

**COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES WITH JURISDICTION OVER HEALTH
LEGISLATION
111th 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

Internet: <http://www.senate.gov/~budget/>

Sen. Conrad

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (13)

Kent Conrad, ND
Patty Murray, WA
Ron Wyden, OR
Russell P. Feingold, WI
Robert C. Byrd, WV
Bill Nelson, FL
Debbie Stabenow, MI
Robert Menendez, NJ
Ben Cardin, MD
Bernard Sanders, VT *
Sheldon Whitehouse, RI
Mark Warner, VA
Jeff Merkley, OR

Sen. Gregg

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (10)

Judd Gregg, NH
Charles Grassley, IA
Michael B. Enzi, WY
Jeff Sessions, AL
Jim Bunning, KY
Mike Crapo, ID
John Ensign, NV
John Cornyn, TX
Lindsey Graham, SC
Lamar Alexander, TN

* 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

Internet: <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
Blanche L. Lincoln, AR
Ron Wyden, OR
Charles E. Schumer, NY
Debbie Stabenow, MI
Maria Cantwell, WA
Bill Nelson, FL
Robert Menendez, NJ
Thomas R. Carper, DE

Sen. Grassley

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (10)

Chuck Grassley, IA
Orrin G. Hatch, UT
Olympia J. Snowe, ME
Jon Kyl, AZ
Jim Bunning, KY
Mike Crapo, ID
Pat Roberts, KS
John Ensign, NV
Michael B. Enzi, WY
John Cornyn, TX

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

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

Vacant

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (12)

Vacant

Chris Dodd, CT

Tom Harkin, IA

Barbara Mikulski, MD

Jeff Bingaman, NM

Patty Murray, WA

Jack Reed, RI

Bernard Sanders, VT *

Sherrod Brown, OH

Robert P. Casey, Jr., PA

Kay Hagan, NC

Jeff Merkley, OR

Sen. Enzi

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (10)

Michael B. Enzi, WY

Judd Gregg, NH

Lamar Alexander, TN

Richard Burr, NC

Johnny Isakson, GA

John McCain, AZ

Orrin G. Hatch, UT

Lisa Murkowski, AK

Tom Coburn, OK

Pat Roberts, KS

*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

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

Sen. Lieberman

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (10)

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

Roland W. Burris, IL

Michael F. Bennet, CO

Sen. Collins

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (6)

Susan M. Collins, ME

Tom Coburn, OK

John McCain, AZ

George V. Voinovich, OH

John Ensign, NV

Lindsey Graham, SC

* 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

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

Sen. Leahy

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (12)

Patrick J. Leahy, VT
Herb Kohl, WI
Dianne Feinstein, CA
Russell D. Feingold, WI
Charles E. Schumer, NY
Richard J. Durbin, IL
Benjamin L. Cardin, MD
Sheldon Whitehouse, RI
Ron Wyden, OR
Amy Klobuchar, MN
Edward E. Kaufman, DE
Arlen Specter, PA*

Sen. Sessions

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (7)

Jeff Sessions, AL
Orrin G. Hatch, UT
Chuck Grassley, IA
Jon Kyl, AZ
Lindsey Graham, SC
John Cornyn, TX
Tom Coburn, OK

* On April 27, 2009, Senator Arlen Specter switched his party affiliation to the Democratic Party

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

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

Rep. Spratt

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (24)

John M. Spratt, Jr., SC
Allyson Y. Schwartz, PA
Marcy Kaptur, OH
Xavier Becerra, CA
Lloyd Doggett, TX
Earl Blumenauer, OR
Marion Berry, AR
Allen Boyd, FL
Jim McGovern, MA
Niki Tsongas, MA
Bob Etheridge, NC
Betty McCollum, MN
Charlie Melancon, LA
John Yarmuth, KY
Rob Andrews, NJ
Rosa DeLauro, CT
Chet Edwards, TX
Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, VA
James Langevin, RI
Rick Larsen, WA
Timothy H. Bishop, NY
Gwen Moore, WI
Gerry Connolly, VA
Kurt Schrader, OR

Rep. Ryan

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (15)

Paul Ryan, WI
Jeb Hensarling, TX
Scott Garrett, NJ
Mario Diaz-Balart, FL
Mike Simpson, ID
Patrick McHenry, NC
Connie Mack, FL
John Campbell, CA
Jim Jordan, OH
Cynthia Lummis, WY
Steve Austria, OH
Robert Aderholt, AL
Devin Nunes, CA
Gregg Harper, MS
Vacancy

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

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

Rep. Miller

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (30)

George Miller, CA
Dale E. Kildee, MI
Donald M. Payne, NJ
Robert E. Andrews, NJ
Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, VA
Lynn Woolsey, CA
Rubén Hinojosa, TX
Carolyn McCarthy, NY
John F. Tierney, MA
Dennis Kucinich, OH
David Wu, OR
Rush D. Holt, Jr., NJ
Susan Davis, CA
Raúl Grijalva, AZ
Timothy H. Bishop, NY
Joe Sestak, PA
David Loebsack, IA
Mazie Hirono, HI
Jason Altmire, PA
Phil Hare, IL
Yvette Clarke, NY
Joe Courtney, CT
Carol Shea-Porter, NH
Marcia Fudge, OH
Jared Polis, CO
Paul Tonko, NY
Pedro Pierluisi, PR
Gregorio Sablan, Mariana Islands
Dina Titus, NV
Vacancy

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).

Rep. McKeon

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (19)

Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, CA
Thomas E. Petri, WI
Peter Hoekstra, MI
Michael N. Castle, DE
Mark E. Souder, IN
Vernon J. Ehlers, MI
Judy Biggert, IL
Todd Russell Platts, PA
Joe Wilson, SC
John Kline, MN
Cathy McMorris Rodgers, WA
Tom Price, GA
Rob Bishop, UT
Brett Guthrie, KY
Bill Cassidy, LA
Tom McClintock, CA
Duncan D. Hunter, CA
Phil Roe, TN
Glenn "GT" Thompson, PA

Committee on Energy and Commerce

U. S. House of Representatives

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

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

Rep. Waxman

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (36)

Henry A. Waxman, CA
John Dingell, MI
Edward J. Markey, MA
Rick Boucher, VA
Frank Pallone, Jr., NJ
Bart Gordon, TN
Bobby Rush, IL
Anna Eshoo, CA
Bart Stupak, MI
Eliot Engel, NY
Gene Green, TX
Diana DeGette, CO
Lois Capps, CA
Michael F. Doyle, PA
Jane Harman, CA
Janice D. 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
Charlie Melancon, LA
John Barrow, GA
Baron Hill, IN
Doris Matsui, CA
Donna Christensen, VI
Kathy Castor, FL
John Sarbanes, MD
Christopher Murphy, CT
Zachary Space, OH
Jerry McNerney, CA
Betty Sutton, OH
Bruce Braley, IA
Peter Welch, VT

Rep. Barton

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (23)

Joe Barton, TX
Ralph Hall, TX
Fred Upton, MI
Cliff Stearns, FL
Nathan Deal, GA
Ed Whitfield, KY
John Shimkus, IL
John Shadegg, AZ
Roy Blunt, MO
Steve Buyer, IN
George Radanovich, CA
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 C. Burgess, TX
Marsha Blackburn, TN
Phil Gingrey, GA
Steve Scalise, LA

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) 226-2616

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

Rep. Thompson

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (21)

Bennie G. Thompson, MS
Loretta Sanchez, CA
Jane Harman, CA
Peter A. DeFazio, OR
Eleanor Holmes Norton, DC
Zoe Lofgren, CA
Shelia Jackson-Lee, TX
Henry Cuellar, TX
Christopher P. Carney, PA
Yvette D. Clarke, NY
Laura Richardson, CA
Ann Kirkpatrick, AZ
Ben Ray Lujan Jr., NM
Bill Pascrell, Jr. NJ
Emanuel Cleaver, MO
Al Green, TX
James A. Himes, CT
Mary Jo Kilroy, OH
Eric J.J. Massa, NY
Dina Titus, NV
Vacancy

Rep. King

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (13)

Peter T. King, NY
Lamar Smith, TX
Mark E. Souder, IN
Daniel E. Lungren, CA
Mike Rogers, AL
Michael McCaul, TX
Charles W. Dent, PA
Gus M. Bilirakis, FL
Paul C. Broun, GA
Candice S. Miller, MI
Pete Olson, TX
Anh "Joseph" Cao, LA
Steve Austria, OH

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

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

Rep. Conyers

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (23)

John Conyers, Jr., MI
Howard Berman, CA
Rick Boucher, VA
Jerrold Nadler, NY
Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, VA
Mel Watt, NC
Zoe Lofgren, CA
Sheila Jackson-Lee, TX
Maxine Waters, CA
Bill Delahunt, MA
Robert Wexler, FL
Steve Cohen, TN
Hank Johnson, GA
Pedro Pierluisi, PR
Luis Gutierrez, IL
Brad Sherman, CA
Tammy Baldwin, WI
Charles Gonzalez, TX
Anthony D. Weiner, NY
Adam Schiff, CA
Linda Sánchez, CA
Debbie Wasserman Schultz, FL
Dan Maffei, NY

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.

Rep. Smith

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (16)

Lamar Smith, TX
F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., WI
Howard Coble, NC
Elton Gallegly, CA
Bob Goodlatte, VA
Dan Lungren, CA
Darrell Issa, CA
J. Randy Forbes, VA
Steve King, IA
Trent Franks, AZ
Louie Gohmert, TX
Jim Jordan, OH
Ted Poe, TX
Jason Chaffetz, UT
Tom Rooney, FL
Gregg Harper, MS

Committee on Ways and Means

U. S. House of Representatives

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

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

Rep. Rangel

Chairman

Full Committee

Democrats (26)

Charles B. Rangel, NY
Fortney Pete Stark, CA
Sander M. Levin, MI
Jim McDermott, WA
John Lewis, GA
Richard E. Neal, MA
John S. Tanner, TN
Xavier Becerra, CA
Lloyd Doggett, TX
Earl Pomeroy, ND
Mike Thompson, CA
John B. Larson, CT
Earl Blumenauer, OR
Ron Kind, WI
Bill Pascrell, Jr., NJ
Shelley Berkley, NV
Joseph Crowley, NY
Chris Van Hollen, MD
Kendrick Meek, FL
Allyson Y. Schwartz, PA
Artur Davis, AL
Danny K. Davis, IL
Bob Etheridge, NC
Linda T. Sánchez, CA
Brian Higgins, NY
John A. Yarmuth, KY

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.

Rep. Camp

Ranking Minority Member

Full Committee

Republicans (15)

Dave Camp, MI
Wally Herger, CA
Sam Johnson, TX
Kevin Brady, TX
Paul Ryan, WI
Eric Cantor, VA
John Linder, GA
Devin Nunes, CA
Patrick J. Tiberi, OH
Ginny Brown-Waite, FL
Geoff Davis, KY
David G. Reichert, WA
Charles W. Boustany, Jr., LA
Dean Heller, NV
Peter J. Roskam, IL