

# BGOV OnPoint: House Committee Leaders in the 116th Congress

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# About This Presentation

**This OnPoint outlines potential changes to House committee leaders in the 116th Congress that meets next January, including:**

- Highlights of major committees that will have new leaders
- How movement on one committee could affect others
- Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said ranking Democrats would become chairmen if they win the majority

## **Major changes result from Republican retirements, election results**

- Seven Republican chairmen are retiring, one wasn't re-elected, one is term-limited
  - Republicans impose term limits on serving as chairmen and ranking members to a combined total of six years in those positions on a single committee
- One ranking Democrat is retiring
  - Democrats don't impose term limits on top committee spots



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# Republicans Will Have More Turnover

Committee	Chairman (115th)	Ranking Member (115th)
Agriculture	Michael Conaway (Texas)	Collin Peterson (Minn.)
Appropriations	<i>Rodney Frelinghuysen (N.J.)</i>	Nita Lowey (N.Y.)
Armed Services	Mac Thornberry (Texas)	Adam Smith (Wash.)
Budget	Steve Womack (Ark.)	John Yarmuth (Ky.)
Education & the Workforce	Virginia Foxx (N.C.)	Bobby Scott (Va.)
Energy & Commerce	Greg Walden (Ore.)	Frank Pallone (N.J.)
Financial Services	<i>Jeb Hensarling (Texas)</i>	Maxine Waters (Calif.)
Foreign Affairs	<i>Ed Royce (Calif.)</i>	Eliot Engel (N.Y.)
Homeland Security	<u>Michael McCaul (Texas)</u>	Bennie Thompson (Miss.)
Judiciary	<i>Bob Goodlatte (Va.)</i>	Jerry Nadler (N.Y.)
Natural Resources	Rob Bishop (Utah)	Raúl Grijalva (Ariz.)
Oversight & Government Reform	<i>Trey Gowdy (S.C.)</i>	Elijah Cummings (Md.)
Rules	<b>Pete Sessions (Texas)</b>	Jim McGovern (Mass.)
Science, Space, & Technology	<i>Lamar Smith (Texas)</i>	Eddie Bernice Johnson (Texas)
Small Business	Steve Chabot (Ohio)	Nydia Velázquez (N.Y.)
Transportation & Infrastructure	<i>Bill Shuster (Penn.)</i>	Pete DeFazio (Ore.)
Veterans' Affairs	Phil Roe (Tenn.)	<i>Tim Walz (Minn.)</i>
Ways & Means	Kevin Brady (Texas)	Richard Neal (Mass.)
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	Devin Nunes (Calif.)	Adam Schiff (Calif.)

Note: *Retiring* members are *italicized*; members who **lost reelection** are **bolded**; term limited Republican chairmen are underlined

# Appropriations: Cardinals Seek GOP Spot

Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-N.J.) is retiring

## Subcommittee leaders seeking the top Republican spot

- Defense Subcommittee Chairwoman Kay Granger (R-Texas)
- Financial Services Subcommittee Chairman Tom Graves (R-Ga.)

**Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.) should remain top Democrat**



Granger



Lowey



Graves

# Financial Services: Republicans Vie for Post

Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas) is retiring

## Several Republicans are in the running

- Vice Chair Patrick McHenry (R-N.C.) could seek top spot or leadership post
- Other contenders include Peter King (R-N.Y.), Frank Lucas (R-Okla.), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-Mo.), Bill Huizenga (R-Mich.), and Sean Duffy (R-Wis.)

**Ranking member Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) likely to remain top Democrat**



McHenry



Waters



King



Lucas

# Foreign Affairs: GOP Retirement Opens Spot

Chairman Ed Royce (R-Calif.) is retiring

## Several Republicans could be successor

- Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) has seniority
- Michael McCaul (R-Texas) could be a candidate
  - Term-limited as leader of Homeland Security Committee
- Ted Yoho (R-Fla.) is also in the running

**Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.) should retain his position as the lead Democrat on the panel**



Wilson



Engel



Yoho



McCaul

# Homeland: Term Limit Opens Top GOP Spot

Chairman Michael McCaul (R-Texas) has led the panel for three terms

## Two Republicans are seeking post

- John Katko (R-N.Y.), who leads the Transportation and Protective Security Subcommittee
- Mike Rogers (R-Ala.), who narrowly lost the chairmanship in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress

**Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) likely to retain position as the top Democrat**



Katko



Thompson



Rogers

# Judiciary: Another GOP Retirement

Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) is retiring

## **Steve Chabot (R-Ohio) is potential successor**

- Currently leads Small Business panel
- Other contenders include Doug Collins (R-Ga.), Steve King (R-Iowa), and Tom Marino (R-Pa.)

**Ranking Member Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.) likely to retain his position as the top Democrat**



Chabot



Nadler



Collins



King



# Oversight: Top GOP Spot Open

Chairman Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) didn't seek reelection

**Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) are seeking top Republican spot**

**Ranking member Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) likely to remain top Democrat**



Jordan



Cummings



Meadows

# Rules: Loss Opens Republican Spot

Chairman Pete Sessions (R-Texas) lost his reelection bid

**Position is appointed by leadership, so several Republicans could be successor**

- Vice Chair Tom Cole (R-Okla.) is in line for post
- Rob Woodall\* (R-Ga.) could also seek position

**Ranking member Jim McGovern (D-Mass.) is likely to remain the top Democrat**



Cole



McGovern



Woodall

\*Woodall was winning his re-election bid, which was too close to call as of publication.

# Science, Space & Technology: GOP Spot Open

Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) is retiring

## Republican successors could include:

- Vice Chair Frank Lucas (R-Okla.) is a potential candidate, though also may seek Financial Services post
- Dana Rohrabacher\* (R-Calif.) is a senior Republican on the committee

**Ranking member Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas) should retain her position as the lead Democrat**



Lucas



Johnson



Rohrabacher



Brooks

\*Rohrabacher was losing his re-election bid, which was too close to call as of publication.

# Small Business: GOP Leader May Switch Panels

Chairman Steve Chabot (R-Ohio) could move to lead Judiciary

**Chabot jumping to another panel could open a spot**

- Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-Mo.) and Steve King (R-Iowa) could face off

**Ranking member Nydia Velázquez (D-N.Y.) likely to remain top Democrat**



Luetkemeyer



Velázquez



King

# Transportation: Two Republicans Seek Top Post

Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) retirement spurs Republican leadership race

**Sam Graves (R-Mo.) and Jeff Denham\* (R-Calif.) are jostling for the top slot on the Republican side**

**Ranking member Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) likely to keep top Democratic spot**



Graves



DeFazio



Denham

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# VA: Two Californians Vie for Top Democratic Spot

Ranking member Tim Walz (D-Minn.) elected Minnesota's governor

**Chairman Phil Roe (R-Tenn) likely to stay top Republican on the panel**

**Democratic contenders include:**

- Mark Takano (D-Calif.), who's endorsed by Walz
- Julia Brownley (D-Calif.), who leads Health Subcommittee



Roe



Takano



Brownley

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