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Congressional Committees for Housing Issues

HOUSE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Rep. Barney Frank (MA)

The Committee oversees all components of the nation's housing and financial services sectors including banking, insurance, real estate, public and assisted housing, and securities. The Committee continually reviews the laws and programs relating to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and international development and finance agencies such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The Committee also ensures enforcement of housing and consumer protection laws such as the U.S. Housing Act, the Truth In Lending Act, the Housing and Community Development Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Community Reinvestment Act, and financial privacy laws.

California Members:

Rep. Maxine Waters

Rep. Brad Sherman

Rep. Joe Baca

Rep. Jackie Speier

Rep. Edward R. Royce

Rep. Gary G. Miller

Rep. John Campbell

Rep. Kevin McCarthy

Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee

CHAIRWOMAN: Rep. Maxine Waters (CA)

The Housing and Community Opportunity subcommittee, led by Chairwoman Maxine Waters (CA), oversees the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Government National Mortgage Association. The subcommittee also handles matters related to public, affordable, and rural housing, as well as community development including Empowerment Zones, and government-sponsored insurance programs, such as the National Flood Insurance Program.

California Members:

Rep. Maxine Waters (Chairwoman)

Rep. Gary G. Miller

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

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SENATE BANKING, HOUSING, & URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE **CHAIRMAN: Senator Christopher Dodd (CT)**

The U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is one of twenty Senate committees tasked with conducting Senate business related to specialized areas of legislative interest. Although the Senate has a longstanding history of writing and passing legislation focusing on our nation's banks, the Senate Banking Committee was not formally established until 1913, with Senator Robert Owen of Oklahoma, sponsor of the landmark Federal Reserve Act, as its first Chairman; since then, the Committee has undergone various transformations and reorganizations. Now known as the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to underscore the diversity of issues under its purview, the Committee plays an integral role in managing legislation that affects the lives of many Americans. These areas of jurisdiction include, but are not limited to: banking, insurance, financial markets, securities, housing, urban development and mass transit, international trade and finance, and economic policy.

California Members:
none

Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee **CHAIRMAN: Robert Menendez (NJ)**

- Urban mass transit, urban affairs and development
- HUD
- Federal Transit Administration
- FHA
- Fannie Mae; Freddie Mac
- Senior Housing
- Nursing home construction
- Rural Housing Service
- Indian Housing

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS **CHAIRMAN: Congressman Dave Obey (WI)**

The House vests in the Committee on Appropriations broad responsibility over the Federal budget. Specifically the Committee's jurisdiction, as follows: (1) Appropriation of the revenue for the support of the Government. (2) Rescissions of appropriations contained in appropriations Acts. (3) Transfers of unexpected balances. (4) Bills and joint resolutions reported by other committees that provide new entitlement authority.

California Members:

- Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard
- Rep. Sam Farr
- Rep. Barbara Lee
- Rep. Adam Schiff
- Rep. Michael Honda
- Rep. Jerry Lewis, Ranking Member
- Rep. Ken Calvert

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development & Related Agencies Subcommittee **CHAIRMAN: John Olver (MA)**

California Members:

- Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard
- Rep. Jerry Lewis, Ex Officio

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN: Daniel Inouye (HI)

The Committee writes the legislation that allocates federal funds to the numerous government agencies, departments, and organizations on an annual basis. Appropriations are limited to the levels set by a Budget Resolution, drafted by the Senate Budget Committee.

California Members:
Senator Dianne Feinstein

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development & Related Agencies Subcommittee

CHAIRWOMAN: Senator Patty Murray (WA)

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

CHAIRMAN: Charles Rangel (NY)

The Committee on Ways and Means has the responsibility for raising the revenue required to finance the Federal Government. This includes individual and corporate income taxes, excise taxes, estate taxes, gift taxes, and other miscellaneous taxes. The Committee also has jurisdiction over the authority of the Federal Government to borrow money, most of the programs authorized by the Social Security Act, which includes not only those programs that are normally referred to colloquially as "Social Security" but also social insurance programs and a whole series of grant-in-aid programs to State governments for a variety of purposes, and responsibility over legislation relating to tariffs, import trade, and trade negotiations

California Members:

Rep. Fortney Pete Stark
Rep. Xavier Becerra
Rep. Mike Thompson
Rep. Linda T. Sanchez
Rep. Wally Herger
Rep. Devin Nunes

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures

Chairman: Richard E. Neal (MA)

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures consists of revenue measures that, from time to time, are referred to it by the Chairman of the full Committee.

California Members:

Rep. Mike Thompson

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

CHAIRMAN: Max Baucus (MT)

Committee on Finance, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Bonded debt of the United States, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
2. Customs, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery.
3. Deposit of public moneys.
4. General revenue sharing.
5. Health programs under the Social Security Act and health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund.
6. National social security.
7. Reciprocal trade agreements.
8. Revenue measures generally, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
9. Revenue measures relating to the insular possessions.
10. Tariffs and import quotas, and matters related thereto.
11. Transportation of dutiable goods.

California Members:

none

Subcommittee On Taxation, IRS Oversight, And Long-Term Growth

CHAIRMAN: Kent Conrad (ND)

California Members:

none

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Chairman: Max Baucus (MT)

Vice-Chairman: Charles Rangel (NY)

The Joint Committee on Taxation is a nonpartisan committee of the United States Congress, originally established under the Revenue Act of 1926. The Joint Committee operates with an experienced professional staff of Ph.D economists, attorneys, and accountants, who assist Members of the majority and minority parties in both houses of Congress on tax legislation.

The Joint Committee Staff is closely involved with every aspect of the tax legislative process, including:

- * Assisting Congressional tax-writing committees and Members of Congress with development and analysis of legislative proposals;
- * Preparing official revenue estimates of all tax legislation considered by the Congress;
- * Drafting legislative histories for tax-related bills; and
- * Investigating various aspects of the Federal tax system.

The Joint Committee Staff interacts with Members of Congress, Members of the tax-writing committees, and their staff on a confidential basis and enjoys a high-level of trust from both sides of the political aisle and in both houses of Congress. Because the Joint Committee Staff is independent, tax-focused, and involved in all stages of the tax legislative process, the staff is able to ensure consistency as tax bills move through committees to the floor of each chamber, and to a House-Senate conference committee.

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Rep. Wally Herger

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & COMMERCE

Chairman: Henry Waxman (CA)
Vice-Chairman: John Dingell (MI)

The Committee on Energy and Commerce has the following jurisdictions:

1. National energy policy generally.
2. Health and health facilities (except health care supported by payroll deductions).
3. Interstate and foreign commerce generally.
4. Consumer affairs and consumer protection.
5. Exploration, production, storage, supply, marketing, pricing, and regulation of energy resources, including all fossil fuels, solar energy, and other unconventional or renewable energy resources.
6. Interstate energy compacts.
7. Conservation of energy resources.
8. Energy information generally.
9. The generation and marketing of power (except by federally chartered or Federal regional power marketing authorities); reliability and interstate transmission of, and ratemaking for, all power; and siting of generation facilities (except the installation of interconnections between Government waterpower projects).
10. General management of the Department of Energy and management and all functions of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
11. Biomedical research and development.
12. Public health and quarantine.
13. Regulation of the domestic nuclear energy industry, including regulation of research and development reactors and nuclear regulatory research.
14. Regulation of interstate and foreign communications.
15. Travel and tourism.

California Members:

- Rep. Anna Eshoo
- Rep. Lois Capps
- Rep. Jane Harman
- Rep. Doris Matsui
- Rep. Jerry McNerney
- Rep. Mary Bono Mack

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS Chairman: Barbara Boxer (CA)

Jurisdiction:

1. Air pollution.
2. Construction and maintenance of highways.
3. Environmental aspects of Outer Continental Shelf lands.
4. Environmental effects of toxic substances, other than pesticides.
5. Environmental policy.
6. Environmental research and development.
7. Fisheries and wildlife.
8. Flood control and improvements of rivers and harbors, including environmental aspects of deepwater ports.
9. Noise pollution.
10. Nonmilitary environmental regulation and control of nuclear energy.
11. Ocean dumping.
12. Public buildings and improved grounds of the United States generally, including Federal buildings in the District of Columbia.
13. Public works, bridges, and dams.
14. Regional economic development.
15. Solid waste disposal and recycling.
16. Water pollution.
17. Water resources.

California Members:

Senator Barbara Boxer

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, & TRANSPORTATION Chairman: Jay Rockefeller (WV)

Jurisdiction:

1. Coast Guard.
2. Coastal zone management.
3. Communications.
4. Highway safety.
5. Inland waterways, except construction.
6. Interstate commerce.
7. Marine and ocean navigation, safety, and transportation, including navigational aspects of deepwater ports.
8. Marine fisheries.
9. Merchant marine and navigation.
10. Nonmilitary aeronautical and space sciences.
11. Oceans, weather, and atmospheric activities.
12. Panama Canal and interoceanic canals generally, except as provided in subparagraph (c).
13. Regulation of consumer products and services, including testing related to toxic substances, other than pesticides, and except for credit, financial services, and housing.
14. Regulation of interstate common carriers, including railroads, buses, trucks, vessels, pipelines, and civil aviation.
15. Science, engineering, and technology research and development and policy.
16. Sports.
17. Standards and measurement.
18. Transportation.
19. Transportation and commerce aspects of Outer Continental Shelf lands.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE
Chairman: James Oberstar (MN)

Jurisdiction:

Coast Guard, including lifesaving service, lighthouses, lightships, ocean derelicts, and the Coast Guard Academy; Federal management of emergencies and natural disasters; Flood control and improvement of rivers and harbors; inland waterways; Inspection of merchant marine vessels, lights and signals, lifesaving equipment, and fire protection on such vessels; Navigation and laws relating thereto, including pilotage; Registering and licensing of vessels and small boats; Rules and international arrangements to prevent collisions at sea; The Capitol Building, the Senate and House Office Buildings; Constructions or maintenance of roads and post roads (other than appropriations therefore); Construction or reconstruction, maintenance, and care of buildings and grounds of the Botanic Garden, the Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institution; Merchant marine (except for national security aspects thereof); Purchase of sites and construction of post offices, customhouses, Federal courthouses, and Government buildings within the District of Columbia; Oil and other pollution of navigable waters, including inland, costal, and ocean waters; Marine affairs, including coastal zone management, as they relate to oil and other pollution of navigable waters Public buildings and occupied or improved grounds of the United States; Public works for the benefit of the benefit of navigation, including bridges and dams (other than international bridges and dams); Related transportation regulatory agencies (except the Transportation Security Administration); Roads and the safety thereof; Transportation, including civil aviation, railroads, water transportation, transportation safety (except automobile safety and transportation security functions of the Department of Homeland Security), transportation infrastructure, transportation labor, and railroad retirement and unemployment (except revenue measures related thereto); Water power.

California Members:

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Rep. Grace Napolitano
Rep. Laura Richardson
Rep. Gary Miller

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