

Standing Committees of Congress: 1789 to Present

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The listing below for all House, Joint, and Senate standing committees in U.S. congressional history is near comprehensive, but it **does not include special, select, investigative, and other temporary committees**. Standing committees are specified in the Rules of the House and in the Standing Rules of the Senate. Committees may be authorized by a simple resolution in one chamber or by statute, and such creating authorizations are set out for current standing committees. The list includes information on predecessor and successor committees or committee names, but it does not include subcommittee information or detailed information on committee jurisdiction. Source documents for the list include “Jurisdictional Histories” in *CIS U.S. Congressional Committee Prints Index from the Earliest Publications Through 1969* (Finding Aids); *Congressional Directory* (1975 to Current); *Congressional Staff Directory* (2007); *U.S. Code Congressional and Administrative News* (1947 to Current); *Congressional Record Index* (1873 to Current); *Cumulative Index of Congressional Committee Hearings: 1935-1958*; *Index of Congressional Committee Hearings prior to January 3, 1935.*, and recent Committee sites as well as the *Congressional Record*.

House Committee on ... (bold with link indicates current standing committee)

Accounts (40th thru 64th Congress, 1868-1916)

[Agriculture](#) (16th thru Current Congress, 1820-present) (created by resolution of the House, 16th Congress, May 3, 1820)

Alcoholic Liquor Traffic (53rd thru 70th Congress, 1893-1927) - dissolved

[Appropriations](#) (38th thru Current Congress, 1865-present) (created by resolution of the House, 38th Congress, March 2, 1865)

Armed Services (80th thru 103rd Congress, 1947-1994) – prec. by Military Affairs and by Naval Affairs; succ by National Security

[Armed Services](#) (106th thru Current Congress, 1999-present) – prec. by National Security (created by Public Law 79-601, January 2, 1947)

Banking and Currency (39th thru 93rd Congress, 1865-1974) – succ. by Banking, Currency, and Housing

Banking and Financial Services (104th thru 105th Congress, 1995-1998) – prec. by Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs; succ. by Financial Services

Banking, Currency, and Housing (94th Congress, 1975-1976) – prec. by Banking and Currency; succ. by Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs

Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs (95th thru 103rd Congress, 1977-1994) – prec. by Banking, Currency and Housing; succ. by Banking and Financial Services

[Budget](#) (93rd thru Current Congress, 1974-present) (created by Public Law 93-344, July 12, 1974)

Census, the (57th thru 79th Congress, 1924-1946) – succ. by Post Office and Civil Service

Civil Service, the (68th thru 79th Congress, 1924-1946) – succ. by Post Office and Civil Service

Claims (3rd thru 79th Congress, 1794-1946) – trans. to Judiciary)

Coinage, Weights, and Measures (39th thru 79th Congress, 1867-1946) – trans. to Banking and Currency

Commerce (16th thru 52nd Congress, 1819-1891) – changed name to Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Commerce and Manufactures (4th thru 15th Congress, 1795-1819) – succ. by Commerce and by Manufactures

District of Columbia (10th thru 103rd Congress, 1808-1994) - trans. to Government Operations

Economic and Educational Opportunities (104th to 105th Congress, 1995-1998) – prec. by Education and Labor; succ. by Education and the Workforce

Education (48th thru 79th Congress, 1883-1946) – reorganized into Education and Labor

Education and Labor (40th thru 47th Cong.; 1867-1883, 80th -103rd Cong. 1947-1994, 2007-2010) (created by Public Law 79-601, January 2, 1947)

[Education and the Workforce](#) (106th thru 109th Congress, 1999-2006, 112th thru current Congress, 2011 to present) – prec. by Economic and Educational Opportunities and later by Education and Labor, redesignated by H. Res. 5, Jan. 5, 2011)

Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress (53rd thru 79th Congress, 1893-1946) - trans. to House Administration

Elections (1st thru 79th Congress, 1789-1946) – trans. to House Administration

Energy and Commerce (97th thru 103rd Congress, 1981-1994) – prec. by Interstate and Foreign Commerce, succ. by Commerce (& Financial Services in part)

[Energy and Commerce](#) (107th thru Current Congress, 2001-present) - prec. by Commerce (created by Resolution of the House, 4th Congress, Dec. 14, 1795)

[Ethics](#) (112th thru current Congress, 2011 to present). - prec. Standards and Official Conduct, redesignated as Rthis by H. Res. 5, Jan. 5, 2011).

Expenditures in Commerce Department (63rd thru 69th Congress, 1913-1927) - trans. to Expenditures in Executive Departments

Expenditures in Executive Departments (70th thru 82^d Congress, 1927-1952) - trans. to Government Operations

Expenditures in Interior Department (36th thru 69th Congress, 1860-1927) - trans. to Expenditures in Executive Departments

Expenditures in Justice Department (43rd thru 69th Congress, 1874-1927) - trans. to Expenditures in Executive Departments

Expenditures in Navy Department (14th thru 69th Congress, 1816-1927) - trans. to Expenditures in Executive Departments

Expenditures in Post Office Department (14th thru 69 Congress, 1816-1927) - trans. to Expenditures in Executive Departments

Expenditures in State Department (14th thru 69th Congress, 1816-1927) - trans. to Expenditures in Executive Departments

Expenditures in War Department (14th thru 69th Congress, 1816-1927) - trans. to Expenditures in Executive Departments

Financial Services (106th thru Current Congress, 1999 to present) – prec. by Banking and Financial Services
(created by Resolution of the House, 38th Congress, March 2, 1865)

Flood Control (64th thru 79th Congress, 1916-1946) - trans. to Public Works

Foreign Affairs (17th thru 103rd and 110th to Current Congress, 1822-1994, 2007-present) - succ. by International Relations and then back Foreign Affairs
(created by Resolution of the House, 17th Congress, March 13, 1822)

Government Operations (82d thru 103rd Congress, 1952-1994) - prec. by Expenditures in Executive Department; succ. by Government Reform and Oversight

Government Reform and Oversight (104th thru 109th Congress, 1995-2006) – prec. by Government Operations; succ. by Oversight and Government Reform

Homeland Security (109th thru Current Congress, 2005-present) – prec. by Select Committee on Homeland Security
(created as Select Committee by H. Res. 5, 108th Cong., designated permanent by H. Res. 5, 109th Congress)

House Administration (80th thru 103rd and 106th thru Current Congress, 1947-1994; 1999-present); prec. and succ. by House Oversight
(created by Public Law 79-601, January 2, 1947)

House Oversight (104th thru 105h Congress, 1995-1998) prec. by House Administration; succ. by House Administration

Immigration and Naturalization (53rd thru 69th Congress, 1893-1946) – trans. to Judiciary

Indian Affairs (17th thru 69th Congress, 1821-1946) – trans. to Public Lands – see Natural Resources

Intelligence, Permanent Select (95th thru Current Congress, 1977-present) (created by H. Res. 658, 95th Congress, July 14, 1977)

Internal Security (91st thru 93rd Congress, 1969-1974) – prec. by Un-American Activities

Interior and Insular Affairs (82d thru 92d Congress, 1951-1992) – prec. by Public Lands; succ. by Natural Resources

International Relations (104th thru 109th Congress, 1995-2006) – prec. and succ. by Foreign Affairs

Interstate and Foreign and Commerce (52d thru 96th Congress, 1891-1980) – prec. by Commerce (1819-1891); succ. by Energy and Commerce

Invalid Pensions (21st thru 69th Congress, 1831-1946); trans. to Veterans Affairs

Irrigation and Reclamation (68th thru 79th Congress, 1924-1946) – prec. by Irrigation of Arid Lands; trans. to Public Lands

Irrigation of Arid Lands (53rd thru 68th Congress, 1893-1924) – succ. by Irrigation and Reclamation

Judiciary, the (13th thru Current Congress, 1813-present) (created by Resolution of the House, 13th Congress, June 3, 1813)

Labor (48th thru 79th Congress, 1883-1946) – prec. by and succ. by Education and Labor

Library, the (7th thru 79th Congress, 1802-1946) – authorized as House branch of Joint Committee on the Library; trans. to Subcmte of House Administration

Manufactures (16th thru 62nd Congress, 1819-1911) – prec. by Commerce and Manufactures; succ. by Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Merchant Marine and Fisheries (50th thru 103rd Congress; 1887-1994) – trans. to Resources as well as Transportation and Infrastructure

Military Affairs (17th Congress to 79th Congress, 1822-1946) – succ. by Armed Services

Mines and Mining (39th Congress thru 79th Congress, 1865-1946) – trans. to Public Lands

National Security (104th thru 105th Congress, 1995-1998) – prec. by Armed Services; succ. by Armed Services

Natural Resources (102nd thru 103rd and 110th Congress) – prec. by Interior and Insular Affairs; trans. to Resources and then back again as Natural Resources
(created by Resolution of the House, 9th Congress, December 17, 1805)

Naval Affairs (17th thru 79th Congress, 1822-1946) – trans. to Armed Services

Oversight and Government Reform (110th Congress, 2007 to Present) – prec. by Government Reform and Oversight
(created by H. Res. 647, 82nd Congress, July 3, 1952)

Patents (25th thru 79th Congress, 1832-1946) – trans. to Judiciary

Pensions (46th thru 79th Congress, 1880-1946) – trans. to Veteran Affairs

Post Office and Civil Service (80th thru 103rd Congress, 1947-1994) – succ. by Government Reform and Oversight

Post Office and Post Roads (10th thru 79th Congress) – succ. by Post Office and Civil Service

Printing (53rd thru 75th Congress, 1893-1938) – see also Joint Committee on Printing

Public Buildings and Grounds (24th thru 79th Congress, 1836-1946) – succ. by Public Works

Public Lands, the (9th thru 79th Congress, 1805-1946) - trans. to Territories Cmte / Indian Affrs

Public Works (80th thru 93rd Congress, 1947-1974) – succ. by Public Works and Transportation

Public Works and Transportation (94th thru 103rd Congress, 1975-1994) – prec. by Public Works; Interstate and For Commerce; succ. by Transp. & Infrastructure

Railways and Canals (63rd thru 67th Congress, 1913-1923)

Reform in the Civil Service (53rd thru 68th Congress, 1893-1924) – trans. to Civil Service

Resources (104th thru 109th Congress, 1995-2006) – prec. by Natural Resources; succ. by Natural Resources

Revision of Laws (40th thru 79th Congress, 1868 to 1946) – trans. to Judiciary

Rivers and Harbors (48th thru 79th Congress, 1883-1946) – trans. to Public Works

Roads (63rd thru 79th Congress, 1913-1946) – trans. to Public Works

Rules (46th thru Current Congress, 1880-present) (created by Resolution of the House, 46th Congress, March 2, 1880)

Science and Astronautics (85th thru 93rd Congress, 1958-1974) – succ. by Science and Tech.

Science and Technology (94th thru 111th Congress, 1975-2010) – prec. by Science and Astronautics (created by H. Res. 580, 85th Cong., July 21, 1958)

Science, Space, and Technology (112th thru current Congress, 2011 to present) - prec. by Science and Technology (redesignated by H. Res. 5, Jan. 5, 2011).

Small Business (94th thru Current Congress, 1975 to Present) – prec. by Select Committee on Small Business (created by H. Res. 988, 93rd Cong. Jan. 3, 1975)

Standards and Official Conduct (90th thru 111th Congress, 1967- 2010) (created by H. Res. 418, 90th Congress, April 13, 1967; succ. by Ethics)

Territories, the (19th thru 79th Congress, 1825-1946) – trans. to Public Lands

Transportation and Infrastructure (104th thru Current Congress; 1995-present) (created by Public Law 79-601, 79th Congress, January 2, 1947)

Un-American Activities (79th thru 68th Congress, 1945-1968) – trans. to Internal Security

Veterans' Affairs (80th thru Current Congress, 1947-present) (created by Public Law 79-601, 79th Congress, January 2, 1947)

War Claims (43rd thru 79th Congress, 1873-1946) – trans. to Judiciary

Ways and Means (7th thru Current Congress, 1802-Present) (created by Resolution of the House, 4th Congress, December 21, 1795)

Woman Suffrage (49th thru 65th Congress, 1887-1918)

World War Veterans (68th thru 79th Congress, 1924-1946) – trans. to Veterans' Affairs

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Joint Committee on . . . (bold with link indicates current standing committee)

Atomic Energy (79th thru 95th Congress, 1946-1978)

Defense Production (82nd thru 95th Congress, 1951-1978)

Disposition of Executive Papers, the (80th thru 94th Congress, 1947-1976)

Economic Report, the (79th thru 85th Congress, 1946-1956) - name changed to Joint Economic Committee

Immigration and Nationality Policy (83rd thru 92nd Congress, 1953-1972)

Internal Revenue Taxation (69th thru 94th Congress, 1926-1976) - changed name to Joint Committee on Taxation

[Library, the](#) (7th thru 105th Congress, 1802-1998) changed name to Joint Committee on the Library of Congress

Library of Congress, the (106th thru Current Congress, 1999-present) (created by 2 Stat. 350, 9th Congress, February 21, 1806)

[Printing](#) (7th thru Current Congress, 1802-present). See also House Committee on Printing (created by P. Res. 16, 9 Stat. 113, 29th Congress, August 3, 1846)

Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures (80th thru 93rd Congress, 1947-1974)

[Taxation](#) (95th thru Current Congress, 1977-present) – name changed from Internal Revenue Taxation (created by Public Law 94-455, 94th Cong., Oct. 4, 1976)

[Joint Economic Committee](#) (85th thru Current Congress, 1956-present) prec. by Economic Report, the
(created by Section 5(a), Public Law 79-304, February 20, 1946)

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Senate Committee on . . . (bold with link indicates current standing committee)

Aeronautical and Space Sciences (85th thru 94th Congress, 1958-1976) trans. to Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Agriculture and Forestry (19th thru 94th Congress, 1925-1976) trans. to Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

[Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry](#) (95th thru Current Congress, 1977-present) (created by Resolution of the Senate, 38th Congress, March 6, 1863)

[Appropriations](#) (40th thru Current Congress, 1867-present) (created by Resolution of the Senate, 40th Congress, March 6, 1867)

[Armed Services](#) (80th thru Current Congress, 1947-present) prec. by Military Affairs and by Naval Affairs (created by Public Law 79-601, January 2, 1947)

Audit and Control of Contingent Expenses (9th thru 79th Congress, 1802-1946)

Banking and Currency (62nd thru 91st Congress, 1913-1970) trans. to Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

[Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs](#) (91st thru Current Congress, 1971-present) (created by Resolution of the Senate, 63rd Congress, March 15, 1913)

[Budget](#) (93rd thru Current Congress, 1974-present) (created by Public Law 93-344, July 12, 1974)

Census (50th thru 67th Congress, 1887-1921) – trans. to Commerce

Civil Service (67th thru 79th Congress, 1821-1946) – trans. to Post Office and Civil Service

Claims (14th thru 79th Congress, 1816-1946) – trans. to Federal district courts

Commerce (19th to 79th Congress, 1825-1946) trans. to Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Commerce (87th thru 94th Congress, 1961-1976) – prec. by Interstate and Foreign Commerce; trans. to Commerce, Science, and Transportation

[Commerce, Science, and Transportation](#) (95th thru Current Congress, 1977-present) prec. by Commerce
(created by Resolution of the Senate, 19th Congress, December 7, 1825)

District of Columbia (14th thru 79th Congress, 1816-1946) – trans. to Labor and Public Welfare

Education and Labor (41st thru 79th Congress, 1871-1946) – trans. to Labor and Public Welfare

Energy and Natural Resources (95th thru Current Congress, 1977-present) – prec. by Interior and Insular Affairs as well as by Commerce
(created by S. Res. 4, 95th Congress, February 11, 1977)

Environment and Public Works (95th thru Current Congress, 1977-present) – prec. by Public Works and by Commerce
(created by Public Law 79-601, January 2, 1947)

Expenditures in the Executive Departments (66th thru 82nd Congress, 1920-1952) – name changed to Government Operations

Finance (14th thru Current Congress, 1816-present) (created by Resolution of the Senate, 14th Congress, December 10, 1816)

Fisheries (48th thru 65th Congress, 1882-1918)

Foreign Relations (14th thru Current Congress, 1816-Present) (created by Resolution of the Senate, 14th Congress, December 10, 1816)

Government Operations (82nd thru 94th Congress, 1952-1976) – trans. to Governmental Affairs

Governmental Affairs (95th thru 108th Congress, 1977-2004) – prec. by Government Operations; succ. by Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (106th thru Current Congress, 1999-present) – prec. by Labor and Human Resources
(created by Resolution of the Senate, 40th Congress, January 28, 1869)

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (109th thru Current Congress, 2005-present) – prec. by Governmental Affairs
(created by S. Res. 4, 95th Congress, February 11, 1977)

Human Resources (95th Congress, 1977-1978) - prec. by Labor and Public Welfare; succ. by Labor and Human Resources

Immigration (51st thru 79th Congress, 1889-1946) - trans. to Judiciary and to Labor and Public Welfare

Indian Affairs (16th thru 79th and 98th thru Current Congress, 1820-1946; 1984 to present) – trans. to Public Lands; reestablished as Select Committee in 1977
(created by S. Res. 4, 95th Congress, February 11, 1977)

Interior and Insular Affairs (80th thru 94th Congress, 1948-1976) – prec. by Public Lands; succ. by Energy and Natural Resources

Interoceanic Canals (56th thru 79th Congress, 1899-1946) – trans. to Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Interstate and Foreign Commerce (80th thru 87th Congress, 1947-1961) – trans. to Commerce

Interstate Commerce (50th thru 79th Congress, 1887-1946) – trans. to Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Irrigation (59th thru 60th Congress, 1905-1909) - prec. by Irrigation of Arid Lands; succ. by Reclamation of Arid Lands

Irrigation of Arid Lands (52nd thru 58th Congress, 1891-1905) – trans. to Irrigation

Irrigation and Reclamation (67th thru 79th Congress, 1921-1946) - prec. by Reclamation of Arid Lands; trans. to Public Lands

[Judiciary, the](#) (14th thru Current Congress, 1816-Present) (created by Resolution of the Senate, 14th Congress, December 10, 1816)

Labor and Human Resources (96th thru 105th Congress, 1979-1998) – prec. by Human Resources; succ. by Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Labor and Public Welfare (80th thru 94th Congress, 1946-1976) prec. by Education and Labor; succ. by Human Resources

Library, the (7th thru 79th Congress, 1802-1946) – trans. to Rules and Administration

Manufacturers (19th thru 79th Congress, 1825-1946) – trans. to Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Military Affairs (14th thru 79th Congress, 1865-1946) – trans. to Armed Services and to Labor and Public Welfare

Mines and Mining (38th thru 79th Congress, 1865-1946) – trans. to Public Lands and to Labor and Public Welfare

Naval Affairs (14th thru 79th Congress, 1816-1946) – trans. to Armed Services

Pacific Islands and Porto Rico (56th thru 67th Congress, 1899-1921) – dissolved

Patents (25th thru 79th Congress, 1837-1947) – trans. to Judiciary

Pensions (14th thru 79th Congress, 1816-1946) – trans. to Finance

Post Office and Civil Service (80th thru 94th Congress, 1946-1976) – prec. by Civil Service and by Post Offices and Post Roads; trans. to Governmental Affairs

Post Offices and Post Roads (14th thru 79th Congress, 1816-1946) – trans. to Post Office and Civil Service

Printing (27th thru 79th Congress, 1841-1976) – trans. to Rules and Administration

Privileges and Elections (42nd thru 79th Congress, 1871-1946) – trans. to Rules and Admin.

Public Buildings and Grounds (75th thru 79th Congress, 1938-1946) – trans. to Public Works

Public Health and National Quarantine (54th thru 67th Congress, 1896-1921) – prec. By Epidemic Diseases

Public Lands (14th thru 67th Congress, 1816-1921) – name changed to Public Lands and Surveys

Public Lands (80th Congress, 1st sess; 1947) – prec. by Mines and Mining, Public Lands & Surveys, Irrigation & Reclamation; succ. by Interior & Insular Affairs

Public Lands and Surveys (67th thru 79th Congress, 1921-1946) – trans. to Public Lands

Public Works (80th thru 94th Congress, 1947-1976) – prec. by Commerce and by Public Offices and Post Roads; succ. by Environment and Public Works

Railroads (42nd thru 67th Congress (1873-1921) – dissolved

Relations with Cuba (56th thru 67th Congress, 1899-1921) – dissolved

Rules (43rd thru 79th Congress, 1874-1946) – trans. to Rules and Administration

Rules and Administration (80th thru Current Congress, 1947-present) – prec. by Rules; Privileges & Elections; Printing; Library; Enrolled Bills; Audit
(created by Resolution of the Senate, 43rd Congress, December 9, 1874)

Small Business (97th thru 106th Congress, 1981-2000) – prec. by Select Committee on Small Business; succ. by Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Small Business and Entrepreneurship (107th thru Current Congress, 2001-present) – prec. by Small Business
(created by S. Res. 58, 81st Congress, February 20, 1950)

Territories (28th thru 67th Congress, 1844-1921) – trans. to Territories and Insular Possessions

Territories and Insular Affairs (71st thru 79th Congress, 1929-1946) – prec. by Territories and Insular Possessions; succ. by Public Lands

Territories and Insular Possessions (67th thru 71st Congress, 1921-1929) – prec. by Territories; changed name to Territories and Insular Affairs

Veterans Affairs (92nd thru Current Congress, 1971-present) (created by Public Law 91-510, October 26, 1970)