SAYLOR, Pennsylvania
 FLORENCE P. DWYER, New York
 H. ALLEN SMITH, California
 CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California ⁸³

⁷⁶ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 10, 1957.

⁷⁷ Died Mar. 22, 1958.

⁷⁸ Resigned from committee Jan. 16, 1958.

⁷⁹ Elected to committee Jan. 27, 1958.

⁸⁰ Elected to committee Feb. 26, 1958.

⁸¹ Elected to committee July 21, 1958.

⁸² Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 16, 1957.

⁸³ Elected to committee Mar. 18, 1957.

86TH CONGRESS, 1959-60

DEMOCRATS ⁸⁴REPUBLICANS ⁸⁵OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas, *Chairman*

W. J. BRYAN DORN, South Carolina
 ELIZABETH KEE, West Virginia
 FRANK W. BOYKIN, Alabama
 GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Missouri ⁸⁶
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida
 WALTER S. BARING, Nevada
 ERWIN MITCHELL, Georgia
 ROBERT A. EVERETT, Tennessee
 ROBERT N. C. NIX, Pennsylvania
 JAMES M. QUIGLEY, Pennsylvania
 JOHN M. SLACK, Jr., West Virginia
 GERALD T. FLYNN, Wisconsin
 THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York
 STEVEN V. CARTER, Iowa ⁸⁶
 NEWELL A. GEORGE, Kansas
 WILLIAM J. RANDALL, Missouri ⁸⁷

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS,
 Massachusetts ⁸⁹
 WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
 E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
 PAUL A. FINO, New York
 JOHN P. SAYLOR, Pennsylvania
 H. ALLEN SMITH, California
 CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California
 SEYMOUR HALPERN, New York ⁹⁰

⁸⁴ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 19, 1959.

⁸⁵ Died Jan. 23, 1959.

⁸⁶ Died Nov. 4, 1959.

⁸⁷ Elected to committee Mar. 11, 1959.

⁸⁸ Republican Members were initially elected. Jan. 19, 1959.

⁸⁹ Died Sept. 10, 1960.

⁹⁰ Elected to committee Jan. 29, 1959.

87TH CONGRESS, 1961-62

DEMOCRATS ⁹¹REPUBLICANS ⁹⁶OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas, *Chairman*

ELIZABETH KEE, West Virginia
 FRANK W. BOYKIN, Alabama
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida
 WALTER S. BARING, Nevada
 ROBERT A. EVERETT, Tennessee
 THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York
 WILLIAM J. RANDALL, Missouri
 ROLAND V. LIBONATI, Illinois
 HARRIS B. McDOWELL, Jr., Delaware
 JULIA BUTLER HANSEN, Washington ⁹²
 G. ELLIOTT HAGAN, Georgia ⁹³
 HORACE R. KORNEGAY, North Carolina
 JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, New York
 RAY ROBERTS, Texas ⁹⁴
 BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL, New York ⁹⁵

WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
 E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
 PAUL A. FINO, New York
 JOHN P. SAYLOR, Pennsylvania
 CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California
 SEYMOUR HALPERN, New York
 JAMES G. FULTON, Pennsylvania
 WILLIAM H. HARRISON, Wyoming
 HENRY C. SCHADEBERG, Wisconsin
 ROBERT F. ELLSWORTH, Kansas

⁹¹ Democratic Members were initially elected Feb. 6, 1961.

⁹² Resigned from committee Mar. 6, 1961.

⁹³ Resigned from committee Jan. 18, 1962.

⁹⁴ Elected to committee Feb. 6, 1962.

⁹⁵ Elected to committee Mar. 7, 1962.

⁹⁶ Republican members were initially elected Feb. 13, 1961.

88TH CONGRESS, 1963-64

DEMOCRATS ⁹⁷REPUBLICANS ¹⁰⁰OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas, *Chairman*

W. J. BRYAN DORN, South Carolina
 ELIZABETH KEE, West Virginia
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida
 WALTER S. BARING, Nevada
 ROBERT A. EVERETT, Tennessee
 THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York
 ROLAND V. LIBONATI, Illinois
 HARRIS B. McDOWELL, Jr., Delaware
 HORACE R. KORNEGAY, North Carolina
 RAY ROBERTS, Texas
 ROBERT T. SECREST, Ohio
 W. DONLON EDWARDS, California ⁹⁸
 JOHN O. MARSH, Jr., Virginia
 GEORGE E. BROWN, Jr., California
 FRED B. ROONEY, Pennsylvania ⁹⁹

WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
 E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
 PAUL A. FINO, New York
 JOHN P. SAYLOR, Pennsylvania
 CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California
 SEYMOUR HALPERN, New York
 HENRY C. SCHADEBERG, Wisconsin
 ROBERT F. ELLSWORTH, Kansas
 JAMES E. BROMWELL, Iowa ¹⁰¹

⁹⁷ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 17, 1963.

⁹⁸ Resigned from committee July 25, 1963.

⁹⁹ Elected to committee Aug. 12, 1963. Resigned from committee May 20, 1964.

¹⁰⁰ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 24, 1963.

¹⁰¹ Elected to committee Feb. 27, 1963.

89TH CONGRESS, 1965-66

DEMOCRATS ¹⁰²REPUBLICANS ¹⁰⁵OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas, *Chairman*

W. J. BRYAN DORN, South Carolina
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida
 WALTER S. BARING, Nevada
 ROBERT A. EVERETT, Tennessee
 THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York
 HARRIS B. McDOWELL, Jr., Delaware
 HORACE R. KORNEGAY, North Carolina
 RAY ROBERTS, Texas
 ROBERT T. SECREST, Ohio
 GEORGE E. BROWN, Jr., California
 CHARLES H. WILSON, California ¹⁰³
 DAVID E. SATTERFIELD III, Virginia
 TENO RONCALIO, Wyoming
 HENRY HELSTOSKI, New Jersey
 JOSEPH Y. RESNICK, New York
 JAMES M. HANLEY, New York
 ROMAN C. PUCINSKI, Illinois ¹⁰⁴

E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
 WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
 PAUL A. FINO, New York
 JOHN P. SAYLOR, Pennsylvania
 CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California
 SEYMOUR HALPERN, New York
 ROBERT F. ELLSWORTH, Kansas
 JOHN J. DUNCAN, Tennessee

¹⁰² Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 18, 1965.

¹⁰³ Resigned from committee Oct. 21, 1965.

¹⁰⁴ Elected to committee Mar. 8, 1966.

¹⁰⁵ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 21, 1965.

90TH CONGRESS, 1967-68

DEMOCRATS ¹⁰⁶REPUBLICANS ¹⁰⁷OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas, *Chairman*

W. J. BRYAN DORN, South Carolina
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida
 WALTER S. BARING, Nevada
 ROBERT A. EVERETT, Tennessee
 THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York
 HORACE R. KORNEGAY, North Carolina
 RAY ROBERTS, Texas
 GEORGE E. BROWN, Jr., California
 DAVID E. SATTERFIELD III, Virginia
 HENRY HELSTOSKI, New Jersey
 JOSEPH Y. RESNICK, New York
 JAMES M. HANLEY, New York
 ROMAN C. PUCINSKI, Illinois

E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
 WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
 PAUL A. FINO, New York ¹⁰⁸
 JOHN P. SAYLOR, Pennsylvania
 CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California
 SEYMOUR HALPERN, New York
 JOHN J. DUNCAN, Tennessee
 THEODORE R. KUPFERMAN, New York
 JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 WILLIAM L. SCOTT, Virginia
 MARGARET M. HECKLER, Massachusetts

¹⁰⁶ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 23, 1967.

¹⁰⁷ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 26, 1967.

¹⁰⁸ Resigned from the House Dec. 31, 1968.

91ST CONGRESS, 1969-70

DEMOCRATS ¹⁰⁹OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas, *Chairman*

W. J. BRYAN DORN, South Carolina
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida
 WALTER S. BARING, Nevada
 THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York
 RAY ROBERTS, Texas
 GEORGE E. BROWN, Jr., California
 DAVID E. SATTERFIELD III, Virginia
 HENRY HELSTOSKI, New Jersey
 ROMAN C. PUCINSKI, Illinois
 DON EDWARDS, California
 EDWARD R. ROYBAL, California
 G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY,
 Mississippi
 SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, New York ¹¹⁰

REPUBLICANS ¹¹¹

CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California
 E. ROSS ADAIR, Indiana
 WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio
 JOHN P. SAYLOR, Pennsylvania
 SEYMOUR HALPERN, New York
 JOHN J. DUNCAN, Tennessee
 JOHN P. HAMMERSCHMIDT, Arkansas
 WILLIAM L. SCOTT, Virginia
 MARGARET M. HECKLER, Massachusetts
 JOHN M. ZWACH, Minnesota
 ROBERT V. DENNEY, Nebraska

¹⁰⁹ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 29, 1969.

¹¹⁰ Elected to committee Feb. 18, 1969.

¹¹¹ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 29, 1969.

92ND CONGRESS, 1971-72

DEMOCRATS ¹¹²REPUBLICANS ¹¹⁶OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas, *Chairman*

W. J. BRYAN DORN, South Carolina
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida
 WALTER S. BARING, Nevada
 THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York
 RAY ROBERTS, Texas
 DAVID E. SATTERFIELD III, Virginia
 HENRY HELSTOSKI, New Jersey
 ROMAN C. PUCINSKI, Illinois
 DON EDWARDS, California
 G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY,
 Mississippi
 SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, New York ¹¹³
 CHARLES J. CARNEY, Ohio
 LOUISE DAY HICKS, Massachusetts
 GEORGE E. DANIELSON, California
 ELLA T. GRASSO, Connecticut
 LESTER L. WOLFF, New York ¹¹⁴

CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California
 JOHN P. SAYLOR, Pennsylvania
 JOHN P. HAMMERSCHMIDT, Arkansas
 WILLIAM L. SCOTT, Virginia
 MARGARET M. HECKLER, Massachusetts
 JOHN ZWACH, Minnesota
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 LARRY WINN, Jr., Kansas
 EARL B. RUTH, North Carolina
 ELWOOD HILLIS, Indiana

¹¹² Democratic Members were initially elected Feb. 4, 1971.

¹¹³ Resigned from committee Mar. 30, 1971.

¹¹⁴ Elected to committee Apr. 6, 1971.

¹¹⁶ Republican Members were initially elected Feb. 4, 1971.

93RD CONGRESS, 1973-74

DEMOCRATS ¹¹⁶REPUBLICANS ¹¹⁷WM. JENNINGS BRYAN DORN, South Carolina, *Chairman*

OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas
 JAMES A. HALEY, Florida
 THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York
 RAY ROBERTS, Texas
 DAVID E. SATTERFIELD III, Virginia
 HENRY HELSTOSKI, New Jersey
 DON EDWARDS, California
 G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY,
 Mississippi
 CHARLES J. CARNEY, Ohio
 GEORGE E. DANIELSON, California
 ELLA T. GRASSO, Connecticut
 LESTER L. WOLFF, New York
 JACK BRINKLEY, Georgia
 CHARLES WILSON, Texas

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 JOHN SAYLOR, Pennsylvania ¹¹⁸
 CHARLES M. TEAGUE, California ¹¹⁹
 MARGARET M. HECKLER, Massachusetts
 JOHN ZWACH, Minnesota
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 ELWOOD HILLIS, Indiana
 JOSEPH J. MARAZITI, New Jersey
 JAMES ABDNOR, South Dakota
 ROBERT J. HUBER, Michigan
 WILLIAM F. WELSH, New York
 CARLOS J. MOORHEAD, California ¹²⁰
 TENNYSON F. GUYER, Ohio ¹²⁰

¹¹⁶ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 24, 1973.

¹¹⁷ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 24, 1973.

¹¹⁸ Died Oct. 28, 1973.

¹¹⁹ Died Jan. 1, 1974.

¹²⁰ Elected to committee Mar. 21, 1974.

94TH CONGRESS, 1975-76

DEMOCRATS ¹²¹REPUBLICANS ¹²⁷RAY ROBERTS, Texas, *Chairman*

OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas
 DAVID E. SATTERFIELD III, Virginia
 DON EDWARDS, California
 G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY,
 Mississippi
 CHARLES J. CARNEY, Ohio
 GEORGE E. DANIELSON, California
 LESTER L. WOLFF, New York
 JACK BRINKLEY, Georgia
 CHARLES WILSON, Texas ¹²²
 RONALD M. MOTT, Ohio
 ROBERT J. CORNELL, Wisconsin
 W. G. (BILL) HEFNER, North Carolina
 MARK W. HANNAFORD, California
 HAROLD E. FORD, Tennessee
 EDWARD P. BEARD, Rhode Island
 TIMOTHY E. WIRTH, Colorado ¹²³
 KENNETH L. HOLLAND, South Carolina
 MATTHEW F. McHUGH, New York ¹²⁴
 CLIFFORD ALLEN, Tennessee ¹²⁵
 SAM B. HALL, Jr., Texas ¹²⁶

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 MARGARET M. HECKLER, Massachusetts
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 ELWOOD HILLIS, Indiana
 JAMES ABDNOR, South Dakota
 WILLIAM F. WALSH, New York
 TENNYSON F. GUYER, Ohio
 GEORGE HANSEN, Idaho
 GEORGE M. O'BRIEN, Illinois

¹²¹ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 20, 1975.

¹²² Resigned from committee Feb. 3, 1976.

¹²³ Resigned from committee Feb. 19, 1975.

¹²⁴ Elected to committee Mar. 12, 1975.

¹²⁵ Elected to committee Dec. 17, 1975.

¹²⁶ Elected to committee July 21, 1976.

¹²⁷ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 28, 1975.

95TH CONGRESS, 1977-78

DEMOCRATS ¹²⁸REPUBLICANS ¹³¹RAY ROBERTS, Texas, *Chairman*

OLIN E. TEAGUE, Texas
 DAVID E. SATTERFIELD III, Virginia
 DON EDWARDS, California
 G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY,
 Mississippi
 CHARLES J. CARNEY, Ohio
 GEORGE E. DANIELSON, California
 LESTER L. WOLFF, New York
 JACK BRINKLEY, Georgia
 RONALD M. MOTTL, Ohio
 ROBERT J. CORNELL, Wisconsin
 W. G. (BILL) HEFNER, North Carolina
 MARK W. HANNAFORD, California
 EDWARD P. BEARD, Rhode Island
 ROBERT W. EDGAR, Pennsylvania
 CLIFFORD ALLEN, Tennessee ¹²⁹
 SAM B. HALL, Jr., Texas
 DOUGLAS APPLGATE, Ohio
 DOUG BARNARD, Georgia
 DAVID L. CORNWELL, Indiana ¹³⁰

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 MARGARET M. HECKLER, Massachusetts
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 ELWOOD HILLIS, Indiana
 JAMES ABDNOR, South Dakota
 WILLIAM F. WALSH, New York
 TENNYSON F. GUYER, Ohio
 GEORGE HANSEN, Idaho
 HAROLD S. SAWYER, Michigan

¹²⁸ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 19, 1977.

¹²⁹ Died June 18, 1978.

¹³⁰ Elected to committee Sept. 20, 1978.

¹³¹ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 19, 1977.

96TH CONGRESS, 1979-80

DEMOCRATS ¹⁸²REPUBLICANS ¹⁸⁸RAY ROBERTS, Texas, *Chairman*

DAVID E. SATTERFIELD III, Virginia
 DON EDWARDS, California
 G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY,
 Mississippi
 GEORGE E. DANIELSON, California
 LESTER L. WOLFF, New York
 JACK BRINKLEY, Georgia
 RONALD M. MOTT, Ohio
 W. G. (BILL) HEFNER, North Carolina
 EDWARD P. BEARD, Rhode Island ¹⁸³
 ROBERT W. EDGAR, Pennsylvania
 SAM B. HALL, Jr., Texas
 DOUGLAS APPLIGATE, Ohio
 MARVIN LEATH, Texas
 WILLIAM HILL BONER, Tennessee
 PHIL GRAMM, Texas
 RICHARD C. SHELBY, Alabama
 TONY HALL, Ohio ¹⁸⁴
 DAN MICA, Florida
 THOMAS A. DASCHLE, South Dakota
 TONY COELHO, California
 CLAUDE LEACH, Louisiana ¹⁸⁵
 THOMAS DOWNEY, New York ¹⁸⁶
 JOHN HUTCHINSON, West Virginia ¹⁸⁷

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 MARGARET M. HECKLER, Massachusetts
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 ELWOOD HILLIS, Indiana
 JAMES ABDNOR, South Dakota
 TENNYSON F. GUYER, Ohio
 GEORGE HANSEN, Idaho ¹⁸⁹
 HAROLD S. SAWYER, Michigan
 WAYNE GRISHAM, California
 H. JOEL DECKARD, Indiana
 GARY A. LEE, New York
 GERALD B.H. SOLOMON, New York ¹⁴⁰

¹⁸² Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 24, 1979.

¹⁸³ Resigned from committee Feb. 8, 1979.

¹⁸⁴ Resigned from committee Jan. 31, 1979.

¹⁸⁵ Elected to committee Feb. 6, 1980.

¹⁸⁶ Elected to committee Mar. 19, 1980. Resigned from committee June 18, 1980.

¹⁸⁷ Elected to committee June 18, 1980.

¹⁸⁸ Republican members were initially elected Jan. 24, 1979.

¹⁸⁹ Resigned from committee Oct. 1, 1980.

¹⁴⁰ Elected to committee Oct. 1, 1980.

97TH CONGRESS 1981-82

DEMOCRATS ¹⁴¹REPUBLICANS ¹⁴⁷G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY, Mississippi, *Chairman*

DON EDWARDS, California
 GEORGE E. DANIELSON, California ¹⁴²
 JACK BRINKLEY, Georgia
 RONALD M. MOTT, Ohio
 ROBERT W. EDGAR, Pennsylvania
 SAM B. HALL, Jr., Texas
 DOUGLAS APPEGATE, Ohio
 MARVIN LEATH, Texas
 WILLIAM HILL BONER, Tennessee
 RICHARD C. SHELBY, Alabama
 DAN MICA, Florida
 THOMAS A. DASCHLE, South Dakota
 BOB STUMP, Arizona
 WAYNE DOWDY, Mississippi ¹⁴³
 MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ, California ¹⁴⁴
 PHIL GRAMM, Texas
 AUSTIN J. MURPHY, Pennsylvania ¹⁴⁵
 BYRON L. DORGAN, North Dakota ¹⁴⁵
 ANTONIO WON PAT, Guam ¹⁴⁶

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 MARGARET M. HECKLER, Massachusetts
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 ELWOOD HILLIS, Indiana
 TENNYSON F. GUYER, Ohio ¹⁴⁸
 HAROLD S. SAWYER, Michigan
 GERALD B.H. SOLOMON, New York
 JIM JEFFRIES, Kansas
 BOB McEWEN, Ohio
 JIM DUNN, Michigan
 CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, New Jersey
 ALBERT LEE SMITH, Jr., Alabama
 DENNY SMITH, Oregon
 MARK D. SILJANDER, Michigan ¹⁴⁹
 JOHN L. NAPIER, South Carolina ¹⁵⁰
 JAMES L. NELLIGAN, Pennsylvania ¹⁵¹

¹⁴¹ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 28, 1981.

¹⁴² Resigned from House Mar. 9, 1982.

¹⁴³ Elected to committee Dec. 16, 1981.

¹⁴⁴ Elected to committee Aug. 19, 1982.

¹⁴⁵ Elected to committee Feb. 25, 1981.

¹⁴⁶ Elected to committee Apr. 30, 1981.

¹⁴⁷ Republican members were initially elected Jan. 28, 1981.

¹⁴⁸ Died April 12, 1981.

¹⁴⁹ Elected to committee Apr. 29, 1981.

¹⁵⁰ Elected to committee Dec. 10, 1981.

¹⁵¹ Elected to committee Mar. 18, 1982.

98TH CONGRESS 1983-84

DEMOCRATS ¹⁶²REPUBLICANS ¹⁶⁵G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY, Mississippi, *Chairman*

DON EDWARDS, California
 BOB EDGAR, Pennsylvania
 SAM B. HALL, Jr., Texas
 DOUGLAS APPLIGATE, Ohio
 MARVIN LEATH, Texas
 RICHARD C. SHELBY, Alabama
 DAN MICA, Florida
 THOMAS T. DASCHLE, South Dakota
 WAYNE DOWDY, Mississippi
 MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ, California
 LANE EVANS, Illinois
 MARCY KAPTUR, Ohio
 FRANK HARRISON, Pennsylvania
 ALAN B. MOLLOHAN, West Virginia
 TIMOTHY J. PENNY, Minnesota
 HARLEY O. STAGGERS, Jr.,
 West Virginia
 J. ROY ROWLAND, Georgia
 JIM SLATTERY, Kansas
 JOHN BRYANT, Texas
 BILL RICHARDSON, New Mexico ¹⁶³
 JAMES J. FLORIO, New Jersey ¹⁶⁴

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 ELWOOD HILLIS, Indiana ¹⁶⁶
 GERALD B.H. SOLOMON, New York
 BOB McEWEN, Ohio
 CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, New Jersey
 DENNY SMITH, Oregon
 PHIL GRAMM, Texas ¹⁶⁷
 DAN BURTON, Indiana
 DON SUNDQUIST, Tennessee
 MICHAEL BILIRAKIS, Florida
 NANCY LEE JOHNSON, Connecticut

¹⁶² Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 6, 1983.

¹⁶³ Resigned from committee Feb. 29, 1984.

¹⁶⁴ Elected to committee Feb. 29, 1984.

¹⁶⁵ Republican Members were initially elected Jan. 6, 1983.

¹⁶⁶ Elected to committee Jan. 25, 1983.

¹⁶⁷ Elected to committee Mar. 1, 1983.

99TH CONGRESS, 1985-1986

DEMOCRATS ¹⁵⁸REPUBLICANS ¹⁶⁴G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY, Mississippi, *Chairman* ¹⁵⁹

DON EDWARDS, California
 BOB EDGAR, Pennsylvania
 SAM B. HALL, Jr., Texas ¹⁶⁰
 DOUGLAS APPEGATE, Ohio
 RICHARD C. SHELBY, Alabama
 DAN MICA, Florida
 THOMAS A. DASCHLE, South Dakota
 WAYNE DOWDY, Mississippi
 LANE EVANS, Illinois
 MARCY KAPTUR, Ohio
 ALAN B. MOLLOHAN, West Virginia ¹⁶¹
 TIMOTHY J. PENNY, Minnesota
 HARLEY O. STAGGERS, Jr.,
 West Virginia
 J. ROY ROWLAND, Georgia
 JOHN BRYANT, Texas
 JAMES J. FLORIO, New Jersey
 KENNETH J. GRAY, Illinois
 PAUL E. KANJORSKI, Pennsylvania
 TOMMY F. ROBINSON, Arkansas
 FRANK McCLOSKEY, Indiana ¹⁶²
 CHARLES W. STENHOLM, Texas ¹⁶³

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 ELWOOD HILLIS, Indiana
 GERALD B.H. SOLOMON, New York
 BOB McEWEN, Ohio
 CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, New Jersey
 DAN BURTON, Indiana
 DON SUNDQUIST, Tennessee
 MICHAEL BILIRAKIS, Florida
 NANCY LEE JOHNSON, Connecticut
 GUY V. MOLINARI, New York
 THOMAS J. RIDGE, Pennsylvania
 WILLIAM M. HENDON, North Carolina
 JOHN G. ROWLAND, Connecticut

¹⁵⁸ Democratic members were initially elected Jan. 30, 1985.

¹⁵⁹ Elected to committee Jan. 7, 1985.

¹⁶⁰ Resigned from House May 27, 1985.

¹⁶¹ Resigned from committee May 1, 1986.

¹⁶² Elected to committee May 1, 1986.

¹⁶³ Elected to committee Oct. 10, 1986.

¹⁶⁴ Republicans were initially elected Jan. 30, 1985.

100TH CONGRESS, 1987-1988

DEMOCRATS ¹⁶⁵REPUBLICANS ¹⁶⁹G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY, Mississippi, *Chairman* ¹⁶⁶

DON EDWARDS, California
 DOUGLAS APPLGATE, Ohio
 DAN MICA, Florida
 WAYNE DOWDY, Mississippi
 LANE EVANS, Illinois
 MARCY KAPTUR, Ohio
 TIMOTHY J. PENNY, Minnesota
 HARLEY O. STAGGERS, Jr.,
 West Virginia
 J. ROY ROWLAND, Georgia
 JOHN BRYANT, Texas
 JAMES J. FLORIO, New Jersey
 KENNETH J. GRAY, Illinois ¹⁶⁷
 PAUL E. KANJORSKI, Pennsylvania
 TOMMY F. ROBINSON, Arkansas
 CHARLES W. STENHOLM, Texas
 CLAUDE HARRIS, Alabama
 JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, II, Massachusetts
 ELIZABETH J. PATTERSON,
 South Carolina
 TIM JOHNSON, South Dakota
 JIM JONTZ, Indiana
 LEWIS F. PAYNE, Jr., Virginia ¹⁶⁸

GERALD B.H. SOLOMON, New York
 JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 BOB STUMP, Arizona
 BOB McEWEN, Ohio
 CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, New Jersey
 DAN BURTON, Indiana
 MICHAEL BILIRAKIS, Florida
 THOMAS J. RIDGE, Pennsylvania
 JOHN G. ROWLAND, Connecticut
 ROBERT K. DORNAN, California
 ROBERT C. SMITH, New Hampshire
 JACK DAVIS, Illinois

¹⁶⁵ Democratic Members were initially elected Jan. 22, 1987.

¹⁶⁶ Elected to committee Jan. 8, 1987.

¹⁶⁷ Resigned from committee Oct. 3, 1988.

¹⁶⁸ Elected to committee Oct. 6, 1988.

¹⁶⁹ Republican members were initially elected Jan. 21, 1987.

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DEMOCRATS ¹⁷⁰REPUBLICANS ¹⁷⁷G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY, Mississippi, *Chairman* ¹⁷¹

DON EDWARDS, California
 DOUGLAS APPELGATE, Ohio
 LANE EVANS, Illinois
 TIMOTHY J. PENNY, Minnesota
 HARLEY O. STAGGERS, Jr.,
 West Virginia
 J. ROY ROWLAND, Georgia
 JAMES J. FLORIO, New Jersey
 PAUL E. KANJORSKI, Pennsylvania ¹⁷²
 TOMMY F. ROBINSON, Arkansas ¹⁷³
 CHARLES W. STENHOLM, Texas
 CLAUDE HARRIS, Alabama
 JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, II, Massachusetts
 ELIZABETH J. PATTERSON,
 South Carolina
 TIM JOHNSON, South Dakota ¹⁷⁴
 JIM JONTZ, Indiana
 LEWIS F. PAYNE, Jr., Virginia
 BRUCE A. MORRISON, Connecticut
 GEORGE E. SANGMEISTER, Illinois
 MIKE PARKER, Mississippi
 BEN JONES, Georgia
 JILL LONG, Indiana ¹⁷⁶
 PETE GEREN, Texas ¹⁷⁶

BOB STUMP, Arizona
 JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 BOB McEWEN, Ohio
 CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, New Jersey
 DAN BURTON, Indiana
 MICHAEL BILIRAKIS, Florida
 THOMAS J. RIDGE, Pennsylvania
 JOHN G. ROWLAND, Connecticut
 ROBERT C. SMITH, New Hampshire
 CRAIG JAMES, Florida
 CLIFF STEARNS, Florida
 BILL PAXON, New York ¹⁷⁸

¹⁷⁰ Democratic members were initially elected Jan. 19, 1989.

¹⁷¹ Elected to committee Jan. 3, 1989.

¹⁷² Resigned from committee Mar. 1, 1989.

¹⁷³ Vacation of committee assignment on July 28, 1989, following change of party.

¹⁷⁴ Resigned from committee Oct. 17, 1989.

¹⁷⁶ Elected to committee Apr. 27, 1989.

¹⁷⁶ Elected to committee Nov. 8, 1989.

¹⁷⁷ Republican members were initially elected Jan. 20, 1989.

¹⁷⁸ Elected to committee May 4, 1989.

101ST CONGRESS, (1st Session)

DEMOCRATS ^aREPUBLICANS ^bG.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY, Mississippi, *Chairman* ^b

DON EDWARDS, California
 DOUGLAS APPELGATE, Ohio
 LANE EVANS, Illinois
 TIMOTHY J. PENNY, Minnesota
 HARLEY O. STAGGERS, Jr.,
 West Virginia
 J. ROY ROWLAND, Georgia
 JAMES J. FLORIO, New Jersey
 PAUL E. KANJORSKI, Pennsylvania ^c
 TOMMY F. ROBINSON, Arkansas ^d
 CHARLES W. STENHOLM, Texas
 CLAUDE HARRIS, Alabama
 JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, II, Massachusetts
 ELIZABETH J. PATTERSON,
 South Carolina
 TIM JOHNSON, South Dakota ^e
 JIM JONTZ, Indiana
 LEWIS F. PAYNE, Jr., Virginia
 BRUCE A. MORRISON, Connecticut
 GEORGE E. SANGMEISTER, Illinois
 MIKE PARKER, Mississippi
 BEN JONES, Georgia
 JILL LONG, Indiana ^f
 PETE GEREN, Texas ^g

BOB STUMP, Arizona
 JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT,
 Arkansas
 CHALMERS P. WYLIE, Ohio
 BOB McEWEN, Ohio
 CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, New Jersey
 DAN BURTON, Indiana
 MICHAEL BLIRAKIS, Florida
 THOMAS J. RIDGE, Pennsylvania
 JOHN G. ROWLAND, Connecticut
 ROBERT C. SMITH, New Hampshire
 CRAIG JAMES, Florida
 CLIFF STEARNS, Florida
 BILL PAXON, New York ⁱ

^a Democratic members were initially elected Jan. 19, 1989.

^b Elected to committee Jan. 3, 1989.

^c Resigned from committee Mar. 1, 1989.

^d Vacation of committee assignment on July 28, 1989, following change of party.

^e Resigned from committee Oct. 17, 1989.

^f Elected to committee Apr. 27, 1989.

^g Elected to committee Nov. 8, 1989.

^h Republican members were initially elected Jan. 20, 1989.

ⁱ Elected to committee May 4, 1989.

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