

COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES WITH JURISDICTION OVER HEALTH LEGISLATION

112th Congress

Eleven congressional committees have primary jurisdiction over legislation pertinent to hospitals and other health care institutions. On the Senate side, they are the Budget Committee, Finance Committee, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Judiciary Committee. In the House, the Budget Committee, Committee on Education and Labor, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Homeland Security Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Ways and Means Committee have jurisdiction over health and legal issues affecting hospitals. Members of the committees are the most influential health legislators on Capitol Hill.

The path legislation takes is influenced by positions presented formally at hearings or informally by interested parties through personal and written contacts, as well as by the degrees of concern of individual members of Congress. Lobbying activities, including such organized efforts as the American Hospital Association's grassroots advocacy activities, may provide the turning point on which a committee decision or that of an individual representative or senator is made.

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Committee on the Budget

U. S. Senate

Room: 624 Dirksen Phone: (202) 224-0642

Website: <http://www.budget.senate.gov>

Sen. Conrad

Chairman

Full Committee

Sen. Sessions

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Democrats (12)

Kent Conrad, ND
Patty Murray, WA
Ron Wyden, OR
Bill Nelson, FL
Debbie Stabenow, MI
Ben Cardin, MD
Bernie Sanders, VT *
Sheldon Whitehouse, RI
Mark Warner, VA
Jeff Merkley, OR
Mark Begich, AK
Chris Coons, DE

Republicans (10)

Jeff Sessions, AL
Charles Grassley, IA
Michael B. Enzi, WY
Mike Crapo, ID
Lindsey Graham, SC
John Thune, SD
Rob Portman, OH
Pat Toomey, PA
Ron Johnson, WI

* Independent; for purposes of caucusing, Sen. Sanders meets with the Democrats.

Committee Jurisdiction

The Senate Committee on the Budget reports to the Senate on all concurrent resolutions on budget matters, as stipulated in the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-344). It conducts studies on the effect of the budget outlays on relevant proposed and existing legislation, requests and evaluates studies of tax expenditures and methods of coordinating tax expenditures with direct budget outlays, and reviews Congressional Budget Office operations.

Committee on Finance

U. S. Senate

Room: 219 Dirksen Phone: (202) 224-4515

Website: <http://finance.senate.gov/>

Sen. Baucus

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (13)

Max Baucus, MT

John D. Rockefeller IV, WV

Kent Conrad, ND

Jeff Bingaman, NM

John F. Kerry, MA

Ron Wyden, OR

Charles E. Schumer, NY

Debbie Stabenow, MI

Maria Cantwell, WA

Bill Nelson, FL

Robert Menendez, NJ

Thomas R. Carper, DE

Benjamin L. Cardin, MD

Sen. Hatch

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Republicans (11)

Orrin G. Hatch, UT

Chuck Grassley, IA

Olympia Snowe, ME

Jon Kyl, AZ

Mike Crapo, ID

Pat Roberts, KS

Michael B. Enzi, WY

John Cornyn, TX

Tom Coburn, OK

John Thune, SD

Committee Jurisdiction

The Senate Finance Committee and its health care subcommittee are responsible for legislation on Medicare and Medicaid, as well as other programs that, in the aggregate, involve almost three-fifths of the federal budget. As a result of the full committee's jurisdiction over amendments to internal revenue laws, which may affect tax reform and philanthropy, both the committee and its health subcommittee have significant influence over health-related measures and issues that affect health care institutions. Amendments to the Social Security Act, which include Medicare, Medicaid, and maternal and child health, for example, also encompass legislation affecting the following: public assistance; old age, survivors, and disability insurance; and unemployment compensation programs.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

U. S. Senate

Room: 428 Dirksen Phone: (202) 224-5375

Website: <http://help.senate.gov/>

Sen. Harkin

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (12)

Tom Harkin, IA
Barbara A. Mikulski, MD
Jeff Bingaman, NM
Patty Murray, WA
Bernie Sanders, VT *
Robert P. Casey, Jr., PA
Kay R. Hagan, NC
Jeff Merkley, OR
Al Franken, MN
Michael F. Bennet, CO
Sheldon Whitehouse, RI
Richard Blumenthal, CT

Sen. Enzi

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Republicans (10)

Michael B. Enzi, WY
Lamar Alexander, TN
Richard Burr, NC
Johnny Isakson, GA
Rand Paul, KY
Orrin G. Hatch, UT
John McCain, AZ
Pat Roberts, KS
Lisa Murkowski, AK
Mark Kirk, IL

*Independent; for purposes of caucusing, Sen. Sanders meets with the Democrats.

Committee Jurisdiction

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, which has no health subcommittee, has jurisdiction over the following: programs authorized under the Public Health Service (e.g., clinical laboratories, allied health and nurse training); the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and the Mental Retardation Facilities and Community Mental Health Centers Act. Although the committee has no jurisdiction over Medicare and Medicaid, members hold hearings on expanding health care access for the medically indigent, health care costs containment, and manpower issues, including Medicare payment for graduate and medical education, as well as consumer protection, quality, and confidentiality issues. The committee also handles legislation dealing with child abuse, adoption, the Community Service Block Grant, adolescent family life, and the Head Start program — all of which include a provision for the delivery of health services.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

U.S. Senate

Room: 340 Dirksen Phone: (202) 224-2627

Website: <http://hsgac.senate.gov>

Sen. Lieberman

Chairman

Full Committee

Sen. Collins

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Democrats (9)

Republicans (8)

Joseph I. Lieberman, CT *

Carl Levin, MI

Daniel K. Akaka, HI

Thomas R. Carper, DE

Mark L. Pryor, AR

Mary L. Landrieu, LA

Claire McCaskill, MO

Jon Tester, MT

Mark Begich, AK

Susan M. Collins, ME

Tom Coburn, OK

Scott Brown, MA

John McCain, AZ

Rob Johnson, WI

Rob Portman, OH

Rand Paul, KY

* Independent; for purposes of caucusing, Sen. Lieberman meets with the Democrats.

Committee Jurisdiction

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee has jurisdiction over matters relating to the Department of Homeland Security, including emergency preparedness.

Committee on the Judiciary

U. S. Senate

Room: 224 Dirksen Phone: (202) 224-7703

Website: <http://judiciary.senate.gov/>

Sen. Leahy

Chairman

Full Committee

Sen. Grassley

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Democrats (10)

Patrick J. Leahy, VT

Herb Kohl, WI

Dianne Feinstein, CA

Charles E. Schumer, NY

Richard J. Durbin, IL

Sheldon Whitehouse, RI

Amy Klobuchar, MN

Al Franken, MN

Christopher A. Coons, DE

Richard Blumenthal, CT

Republicans (8)

Chuck Grassley, IA

Orrin G. Hatch, UT

Jon Kyl, AZ

Jeff Sessions, AL

Lindsey Graham, SC

John Cornyn, TX

Michael S. Lee, UT

Tom Coburn, OK

Committee Jurisdiction

The Senate Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over the following subject matters: antitrust; tort liability issues, including medical malpractice and product liability; and other legislative or oversight matters as determined by the Chairman.

Committee on the Budget

U. S. House of Representatives

Room: 207 Cannon Phone: (202) 226-7200

Website: <http://www.house.gov/budget/>

Rep. Ryan

Chairman

Full Committee

Republicans (22)

Paul Ryan, WI
Scott Garrett, NJ
Mike Simpson, ID
John Campbell, CA
Ken Calvert, CA
Todd Akin, MO
Tom Cole, OK
Tom Price, GA
Tom McClintock, CA
Jason Chaffetz, UT
Marlin Stutzman, IN
James Lankford, OK
Diane Black, TN
Reid Ribble, WI
Bill Flores, TX
Mick Mulvaney, SC
Tim Huelskamp, KS
Todd Young, IN
Justin Amash, MI
Todd Rokita, IN
Frank Guinta, NH
Rob Woodall, GA

Rep. Van Hollen

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Democrats (16)

Chris Van Hollen, MD
Allyson Schwartz, PA
Marcy Kaptur, OH
Lloyd Doggett, TX
Earl Blumenauer, OR
Betty McCollum, MN
John Yarmuth, KY
Bill Pascrell, NJ
Mike Honda, CA
Tim Ryan, OH
Debbie Wasserman Schultz, FL
Gwen Moore, WI
Kathy Castor, FL
Heath Shuler, NC
Paul Tonko, NY
Karen Bass, CA

Committee Jurisdiction

The House Committee on the Budget reports to the House of Representatives on all concurrent resolutions on budget matters, as stipulated in the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-344). It conducts studies on the effect of budget outlays on relevant proposed and existing legislation, requests and evaluates studies of tax expenditures and methods of coordinating tax expenditures with direct budget outlays, and reviews Congressional Budget Office operations.

Committee on Education and Labor

U. S. House of Representatives

Room: 2181 Rayburn Phone: (202) 225-3725

Website: <http://edworkforce.house.gov/>

Rep. Kline

Chairman

Full Committee

Republicans (23)

John Kline, MN
Thomas E. Petri, WI
Howard P. “Buck” McKeon, CA
Judy Biggert, IL
Todd Russell Platts, PA
Joe Wilson, SC
Virginia Foxx, NC
Duncan D. Hunter, CA
David P. Roe, TN
Glenn Thompson, PA
Tim Walberg, MI
Scott DesJarlais, TN
Richard Hanna, NY
Todd Rokita, IN
Larry Bucshon, IN
Trey Gowdy, SC
Lou Barletta, PA
Kristi Noem, SD
Martha Roby, AL
Joe Heck, NV
Dennis Ross, FL
Mike Kelly, PA
Vacancy

Rep. Miller

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Democrats (17)

George Miller, CA
Dale E. Kildee, MI
Donald M. Payne, NJ
Robert E. Andrews, NJ
Robert C. Scott, VA
Lynn C. Woolsey, CA
Rubén Hinojosa, TX
Carolyn McCarthy, NY
John F. Tierney, MA
Dennis J. Kucinich, OH
David Wu, OR
Rush D. Holt, NJ
Susan A. Davis, CA
Raúl M. Grijalva, AZ
Timothy H. Bishop, NY
Dave Loebsack, IA
Mazie Hirono, HI

Committee Jurisdiction

The Committee on Education and Labor has jurisdiction over measures relating to education and labor issues. The committee has influence over the following measures: workers’ health and safety; wages and hours of labor; postsecondary student assistance; training and apprenticeship; and pension benefits, including the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

Committee on Energy and Commerce

U. S. House of Representatives

Room: 2125 Rayburn Phone: (202) 225-2927

Website: <http://energycommerce.house.gov/>

Rep. Upton

Chairman

Full Committee

Rep. Waxman

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Republicans (31)

Fred Upton, MI
Joe Barton, TX
Cliff Stearns, FL
Ed Whitfield, KY
John Shimkus, IL
Joseph R. Pitts, PA
Mary Bono Mack, CA
Greg Walden, OR
Lee Terry, NE
Mike Rogers, MI
Sue Myrick, NC
John Sullivan, OK
Tim Murphy, PA
Michael Burgess, TX
Marsha Blackburn, TN
Brian P. Bilbray, CA
Charles F. Bass, NH
Phil Gingrey, GA
Steve Scalise, LA
Bob Latta, OH
Cathy McMorris Rodgers, WA
Gregg Harper, MS
Leonard Lance, NJ
Bill Cassidy, LA
Brett Guthrie, KY
Pete Olson, TX
David McKinley, WV
Cory Gardner, CO
Mike Pompeo, KS
Adam Kinzinger, IL
Morgan Griffith, VA

Democrats (23)

Henry A. Waxman, CA
John D. Dingell, MI
Edward J. Markey, MA
Edolphus Towns, NY
Frank Pallone, Jr., NJ
Bobby L. Rush, IL
Anna G. Eshoo, CA
Eliot L. Engel, NY
Gene Green, TX
Diana DeGette, CO
Lois Capps, CA
Michael F. Doyle, PA
Jan Schakowsky, IL
Charles A. Gonzalez, TX
Jay Inslee, WA
Tammy Baldwin, WI
Mike Ross, AR
Anthony D. Weiner, NY
Jim Matheson, UT
G. K. Butterfield, NC
John Barrow, GA
Doris O. Matsui, CA
Donna Christensen, VI

Committee Jurisdiction

The Energy and Commerce Committee has jurisdiction over the following: programs authorized under the Social Security Act, including Medicaid, Medicare Part B, child health, long-term care, and peer review; and programs authorized under the Public Health Service Act, including hospital construction, biomedical research, allied health and nurse training, medical devices, mental health research, alcoholism, drug abuse, maternal and child health care, HMOs, and issues related to environmental protection — all of which are initially referred to the committee's Subcommittee on Health.

Committee on Homeland Security

U. S. House of Representatives

Room: H2-176 Ford Phone: (202) 226-8417

Website: <http://hsc.house.gov/>

Rep. King

Chairman

Full Committee

Rep. Thompson

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Republicans (19)

Peter T. King, NY
Lamar Smith, TX
Daniel E. Lungren, CA
Mike Rogers, AL
Michael McCaul, TX
Gus M. Bilirakis, FL
Paul C. Broun, GA
Candice S. Miller, MI
Tim Walberg, MI
Chip Cravaack, MN
Joe Walsh, IL
Patrick Meehan, PA
Ben Quayle, AZ
Scott Rigell, VA
Billy Long, MO
Jeff Duncan, SC
Tom Marino, PA
Blake Farenthold, TX
Mo Brooks, AL

Democrats (12)

Bennie G. Thompson, MS
Loretta Sanchez, CA
Sheila Jackson Lee, TX
Henry Cuellar, TX
Yvette D. Clarke, NY
Laura Richardson, CA
Danny K. Davis, IL
Brian Higgins, NY
Jackie Speier, CA
Cedric L. Richmond, LA
Hansen Clarke, MI
William R. Keating, MA

Committee Jurisdiction

The Homeland Security Committee coordinates House oversight of the Homeland Security Department in the House of Representatives, including such areas as emergency preparedness and public health. It also exercises exclusive legislative jurisdiction over the Homeland Security Act that established the federal department tasked with protecting the United States from terrorist attacks.

Committee on the Judiciary

U. S. House of Representatives

Room: 2138 Rayburn Phone: (202) 225-3951

Website: <http://www.house.gov/judiciary/>

Rep. Smith

Chairman

Full Committee

Republicans (23)

Lamar Smith, TX
Jim Sensenbrenner, Jr., WI
Howard Coble, NC
Elton Gallegly, CA
Bob Goodlatte, VA
Daniel E. Lungren, CA
Steve Chabot, OH
Darrell Issa, CA
Mike Pence, IN
Randy Forbes, VA
Steve King, IA
Trent Franks, AZ
Louie Gohmert, TX
Jim Jordan, OH
Ted Poe, TX
Jason Chaffetz, UT
Timothy Griffin, AR
Tom Marino, PA
Trey Gowdy, SC
Dennis A. Ross, FL
Sandy Adams, FL
Ben Quayle, AZ
Vacancy

Rep. Conyers, Jr.

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Democrats (16)

John Conyers, MI
Howard Berman, CA
Jerrold Nadler, NY
Bobby Scott, VA
Mel Watt, NC
Zoe Lofgren, CA
Shelia Jackson Lee, TX
Maxine Waters, CA
Steve Cohen, TN
Hank Johnson, GA
Pedro Pierluisi, PR
Michael Quigley, IL
Judy Chu, CA
Ted Deutch, FL
Linda Sánchez, CA
Debbie Wasserman Schultz, FL

Committee Jurisdiction

The House Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over the following subject matters: antitrust; tort liability issues, including medical malpractice and product liability; and other legislative or oversight matters as determined by the Chairman.

Committee on Ways and Means

U. S. House of Representatives

Room: 1102 Longworth Phone: (202) 225-3625

Website: <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/>

Rep. Camp

Chairman

Full Committee

Republicans (22)

Dave Camp, MI

Wally Herger, CA

Sam Johnson, TX

Kevin Brady, TX

Paul Ryan, WI

Devin Nunes, CA

Pat Tiberi, OH

Geoff Davis, KY

Dave G. Reichert, WA

Charles W. Boustany, Jr., LA

Dean Heller, NV

Peter J. Roskam, IL

Jim Gerlach, PA

Tom Price, GA

Vern Buchanan, FL

Adrian Smith, NE

Aaron Schock, IL

Lynn Jenkins, KS

Erik Paulsen, MN

Kenny Marchant, TX

Rick Berg, ND

Diane Black, TN

Rep. Levin

Ranking Member

Full Committee

Democrats (15)

Sander Levin, MI

Charles N. Rangel, NY*

Fortney Pete Stark, CA

Jim McDermott, WA

John Lewis, GA

Richard E. Neal, MA

Xavier Becerra, CA

Lloyd Doggett, TX

Mike Thompson, CA

John B. Larson, CT

Earl Blumenauer, OR

Ron Kind, WI

Bill Pascrell, Jr., NJ

Shelley Berkley, NV

Joseph Crowley, NY

* Rep. Rangel will serve as an ex officio member sitting on all of the subcommittees without voting rights in the 112th Congress.

Committee Jurisdiction

The Ways and Means Committee has jurisdiction over the following: Medicare Parts A and B and health proposals funded through federal general revenues; tax legislation; Social Security, except for health care facilities programs supported from general revenues rather than payroll deductions; and work-incentive programs.