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114th Congress

2015 WASHINGTON OUTLOOK



Friends and colleagues,

As the New Year begins, we welcome the 114th Congress to our nation's capital for what is sure to be an active legislative and regulatory year in Washington. For the first time in almost a decade, Republicans are in control of both chambers, offering them the opportunity to showcase their ability to successfully govern. How their governing style will take shape is yet to be seen, but we can expect several changes over the next year.

First, we can expect a strong unified voice from Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) as they begin to manage the legislative challenges that will present themselves in the new Congress. Already, they have restored regular order which ensures that while the majority party sets the agenda, the minority party's voice will be heard, and have committed their chambers to an open process whereby legislation is debated, amended, and ultimately voted upon.

Second, we can expect the budget process to follow regular order with both chambers committed to following their obligation to pass a budget in an early timeframe. Moreover, both Speaker Boehner and Leader McConnell see the budget reconciliation process as a way to address Republican policy initiatives that they were prevented in addressing previously. With the recent hiring of a top budget expert to serve as Leader McConnell's policy director and House Republican leadership clamoring for reconciliation, expect explicit instructions to be tied to the next congressional budget resolution.

Third, we can expect a robust legislative and regulatory agenda dictated largely by legislative expirations and GOP priorities. Speaker Boehner's and Leader McConnell's commitment to compromise will be tested on quickly approaching policy deadlines, including funding for the Department of Homeland Security, set to expire at the end of February, and a host of other issues, with the expiration of the "doc-fix" extension, surface transportation patch, and debt limit suspension expiring in March and the authorization of the Export-Import Bank's authorities expiring in late-June. We will continue to see some of the marquee issues manifest themselves in legislation this year, such as pro-growth policies that include market and industry deregulation, particularly in the energy sector. Intertwined along the way are committee efforts around other specific goals, whether it be tax reform, trade promotion authority or changes to the president's health care law, which could advance under budget reconciliation process.

Finally, we can expect Republicans to use the oversight and appropriations power of Congress to restrain the president's executive power. This is especially true in areas where the president has shown he will act unilaterally to make changes to policy whether it be on immigration, climate change, education, or housing. While standoffs are inevitable, history tells us that when there are opposing parties in control of Congress and the White House, major reforms can and have happened. That said, the president has made clear he will veto any legislation he believes does harm to his signature achievements regardless of votes in Congress. On the whole, we expect the president to continue to pursue his agenda, which has included post-election action on immigration, climate, nutrition, broadband and Title II, wage and labor organizing, and higher-education reform, while continuing to work with Congress on major issues such as budget reconciliation, tax reform, and immigration.

In the pages that follow, our bipartisan team of public policy specialists offer their insight on major policy developments expected in 2015. With decades of experience in all branches and levels of government and significant insight into Republican politics, the Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck team is well positioned to provide comprehensive analysis of what is to come and how to effectuate change in the 114th Congress. In addition, this document provides updated committee rosters, a deadline and important dates timeline, and a 2015 congressional calendar. We hope this document not only better prepares you for the new Congress, but also helps you and your organization navigate the maze of politics and policy in Washington.

We look forward to working with you on the issues that matter to you and your organization.

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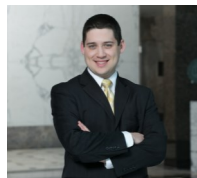
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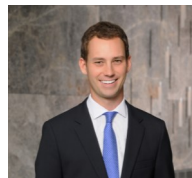
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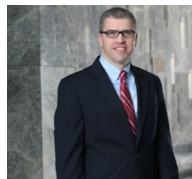
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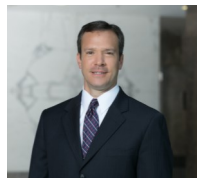
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## 2015 Deadlines, Expirations, and Important Dates

As the 114th Congress gets underway, Members of Congress must immediately confront major political, policy and economic deadlines. These policy fights will test Republican leadership in each chamber and could very well define how the new bicameral majority will work with a Democratic White House over the next two years. Republican leaders will try to manage and resolve these issues, without triggering the type of brinksmanship that could raise concerns about the party's ability to govern, so that they can dictate an agenda of their own making. We highlight these happenings below, along with other important calendar events for you to keep in mind this year:

**February 27 – DHS Short-term Appropriations Expire:** When Congress passed the so-called “cromnibus” in mid-December, they chose to fund the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at current levels only through February 27. House Republicans pushed for the short-term funding option following President Obama's unilateral action to protect five million undocumented immigrants from deportation. The House has already passed legislation that funds DHS through the end of the fiscal year while undoing the president's executive order. This is the first move in a very public chess match sure to have implications for the remainder of the year and well into the 2016 election.

**March 15 – End of Debt Limit Suspension:** The Department of the Treasury can use “extraordinary measures” to keep government operating past the March 15 expiration of the suspension of the debt limit, but Treasury's authority likely runs only into the early summer. According to Congressional Budget Office projections, a \$1 trillion increase in the debt ceiling is needed to get through the presidential elections. Incoming Majority Leader McConnell has already said that the Republican Senate will not allow the federal government to default on its debt obligations by breaching its borrowing authority.

**March 31 – Medicare “Doc Fix” Expires:** There was a bicameral, bipartisan solution last year to permanently address the perennial postponement of cuts in payments to physicians who treat Medicare patients—known as the “doc fix”—but it did not advance because of a lack of agreement on “pay-fors” to fund the cost of permanent reform. Discussions are already underway regarding how to best handle the “doc fix” during lame duck. However, this could morph into a major public issue if not dealt with by the end of March.

**May 31 – Expiration of Surface Transportation Programs:** In July 2014, legislators moved a bill to continue funding for the federal Highway Trust Fund, as well as to provide for disbursements to various surface transportation programs last authorized under the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)*. At the start of the new Congress, many Members will be focused on securing a long-term reauthorization. However, there are no easy revenue raisers or “pay-fors” to fund a reauthorization since increasing the gas tax is off the table for a number of reasons, including a lack of political will. Pension smoothing and transfers from the general fund, which have been used in the past, are also harder to use to fund a multiyear bill.

**June 1 – Presidential Campaign Announcements:** In the three most recent presidential elections where no incumbent was on the ballot—2008, 2000 and 1988—the six candidates who won their party's nomination and ran in the general election launched campaigns an average of 526 days before the election took place. If the candidates expected to seek the presidential nomination for 2016 follow that pattern, they will begin announcing campaigns around June 1.

## 2015 Deadlines, Expirations, and Important Dates

**June 1 – Three Provisions of the *Patriot Act* Expire:** Among the several provisions of the *Patriot Act* set to expire, Section 215 has been the most controversial. When this section expires, the National Security Administration will lose the legal authority necessary in its collection of information related to a controversial counterterrorism program. In addition, the Federal Bureau of Investigation will lose an important tool in collecting data on business records relevant to terrorism investigations. Last year, the House passed legislation that curtailed domestic surveillance and banned the NSA from cataloguing international communications without a warrant. This year, expect a spirited debate on post-9/11 data collection in both chambers as the *Patriot Act's* key provisions are considered for reauthorization.

**June 5 – OPEC Meeting:** Gas prices plummeted in December 2014, resulting in a short-term change in Washington conversations around domestic energy production. Prices are expected to stay low at least until OPEC meets next in Vienna next June.

**June 30 – Ex-Im Bank Authorization Expires:** House Financial Services Committee Chair Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) and several other conservative Members of Congress have characterized the Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank as government-funded corporate welfare and have demanded the program be wound down. While those members will make the same case against the Ex-Im Bank next summer in what is sure to be a contentious battle, the Ex-Im Bank will be reauthorized with reforms.

**September 30 – Cromnibus Funding Expires:** The deal struck at the end of the 113th Congress on 11 appropriations bills, known as “cromnibus,” expires on September 30. Congress will attempt to pass individual appropriations bills by regular order in the 114th Congress, but a short-term extension of funds through the end of the year or another omnibus package are also likely options.

**September 30 – FAA Authorization Expires:** The *Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Act of 2012* and federal aviation programs will expire on September 30.

**September 30 – CHIP Funding Expires:** The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which provides health insurance to low-income children through state agencies, is set to expire at the end of September. CHIP provided approximately \$19 billion in funding for 2014 and is slated to provide \$21 billion in 2015. The House Ways and Means Committee, House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Senate Finance Committee will play key roles in a renewal.

**September 30 – Internet Tax Moratorium Expires:** During last year’s lame duck session, lawmakers passed a temporary extension of the internet tax moratorium in the end-of-the-year spending bill. Early in the 114th Congress, lawmakers are already advocating to make the moratorium permanent. Reps. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Anna Eshoo (D-CA), Tom Marino (R-PA), Steve Chabot (R-OH), and Steve Cohen (D-TN) have already introduced the *Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act*. Expect the Senate to write its own draft before the end of the summer.

**September 30 – Child Nutrition and Other WIC Programs Expire:** Several nutrition programs for women, infants and children (WIC) are scheduled to expire. Reevaluating programs last authorized in the *Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010* will provide lawmakers with an opportunity to make changes to permanently authorized programs, such as the National School Lunch Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Concerns over the cost of these programs led to a one-year extension in 2009 before longer-term reauthorization took place in 2010.

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2015 Congressional Calendar

114th Congress, 1st Session

 House & Senate in Session  
 Senate in Session

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**Department Secretaries and Other Executive Branch Officers****Department Secretaries**

Agriculture – Thomas J. Vilsack	Homeland Security – Jeh Johnson
Attorney General – Eric Holder, designee— Loretta Lynch	Housing and Urban Development – Julian Castro
Commerce – Penny Pritzker	Interior – Sally Jewell
Defense – Chuck Hagel, designee— Ashton Carter	Labor – Thomas E. Perez
Education – Arne Duncan	State – John Kerry
Energy – Ernest Moniz	Transportation – Anthony Foxx
Health and Human Services – Sylvia Mathews Burwell	Treasury – Jack Lew
	Veterans Affairs – Robert McDonald

**Other Executive Branch Officials**

CIA Director – John Brennan	United Nations Ambassador – Samantha Power
Environmental Protection Agency Administrator – Gina McCarthy	White House Chief of Staff – Denis McDonough
National Intelligence Director – James Clapper	Council of Economic Advisers - Jason Furman
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – Army General Martin E. Dempsey	Small Business Administration - Maria Contreras-Sweet
Director, Office of Management and Budget – Shaun L.S. Donovan	
Director of the National Economic Council – Jeffrey Zients	
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs – Susan Rice	
U.S. Trade Representative – Michael Froman	



## Senate Committee Leadership

### **Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry**

Chair: Pat Roberts (R-KS)  
Ranking: Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

### **Appropriations**

Chair: Thad Cochran (R-MS)  
Ranking: Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)

### **Armed Services**

Chair: John McCain (R-AZ)  
Ranking: Jack Reed (D-RI)

### **Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs**

Chair: Richard Shelby (R-AL)  
Ranking: Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

### **Budget**

Chair: Michael Enzi (R-WY)  
Ranking: Bernard Sanders (I-VT)

### **Commerce, Science, and Transportation**

Chair: John Thune (R-SD)  
Ranking: Bill Nelson (D-FL)

### **Energy and Natural Resources**

Chair: Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
Ranking: Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

### **Environment and Public Works**

Chair: James Inhofe (R-OK)  
Ranking: Barbara Boxer (D-CA)

### **Finance**

Chair: Orrin Hatch (R-UT)  
Ranking: Ron Wyden (D-OR)

### **Foreign Relations**

Chair: Bob Corker (R-TN)  
Ranking: Bob Menendez (D-NJ)

### **Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

Chair: Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
Ranking: Patty Murray (D-WA)

### **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs**

Chair: Ron Johnson (R-WI)  
Ranking: Thomas Carper (D-DE)

### **Indian Affairs**

Chair: John Barrasso (R-WY)  
Ranking: Jon Tester (D-MT)

### **Judiciary**

Chair: Chuck Grassley (R-IA)  
Ranking: Pat Leahy (D-VT)

### **Rules and Administration**

Chair: Roy Blunt (R-MO)  
Ranking: Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

### **Select Committee on Ethics**

Chair: Johnny Isakson (R-GA)  
Ranking: Barbara Boxer (D-CA)

### **Select Committee on Intelligence**

Chair: Richard Burr (R-NC)  
Ranking: Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

### **Special Committee on Aging**

Chair: Susan Collins (R-ME)  
Ranking: Claire McCaskill (D-MO)

### **Small Business and Entrepreneurship**

Chair: David Vitter (R-LA)  
Ranking: Ben Cardin (D-MD)

## SENATE COMMITTEE ROSTER

**AGING**

Susan Collins (R-ME), *Chair*  
Orrin Hatch (R-UT)  
Mark Kirk (R-IL)  
Jeff Flake (R-AZ)  
Bob Corker (R-TN)  
Dean Heller (R-NV)  
Tim Scott (R-SC)  
Tom Cotton (R-AR)  
David Perdue (R-GA)  
Thom Tillis (R-NC)  
Ben Sasse (R-NE)

Claire McCaskill (D-MO), *Ranking*  
Bill Nelson (D-FL)  
Bob Casey (D-PA)  
Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)  
Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  
Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)  
Joe Donnelly (D-IN)  
Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)  
Tim Kaine (D-VA)

**AGRICULTURE**

Pat Roberts (R-KS), *Chair*  
Thad Cochran (R-MS)  
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)  
John Boozman (R-AR)  
John Hoeven (R-ND)  
David Perdue (R-GA)  
Joni Ernst (R-IA)  
Thom Tillis (R-NC)  
Ben Sasse (R-NE)  
Chuck Grassley (R-IA)  
John Thune (R-SD)

Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), *Ranking*  
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)  
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)  
Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)  
Michael Bennet (D-CO)  
Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  
Joe Donnelly (D-IN)  
Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)  
Bob Casey (D-PA)

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Thad Cochran (R-MS), *Chair*  
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)  
Richard Shelby (R-AL)  
Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
Susan Collins (R-ME)  
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)  
Mark Kirk (R-IL)  
Roy Blunt (R-MO)  
Jerry Moran (R-KS)  
John Hoeven (R-ND)  
John Boozman (R-AR)  
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)  
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)  
James Lankford (R-OK)  
Steve Daines (R-MT)

Barbra Mikulski (D-MD), *Ranking*  
Pat Leahy (D-VT)  
Patty Murray (D-WA)  
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  
Dick Durbin (D-IL)  
Jack Reed (D-RI)  
Jon Tester (D-MT)  
Tom Udall (D-NM)  
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
Chris Coons (D-DE)  
Brian Schatz (D-HI)  
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)  
Chris Murphy (D-CT)

**ARMED SERVICES**

John McCain (R-AZ), *Chair*  
James Inhofe (R-OK)  
Jeff Sessions (R-AL)  
Roger Wicker (R-MS)  
Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)  
Deb Fischer (R-NE)  
Tom Cotton (R-AR)  
Mike Rounds (R-SD)  
Joni Ernst (R-IA)  
Thom Tillis (R-NC)  
Dan Sullivan (R-AK)  
Mike Lee (R-UT)  
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)  
Ted Cruz (R-TX)

Jack Reed (D-RI), *Ranking*  
Bill Nelson (D-FL)  
Claire McCaskill (D-MO)  
Joe Manchin (D-WV)  
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  
Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)  
Joe Donnelly (D-IN)  
Mazie Hirono (D-HI)  
Tim Kaine (D-VA)  
Angus King (I-ME)  
Martin Heinrich (D-NM)

**BANKING**

Richard Shelby (R-AL), *Chair*  
Mike Crapo (R-ID)  
Bob Corker (R-TN)  
David Vitter (R-LA)  
Pat Toomey (R-PA)  
Mark Kirk (R-IL)  
Dean Heller (R-NV)  
Tim Scott (R-SC)  
Ben Sasse (R-NE)  
Jerry Moran (R-KS)  
Tom Cotton (R-AR)  
Mike Rounds (R-SD)

Sherrod Brown (D-OH), *Ranking*  
Jack Reed (D-RI)  
Chuck Schumer (D-NY)  
Bob Menendez (D-NJ)  
Jon Tester (D-MT)  
Mark Warner (D-VA)  
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)  
Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)  
Joe Donnelly (D-IN)

**BUDGET**

Mike Enzi (R-WY), *Chair*  
Chuck Grassley (R-IA)  
Jeff Sessions (R-AL)  
Mike Crapo (R-ID)  
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)  
Rob Portman (R-OH)  
Pat Toomey (R-PA)  
Ron Johnson (R-WI)  
Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)  
Roger Wicker (R-MS)  
Bob Corker (R-TN)  
David Perdue (R-GA)

Bernie Sanders (I-VT), *Ranking*  
Patty Murray (D-WA)  
Ron Wyden (D-OR)  
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)  
Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)  
Mark Warner (D-VA)  
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)  
Tim Kaine (D-VA)  
Angus King (I-ME)

**COMMERCE**

John Thune (R-SD), *Chair*  
Roger Wicker (R-MS)  
Roy Blunt (R-MO)  
Marco Rubio (R-FL)  
Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)  
Dean Heller (R-NV)  
Ted Cruz (R-TX)  
Deb Fischer (R-NE)  
Dan Sullivan (R-AK)  
Jerry Moran (R-KS)  
Ron Johnson (R-WI)  
Cory Gardner (R-CO)  
Steve Daines (R-MT)

**ENERGY**

Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), *Chair*  
John Barrasso (R-WY)  
Jim Risch (R-ID)  
Mike Lee (R-UT)  
Jeff Flake (R-AZ)  
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)  
Cory Gardner (R-CO)  
Steve Daines (R-MT)  
Rob Portman (R-OH)  
John Hoeven (R-ND)  
Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

**ENVIRONMENT**

James Inhofe (R-OK), *Chair*  
David Vitter (R-LA)  
John Barrasso (R-WY)  
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)  
Mike Crapo (R-ID)  
John Boozman (R-AR)  
Jeff Sessions (R-AL)  
Roger Wicker (R-MS)  
Deb Fischer (R-NE)  
Mike Rounds (R-SD)  
Dan Sullivan (R-AK)

**ETHICS**

Johnny Isakson (R-GA), *Chair*  
Pat Roberts (R-KS)  
James Risch (R-ID)

**FINANCE**

Orrin Hatch (R-UT), *Chair*  
Chuck Grassley (R-IA)  
Mike Crapo (R-ID)  
Pat Roberts (R-KS)  
Mike Enzi (R-WY)  
John Cornyn (R-TX)  
John Thune (R-SD)  
Richard Burr (R-NC)  
Johnny Isakson (R-GA)  
Rob Portman (R-OH)  
Pat Toomey (R-PA)  
Dan Coats (R-IN)  
Dean Heller (R-NV)  
Tim Scott (R-SC)

**FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Bob Corker (R-TN), *Chair*  
Marco Rubio (R-FL)  
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Ted Cruz (R-TX)  
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Tim Scott (R-SC)  
Deb Fischer (R-NE)  
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**Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

As Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS) takes over as chair the panel, he becomes the first Member of Congress to have chaired both the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. In setting the agenda this go-around, Chair Roberts has said he will not re-open the Farm Bill that was signed into law in February 2014. However, many expect him to conduct robust oversight of the agencies and programs covered under the law, especially the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as the food stamp program. Chair Roberts—who opposed the last Farm Bill due its large price tag and a tough primary race—has expressed particular concern over the rising cost of SNAP, which has tripled over the past decade. Chair Roberts is also very concerned about “regulatory overkill” in the agriculture industry and will look to push back against any perceived negative impact or new burden on farmers that come from Farm Bill implementation regarding the administration’s regulatory agenda.

On nutrition issues, there is broad concern among Republicans and some Democrats regarding state efforts to require the labeling of genetically modified (GMO) foods, with many pushing for federal preemption legislation. Expect the House to take the lead on this effort. The committee is also expected to focus on the reauthorization of child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program. The current statute authorizing those programs expires in September and the debate over a renewal could be contentious, wrapping in criticisms that have been levied against the First Lady’s initiatives around healthy school lunches. Similarly, the committee is likely to spend time developing legislation to extend the authorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), which also expires this year. The House passed a reauthorization bill last year but it stalled in the Senate and drew opposition from the White House, in part due to new requirements that agency regulations undergo a cost-benefit analysis. What is unclear is how freshman Sens. Ben Sasse (R-NE), David Perdue (R-GA), Joni Ernst (R-IA) and Thom Tillis (R-NC) will add to the panel dynamic and what issues the committee will champion in their first year in the Senate.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade**

*John Boozman (R-AR), Joe Donnelly (D-IN)*

**Rural Development and Energy**

*Joni Ernst (R-IA), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)*

**Conservation, Forestry, and Natural Resources**

*David Perdue (R-GA), Michael Bennet (D-CO)*

**Nutrition, Specialty Crops, and Agricultural Research**

*John Hoeven (R-ND), Bob Casey (D-PA)*

**Livestock, Marketing, and Agriculture**

*Ben Sasse (R-NE), Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY)*

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## Appropriations Committee

## SENATE

## Committee Agenda

Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS) will once again serve as chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a position he held in from 2005 to 2006. Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) will serve as ranking member. Chair Cochran has been an unapologetic supporter of congressionally directed spending, but he takes over at a time when earmarks don't hold the same luster they did during his previous tenure as chair. In January, both the Senate and House voted to continue their official ban on earmarks. Chair Cochran has indicated that he intends to focus on eliminating wasteful spending and ensuring spending bills make appropriate use of limited federal resources.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has committed to instituting regular order for considering and advancing individual appropriations bills in 2015 even though that could eat up a significant amount of floor time and force members to cast some difficult votes. That would be a major change for the chamber that has been unable to pass all 12 appropriations bills in any of the previous seven years. Leader McConnell's pledge could help boost the committee's efforts. But, contentious issues related to spending levels, environmental protection, healthcare spending, immigration policy, and other issues could be difficult to reconcile with Democrats and could delay enactment of some appropriations bills.

Like its counterpart in the House, the Senate Appropriations Committee will also have to deal with funding for the Department of Homeland Security, which runs out at the end of February because of concerns about the president's executive order on immigration.

## Subcommittee Leadership

**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**

*Jerry Moran (R-KS), Jeff Merkley (D-OR)*

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**

*Richard Shelby (R-AL), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)*

**Defense**

*Thad Cochran (R-MS), Dick Durbin (D-IL)*

**Energy and Water Development**

*Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)*

**Financial Services and General Government**

*John Boozman (R-AR), Chris Coons (D-DE)*

**Homeland Security**

*John Hoeven (R-ND), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)*

**Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

*Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Tom Udall (D-NM)*

**Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

*Roy Blunt (R-MO), Patty Murray (D-WA)*

**Legislative Branch**

*Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Brian Schatz (D-HI)*

**Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

*Mark Kirk (R-IL), Jon Tester (D-MT)*

**State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs**

*Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Patrick Leahy (D-VT)*

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

*Susan Collins (R-ME), Jack Reed (D-RI)*

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 Deb Fischer (R-NE)  
 Tom Cotton (R-AR)  
 Mike Rounds (R-SD)  
 Joni Ernst (R-IA)  
 Thom Tillis (R-NC)  
 Dan Sullivan (R-AK)  
 Mike Lee (R-UT)  
 Lindsey Graham (R-SC)  
 Ted Cruz (R-TX)

**Minority**

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 Joe Manchin (D-WV)  
 Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
 Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  
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 Joe Donnelly (D-IN)  
 Mazie Hirono (D-HI)  
 Tim Kaine (D-VA)  
 Angus King (I-ME)  
 Martin Heinrich (D-NM)

**Armed Services Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

The transition from the staid chairmanship of former Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) to the hard-charging style of the new Chair John McCain (R-AZ) will be dramatic. Chair McCain will lead with a much different temperament than his predecessor, leaving a broad footprint on not only the committee agenda, but the tenor and tone of hearings and meetings. He brings with him a long history of being active on committee issues, and newcomers to the panel—Sens. Tom Cotton (R-AR), Mike Rounds (R-SD) and Joni Ernst (R-IA)—are likely to be close allies in style and views to the chair. The first agenda item the committee must address is the confirmation of Ash Carter to replace Chuck Hagel as Secretary of Defense. Originally expected to occur in January, the hearings have now been pushed back to February so that Mr. Carter can recover from back surgery. Those confirmation hearings will give staff time to vet all of the major issues facing the committee this Congress including: the release of prisoners from Guantanamo Bay; the president's budget request for FY2016; plans to deal with sequestration; the president's strategy for threats from ISIS, Syria and North Korea; the status of Al Qaeda; and changes to defense programs and acquisition.

After the confirmation, expect the committee to shift to what is sure to be a yearlong debate over the budget, and how to deal with the looming sequestration, as the committee slowly moves toward the annual defense authorization bill. The president's budget request is substantially higher than sequestration levels, leaving to Congress the job of making sequestration cuts or providing relief as it has done in the past. In addition, look for the committee to aggressively oversee, and potentially cut spending to some of the Department of Defense's largest programs, including the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and the Navy's Litoral Combat Ship, among others. Another area of focus is likely to be cybersecurity, especially with the recent attacks by North Korea.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Airland**

*Tom Cotton (R-AR), Joe Manchin (D-WV)*

**Emerging Threats and Capabilities**

*Deb Fischer (R-NE), Bill Nelson (D-FL)*

**Personnel**

*Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)*

**Readiness and Management Support**

*Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Tim Kaine (D-VA)*

**Seapower**

*Roger Wicker (R-MS), Mazie Hirono (D-HI)*

**Strategic Forces**

*Jeff Sessions (R-AL), Joe Donnelly (D-IN)*



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 Tim Scott (R-SC)  
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 Jerry Moran (R-KS)  
 Tom Cotton (R-AR)  
 Mike Rounds (R-SD)

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 Bob Menendez (D-NJ)  
 Jon Tester (D-MT)  
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 Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
 Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)  
 Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)  
 Joe Donnelly (D-IN)

**Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

Senate Republicans are finally in a position to advance significant reforms to the *Dodd-Frank Act* that Democrats held up last Congress. The law has few allies in the new Senate majority, and only one of the three GOP senators that voted for the overhaul in 2010 remain in office. This opposition is exacerbated by the reality that several Democrats have grievances with the law they would like to see remedied. This was on clear display in December when both parties overwhelmingly supported an amendment to Dodd-Frank clarifying that capital standards for the largest insurers must be tailored to the industry. In areas where votes are lacking, tucking Dodd-Frank changes into broader, must-pass bills has proved to be a successful formula. For example, Republicans leveraged the “cromnibus” debate—legislation funding the federal government through the end of the fiscal year—to soften rules requiring that banks spin off certain derivatives-trading activities into units not covered as federally insured depository institutions. While this strategy will surely be replicated in 2015, those victories may become increasingly costly. In reaction to recent Dodd-Frank changes, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) has led Democrats to label once bipartisan reforms as “Wall Street handouts.” This rhetoric is already having an impact. However, a tidal wave of opposition to Dodd-Frank revisions remain unlikely. Sen. Warren’s recent push to remove a Dodd-Frank clarification from the House-passed *Terrorism Risk Insurance Act* (TRIA) reauthorization received only 31 votes, with 13 Democrats voting against the amendment.

Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL), who has only two years before reaching his term limit as chair, will settle in quickly to his old role and try to balance Democratic factions to push a series of bipartisan reforms. We believe that odds favor success on several reforms, such as Congress expanding exemptions to the Qualified Mortgage rules and raising the asset threshold for banks considered for Systemically Important Financial Institution (SIFI) designation. Two of Shelby’s other early initiatives will be to rein in the authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) and move the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) from being headed by a single director to a five-member bipartisan commission.

Separately, he will follow the well-worn path of the House Financial Services Committee in pushing bills that reduce barriers to capital formation, possibly pairing that effort with a broader “JOBS Act 2.0” package or changes to provide regulatory relief for small or rural financial institutions. The addition of freshmen Sens. Tom Cotton (R-AR), Mike Rounds (R-SD) and Ben Sasse (R-NE) to the committee will make sure the latter is a priority. Lastly, Chair Shelby will also increase oversight of agencies under the committee’s purview, including the Federal Reserve. He voted against Janet Yellen’s nomination to be chair of the Federal Reserve Board because of her support for the Fed’s quantitative easing policies.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Economic Policy**

Dean Heller (R-NV), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

**Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection**

Pat Toomey (R-PA), Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

**Housing, Transportation, and Community Development**

Tim Scott (R-SC), Bob Menendez (D-NJ)

**National Security and International Trade and Finance**

Mark Kirk (R-IL), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)

**Securities, Insurance, and Investment**

Mike Crapo (R-ID), Mark Warner (D-VA)

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**Budget Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

While discussions are already underway, the budget season kicked off when President Obama sends up his proposed budget to Congress on Feb. 2. The submission will trigger a series of hearings throughout February and will dominate much of the committee's time. The House and Senate Budget Committees historically mark up their respective budget resolutions in March, but that may be delayed. Much of this will depend on how quickly the debt ceiling approaches after the suspension expires on March 15 and the Department of the Treasury begins implementing its "extraordinary measures" to keep government operating past the expiration.

To successfully navigate these issues, incoming Chair Michael Enzi (R-WY) and his counterpart in the House will lead critical fights early in the year. Much of the Republican majority's plan is dependent on passing bills through regular order and demonstrating that they can make the wheels of Congress turn efficiently. An important first step in that effort is passage of a concurrent budget resolution, a task the Senate and House Budget Committees have not accomplished in roughly half a decade. Chair Enzi will have his work cut out for him in building support for a budget resolution among a caucus that is at times divided on where to make cuts in spending and how deep to go. Making matters more difficult is the possibility of including reconciliation instructions in any budget resolution. Reconciliation will make it easier for Republicans to push changes to federal tax and spending policy by creating a vehicle that can be passed in the Senate with a simple majority. This could be a critical tool for Senate Republicans since they are well short of the filibuster-proof margin of 60 members. The last time this maneuver was used was in 2010 by Democrats to pass the *Affordable Care Act*. In addition, the *Murray-Ryan Budget Act* expires at the end of the year; so expect sequestration rhetoric to fire up by year's end.

One thing to watch if a budget resolution moves toward the Senate floor is the peculiar practice known as "Vote-a-rama," where senators from both sides offer scores of amendments, many of them designed to be politically painful for the opposing party, to vote against. Under Senate rules, at the conclusion of the debate on the resolution, all germane amendments must get a vote. While these amendments do not have the impact of law, they do need to be monitored because of the potential for political fallout.

It is also important to remember that the outspoken Sen. Bernard Sanders (I-VT) will serve as the committee's ranking member, despite trepidation on behalf of some Democrats who worry he is too far to the left to be the party spokesman on budget issues. Several high-ranking Democrats unsuccessfully attempted to convince Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) to serve as the committee's ranking member. Despite Sanders' reputation, Chair Enzi has expressed confidence that he will be able to find common ground with the ranking member, particularly when it comes to making changes to the budget process. "I think there are good opportunities for bipartisanship here," Enzi recently said. "After all, no one likes the budget process we currently have."

Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN) and newly elected Sen. David Perdue (R-GA) are the committee's new GOP members.

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 Tom Udall (D-NM)  
 Joe Manchin (D-WV)  
 Gary Peters (D-MI)

**Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

New committee Chair John Thune (R-SD) has his work cut out for him in the coming months, with a number of major transportation-related bills requiring reauthorization in 2015. First in line is the surface transportation reauthorization bill, which expires in May. The bill funds a wide range of transportation infrastructure projects, and the committee has jurisdiction for the safety portions of the bill. While there is bipartisan support for the bill, determining how to provide long-term funding could prove difficult. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding also is slated to expire at the end of September, so the committee must tackle a second reauthorization in the coming months. A number of controversial provisions, including implementation of the new NextGen air traffic control system, long-distance flights at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, lifting the existing cap on fees passengers pay to use certain airports and other issues could make enacting a bill challenging. The committee also will likely try to take on Amtrak reauthorization and could consider rail safety legislation.

In regards to telecom, Chair Thune will start off looking at an update to the *Telecommunications Act*. The *Telecommunications Act* has not been updated since 1996 and is seen as legislation that is outdated in today's era of broadband, wireless and convergence of services. The committee will likely take up the issue—a wide-ranging exercise—after expected Federal Communications Commission (FCC) action at the end of February. Though most of this year will focus on this important update, network neutrality has pushed itself to the forefront of the conversation over the past few weeks. During the initial weeks of the 114th Congress, the committee is expected to hold several hearings on the issue. Further, Chair Thune and Ranking Member Bill Nelson (D-FL) are working together to try to find an alternative to Title II. So far there has been no breakthrough, but talks continue to evolve. We also expect Thune to focus on issues including retransmission consent, FCC oversight, cyber security, and possible NSA reforms with the expiration of Section 215 in June. Separately, Thune will make a theme of using the committee's broad jurisdiction to target what he considers overbearing government regulation of commerce.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security**

*Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Maria Cantwell (D-WA)*

**Communications, Technology, and the Internet**

*Roger Wicker (R-MS), Brian Schatz (D-HI)*

**Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance**

*Jerry Moran (R-KS), Ranking TBD*

**Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard**

*Marco Rubio (R-FL), Ranking TBD*

**Science and Space**

*Ted Cruz (R-TX), Ranking TBD*

**Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security**

*Deb Fischer (R-NE), Ranking TBD*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), *Chair*  
 John Barrasso (R-WY)  
 Jim Risch (R-ID)  
 Mike Lee (R-UT)  
 Jeff Flake (R-AZ)  
 Bill Cassidy (R-LA)  
 Cory Gardner (R-CO)  
 Steve Daines (R-MT)  
 Rob Portman (R-OH)  
 John Hoeven (R-ND)  
 Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
 Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

**Minority**

Maria Cantwell (D-WA), *Ranking*  
 Ron Wyden (D-OR)  
 Bernie Sanders (I-VT)  
 Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)  
 Al Franken (D-MN)  
 Joe Manchin (D-WV)  
 Martin Heinrich (D-NM)  
 Mazie Hirono (D-HI)  
 Angus King (I-ME)  
 Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

**Energy and Natural Resources Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

This will likely be one of the most active committees in the 114th Congress, as Senate Republicans have long been eager to push many of their energy policies and hold them in contrast to those of the Obama administration. The committee has already been given a major legislative item on the Senate floor this year—a bill that would approve the Keystone pipeline. This bill is only the starting point for a robust floor debate in the Senate on a wide range of energy policy issues that we have seen began to unfold in January.

In addition to Keystone, newly installed Chair Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) is likely to focus on other fossil fuel issues. Chair Murkowski's top priority will probably be repealing the 40-year-old ban on U.S. crude oil exports. The recent boom in domestic oil production and geopolitical instability in the Middle East and Eastern Europe have created a new impetus for this issue, and Chair Murkowski has been leading the charge to repeal the ban since the beginning of 2014. The committee will likely see a series of oversight hearings on the merits of lifting the export ban, with repeal legislation to follow. However, with Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)—a strong proponent of renewable energy policies—now serving as the committee's ranking member, it is unclear whether Chair Murkowski will be able to garner bipartisan support for this issue. Exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) is likely to be another hot issue in the committee, but one that has a better chance of attracting wider support. In addition to support from Murkowski and many of the other GOP members, the idea of expediting the LNG export process has received some measure of support from several Democrats on the committee, including former Chair Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM).

Energy efficiency and electric grid reliability will also be issues of note for the committee this year. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) will yet again attempt to pass the bipartisan energy efficiency legislation he drafted with Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH). The bill has and will likely continue to draw broad support but has previously been bogged down by a series of amendments, some related to energy issues and some not. While separate Senate consideration of related issues, including the Keystone XL pipeline and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) greenhouse gas rules is expected, the biggest obstacle to the Shaheen-Portman bill has been Sen. David Vitter's (R-LA) insistence of a vote on an unrelated health care amendment. It is unclear if Sen. Vitter will maintain his demand this year. Grid reliability has become an issue recently with several members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) expressing concern about how EPA's proposed greenhouse gas rules may negatively affect electric delivery. The committee will likely conduct a considerable amount of oversight on this issue, as it is a concern for members of both sides. Republicans and coal-state Democrats will look to protect coal interests, while some Democrats like Sens. Wyden and Cantwell have expressed support for EPA's rules while raising concerns over how it will affect hydropower in their states.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Energy***Chair TBD, Ranking TBD***National Parks***Chair TBD, Ranking TBD***Public Lands, Forests, and Mining***Chair TBD, Ranking TBD***Water and Power***Chair TBD, Ranking TBD*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

James Inhofe (R-OK), *Chair*  
 David Vitter (R-LA)  
 John Barrasso (R-WY)  
 Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)  
 Mike Crapo (R-ID)  
 John Boozman (R-AR)  
 Jeff Sessions (R-AL)  
 Roger Wicker (R-MS)  
 Deb Fischer, (R-NE)  
 Mike Rounds, (R-SD)  
 Dan Sullivan (R-AK)

**Minority**

Barbara Boxer (D-CA), *Ranking*  
 Thomas Carper (D-DE)  
 Ben Cardin (D-MD)  
 Bernie Sanders (I-VT)  
 Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)  
 Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
 Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  
 Cory Booker (D-NJ)  
 Ed Markey (D-MA)

**Environment and Public Works Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

Climate change and the rules proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address it will be a central focus of the committee in 2015. Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK), a well-documented climate change skeptic, will once again chair the committee and is expected to convene a number of hearings calling the science behind climate change into question. Committee Republicans will also discuss the economic consequences of the EPA's proposed regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions from new and existing power plants. Ranking Member Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and the other committee Democrats are expected to defend the EPA's rules and the president's climate agenda. All of the Democrats on the committee are firm supporters of addressing climate change, so there is not likely to be any bipartisan cooperation on this issue.

However, infrastructure and transportation matters will also be addressed by the committee, an area where Sens. Inhofe and Boxer have found common ground in the past. Authorization for the highway program expires this spring, and the highway trust fund is expected to go bankrupt this year as well. Finding solutions—or at least short-term fixes—to these issues will be near the top of the priority list for the committee this year. Finally, funding the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund is another important issue for the committee, and one that may garner some bipartisan support. Sen. Boxer has significant harbor interests in her state, as do other members on both sides. This issue will have increased importance this year with the completion of the expansion of the Panama Canal and the accompanying arrival of larger cargo ships in U.S. harbors, which must be deepened and expanded to accommodate the new class of vessels.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Clean Air and Nuclear Safety**

*Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Ranking TBD*

**Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife**

*Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Ranking TBD*

**Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health**

*Mike Rounds (R-SD), Ranking TBD*

**Transportation and Infrastructure**

*David Vitter (R-LA), Ranking TBD*



## 114TH CONGRESS

## BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Orrin Hatch (R-UT), *Chair*  
 Chuck Grassley (R-IA)  
 Mike Crapo (R-ID)  
 Pat Roberts (R-KS)  
 Mike Enzi (R-WY)  
 John Cornyn (R-TX)  
 John Thune (R-SD)  
 Richard Burr (R-NC)  
 Johnny Isakson (R-GA)  
 Rob Portman (R-OH)  
 Pat Toomey (R-PA)  
 Dan Coats (R-IN)  
 Dean Heller (R-NV)  
 Tim Scott (R-SC)

**Minority**

Ron Wyden (D-OR), *Ranking*  
 Chuck Schumer (D-NY)  
 Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)  
 Maria Cantwell (D-WA)  
 Bill Nelson (D-FL)  
 Bob Menendez (D-NJ)  
 Thomas Carper (D-DE)  
 Ben Cardin (D-MD)  
 Sherrod Brown (D-OH)  
 Michael Bennet (D-CO)  
 Bob Casey (D-PA)  
 Mark Warner (D-VA)

**Finance Committee**

## SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

Despite former Chair Ron Wyden (D-OR) and former Ranking Member Orrin Hatch (R-UT) switching places, a potential tax overhaul remains at the forefront of the agenda for the Senate Finance Committee. With the president openly advocating for corporate tax reform, common ground may be within reach, though it will be an uphill battle to get there and the dialogue is not off to a good start. The president's recently announced plans to provide the middle class with a tax cut by increasing rates on investment earnings and establishing a new tax on banks has been met with hard opposition from the right. There are also other high hurdles. For example, Republicans will lobby for a territorial system of corporate taxation while the administration is content with the worldwide system and will fight efforts that allow multinationals to defer taxation on foreign earnings. However, despite their differences, both sides could get behind a close to revenue neutral proposal that lowers rates and broadens the base. In addition, Republicans have said that they would be open to funneling any revenue gains into infrastructure improvements, which is a top priority of the administration. The need to again address tax extenders at year's end is also a catalyst for stakeholders to push reform that provides long-term certainty.

Taking a first step in the deliberation process, Hatch has organized five separate bipartisan working groups that will explore sections of the tax code while working with the Joint Committee on Taxation to produce recommendations by May. The groups are as follows: (1) Individual income tax, co-chaired by Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI); (2) Business, co-chaired by Sens. John Thune (R-SD) and Ben Cardin (D-MD); (3) Savings and investment, co-chaired by Sens. Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH); (4) International tax, co-chaired by Sens. Rob Portman (R-OH) and Chuck Schumer (D-NY); and (5) Community development and infrastructure, co-chaired by Sens. Dean Heller (R-NV) and Michael Bennet (D-CO).

Trade will also be a top priority of the committee with free trade deals currently being negotiated across the Atlantic (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP)) and the Pacific (Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)). The first order of business will be giving the president Trade Promotion Authority, or fast-tracking power, that allows trade deals to be put before Congress for an up-or-down vote without amendment. Separately, as Chair Hatch proposed his own iteration of health care reform last year, expect his focus in this area to persist. With the medical device sales tax set squarely in Hatch's sights, expect a bipartisan bill to move quickly in the 114th Congress. However, President Obama continues to reiterate that any dramatic revisions to his landmark bill will not happen while he is in office. Other issues that must be dealt with are the Medicare "doc-fix" patch that expires in May and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) expiration in September.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure**

*Dan Coats (R-IN), Michael Bennet (D-CO)*

**Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth**

*Rob Portman (R-OH), Mark Warner (D-VA)*

**Health Care**

*Pat Toomey (R-PA), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)*

**Intl. Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness**

*John Cornyn (R-TX), Ron Wyden (D-OR)*

**Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy**

*Dean Heller (R-NV), Sherrod Brown (D-OH)*

**Taxation and IRS Oversight**

*Mike Crapo (R-ID), Bob Casey (D-PA)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Bob Corker (R-TN), *Chair*  
 Marco Rubio (R-FL)  
 Ron Johnson (R-WI)  
 Jeff Flake (R-AZ)  
 Cory Gardner (R-CO)  
 David Perdue (R-GA)  
 Johnny Isakson (R-GA)  
 Rand Paul (R-KY)  
 John Barrasso (R-WY)  
 James Risch (R-ID)

**Minority**

Bob Menendez (D-NJ), *Ranking*  
 Barbara Boxer (D-CA)  
 Ben Cardin (D-MD)  
 Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
 Chris Coons (D-DE)  
 Tom Udall (D-NM)  
 Chris Murphy (D-CT)  
 Tim Kaine (D-VA)  
 Ed Markey (D-MA)

**Foreign Relations Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

Congress will have its hands full navigating myriad foreign policy matters currently grabbing headlines, whether it is the use of military force in Syria and Iraq, diplomatic relations with Russia, or sanctions on Iran. Chair Bob Corker (R-TN) has long played an active role on these issues, often questioning the Obama administration's agenda and actions overseas, and will have a bigger stage to make his criticisms heard. Joined by other committee Republicans, Corker has urged the president to take stronger action in the Middle East and provide military aid to Ukraine.

Early this year, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold hearings to carefully study the implications of President Obama's move to normalize relations with Cuba. A complete lifting of the trade embargo will require action by Congress, and whomever the president nominates to be the U.S. Ambassador to Cuba will likely face tough scrutiny by both Republicans and select Democrats. Ranking Member Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), the incoming chair of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, have both been vocal opponents of opening up relations with Cuba. The Senate panel also includes Sens. Rand Paul (R-KY) and Jeff Flake (R-AZ), both supporters of normalization of relations with Cuba. The committee is also expected to hold hearings to examine a plausible path toward authorization for use of military force (AUMF) in the ongoing strikes against Islamic State targets in Iraq and Syria. Senate Armed Services Committee Chair John McCain (R-AZ) and Corker are already said to be in discussions about drafting legislation.

Another topic dominating the committee agenda will be whether or not to legislate new sanctions on Iran, as the negotiations aimed at curbing the country's nuclear program have been extended and remain active. Last Congress, Corker and Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) proposed a bill to require the president to submit to Congress, within three days, any comprehensive agreement reached with Iran and provide time for review. Congress could then pass a joint resolution if it disagreed with the deal. Chair Corker is uniquely positioned to engage given that he also sits on the Banking Committee, which has jurisdiction over Iranian sanctions.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Africa and Global Health Policy**

*Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Ed Markey (D-MA)*

**East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy**

*Cory Gardner R-CO, Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)*

**Europe and Regional Security Cooperation**

*Ron Johnson (R-WI), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)*

**Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy and Environmental Policy**

*John Barrasso (R-WY), Tom Udall (D-NM)*

**State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development**

*David Perdue (R-GA), Tim Kaine (D-VA)*

**Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism**

*James Risch (R-ID), Christopher Murphy (D-CT)*

**Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues**

*Marco Rubio (R-FL), Barbara Boxer (D-CA)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Majority

Lamar Alexander (R-TN), *Chair*  
 Mike Enzi (R-WY)  
 Richard Burr (R-NC)  
 Johnny Isakson (R-GA)  
 Rand Paul (R-KY)  
 Susan Collins (R-ME)  
 Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
 Mark Kirk (R-IL)  
 Tim Scott (R-SC)  
 Orrin Hatch (R-UT)  
 Pat Roberts (R-KS)  
 Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

## Minority

Patty Murray (D-WA), *Ranking*  
 Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)  
 Bernie Sanders (I-VT)  
 Bob Casey (D-PA)  
 Al Franken (D-MN)  
 Michael Bennet (D-CO)  
 Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)  
 Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)  
 Chris Murphy (D-CT)  
 Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee

SENATE

## Committee Agenda

The committee's broad jurisdiction will be on display this year as Republicans look to leverage their new majority power. For starters, Republicans have long been at odds with the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) and it appears that they will have a ripe opportunity to shape the content of the "replace" within a "repeal and replace" agenda they've pushed for years. If challengers to the law prevail in the collective *King v. Burwell* case that comes before the Supreme Court in March, state subsidies from the law could be abruptly cut off to the 34 states that rely on the federal government to run their health exchanges, thereby undercutting one of the main parts of the law. Sens. Richard Burr (R-NC) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT) are fine-tuning their ACA replacement draft, along with Alexander and House Energy and Commerce Chair Fred Upton (R-MI). At a minimum, expect these stakeholders to endorse undoing the medical device tax and changing the definition of a full-time employee. Alexander has also signaled that he is keen to take on reform of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) this Congress. Additionally, funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) expires at the end of September; while CHIP generally has bipartisan support, the Republican-controlled committee could use its majority to propose changes.

First on Alexander's list of education priorities is tackling the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* reauthorization; the current version is known as No Child Left Behind. Alexander's starting point for reform would likely be a bill he introduced in 2013 to renew the law, which significantly scaled back the federal role in K-12 education policy. Reform options on the table include the state waiver policy, testing requirements, how to penalize low-performing schools, how to promote good teachers, and the formula used to determine the allocation to low-income school districts. The committee will also likely tackle the *Higher Education Act* reauthorization this year, which could give Republicans the opportunity to block several controversial administration proposals, including the gainful employment regulations and the college ratings system. Both the HELP Committee and the Education and the Workforce Committee are working on drafting legislation; however, at this time it seems that passage will be unlikely this year.

Lastly, Alexander has and will continue to be critical of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), both of which have been active in the past year on several major fronts that have drawn Republican criticism. Top of the list for review by the chair will be the NLRB General Counsel's push to expand the "joint employer" standard and final rules issued by the agency in December that expedite the process for electing union representation. On these and other issues, Alexander believes the NLRB no longer acts in an impartial manner and has said he will push a bill with Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to expand the board by adding a sixth member, creating a balance in party power, and requiring a four-member majority for making determinations.

## Subcommittee Leadership

## Children and Families

Rand Paul (R-KY), Bob Casey (D-PA)

## Employment and Workplace Safety

Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Al Franken (D-MN)

## Primary Health and Aging

Mike Enzi (R-WY), Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Ron Johnson (R-WI), *Chair*  
 John McCain (R-AZ)  
 Rob Portman (R-OH)  
 Rand Paul (R-KY)  
 James Lankford (R-OK)  
 Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)  
 Mike Enzi (R-WY)  
 Joni Ernst (R-IA)  
 Ben Sasse (R-NE)

**Minority**

Tom Carper (D-DE), *Ranking*  
 Claire McCaskill (D-MO)  
 Jon Tester (D-MT)  
 Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)  
 Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)  
 Cory Booker (D-NJ)  
 Gary Peters (D-MI)

**Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

Given the controversies surrounding the president's unilateral action on immigration and subsequent debate over funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), expect incoming Chair Ron Johnson (R-WI) to devote significant time to border security and related immigration matters in order to maintain the committee's jurisdiction as a main player on these issues. Johnson, widely regarded as one of the Senate's most conservative members, is currently drafting a border security bill and has asked for input from Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) and others who represent border states, as well as from committee members. Johnson is also interested in tackling cybersecurity issues and looking at policies to safeguard our nation's critical infrastructure.

Like his predecessor, current Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE), Johnson is also widely expected to focus much of the committee's work in the government affairs space. He has been a strong critic of federal bureaucracy, public sector unions, and government red tape. The committee is also likely to address postal service reform, where Johnson has often been at odds with the powerful paper and mail-related industry interests of his state. Johnson voiced strong concerns about a postal reform bill that Sens. Carper and former Ranking Member Tom Coburn (R-OK) proposed last year and can be expected to push his own thoughts on what reform should look like, such as taking the postal service through bankruptcy proceedings. It remains to be seen whether Johnson and Carper can find common ground on legislation but the new chair has said he is open to compromise.

Note that Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) will take over the powerful Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which has broad jurisdiction and made headlines last year with hearings on Wall Street trading practices and "offshore profit shifting" through the U.S. tax code. The committee will have several fresh faces with the addition of Sens. Mike Enzi (R-WY), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Ben Sasse (R-NE) and Gary Peters (D-MI), along with Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) coming onboard.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management**

*Rand Paul (R-KY), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)*

**Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management**

*James Lankford (R-OK), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)*

**Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations**

*Rob Portman (R-OH), Claire McCaskill (D-MO)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Majority

John Barrasso (R-WY), *Chair*  
 John McCain (R-AZ)  
 Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
 John Hoeven, (R-ND)  
 James Lankford (R-OK)  
 Steve Daines (R-MT)  
 Mike Crapo (R-ID)  
 Jerry Moran (R-KS)

## Minority

Jon Tester (D-MT), *Ranking*  
 Maria Cantwell (D-WA)  
 Tom Udall (D-NM)  
 Al Franken (D-MN)  
 Brian Schatz (D-HI)  
 Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)

## Indian Affairs Committee

SENATE

## Committee Agenda

Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY), former vice chair of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, will serve as chair during the 114th Congress. The committee, which was first led by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)—followed by Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)—during the 113th Congress, will inevitably shift its focus during Chair Barrasso's tenure. His top priorities will likely include tribal energy development, tribal water, and infrastructure issues.

Barrasso has long championed efforts to enable tribes to develop energy resources and eliminate bureaucratic impediments to economic development. During the 113th Congress, he introduced the *Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2014* in an effort to “cut red tape and make it easier for the Indian tribes to develop their own resources.” Although the committee passed the bill, it did not receive floor consideration, leaving Barrasso likely to drive similar legislation this year. Additionally, Chair Barrasso worked with Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) last year on the *Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act*, in an effort to identify maintenance requirements and repairs to water infrastructure.

Sen. Tester, who will serve as ranking member of the committee, will likely continue this year his pursuit of a “Carciari fix”—responding to the controversial decision reached by the Supreme Court in the 2009 *Carciari v. Salazar* case that limited the Department of the Interior's ability to take land into trust for tribes not under federal jurisdiction in 1934. Tester introduced bipartisan legislation last April with Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS) that “reaffirms the Secretary's authority to take land into trust for tribes, regardless of when they were recognized by the Federal government.” Expect a similar bill to be introduced this year.



## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Chuck Grassley (R-IA), *Chair*  
 Orrin Hatch (R-UT)  
 Jeff Sessions (R-AL)  
 Lindsey Graham (R-SC)  
 John Cornyn (R-TX)  
 Mike Lee (R-UT)  
 Ted Cruz (R-TX)  
 Jeff Flake (R-AZ)  
 David Vitter (R-LA)  
 David Perdue (R-GA)  
 Thom Tillis (R-NC)

**Minority**

Pat Leahy (D-VT), *Ranking*  
 Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  
 Chuck Schumer (D-NY)  
 Dick Durbin (D-IL)  
 Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)  
 Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)  
 Al Franken (D-MN)  
 Chris Coons (D-DE)  
 Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)

**Judiciary Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

Chair Chuck Grassley's (R-IA) first order of business will be to preside over Loretta Lynch's confirmation hearings to replace Eric Holder as attorney general. Shortly thereafter, the committee will work to confirm the nominated deputy attorney general. Once the deck is cleared on nominations, Grassley will look to move policy reforms that stalled in the 114th Congress, including the *Innovation Act*—drafted to address concerns about “patent trolls”—which former Chair Patrick Leahy (D-VT) surprisingly removed from last year's committee agenda. It is expected that Grassley and his counterpart in the House, Judiciary Committee Chair Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), will seek a unified approach to patent reform and that this will be one of the most high-profile issues considered by the committee this year.

The committee will also address national security matters and look to reauthorize the *Patriot Act* during the 114th Congress. Oversight will play a significant role in the committee's agenda and the pace of judgeship confirmations will likely slow during the final two years of the Obama administration. In terms of immigration reform, Grassley will wait to see what the House puts forward before eating up time moving any legislation of his own making. Another issue to watch for is juvenile justice reform. Grassley has previously co-sponsored legislation to reauthorize the *Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act*, making reforms to the accountability portion to give states direction on reducing racial disparities and other issues.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights**

Mike Lee (R-UT), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

**The Constitution**

John Cornyn (R-TX), Dick Durbin (D-IL)

**Crime and Terrorism**

Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

**Immigration and the National Interest**

Jeff Sessions (R-LA), Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

**Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts**

Ted Cruz (R-TX), Chris Coons (D-DE)

**Privacy, Technology and the Law**

Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Al Franken (D-MN)

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Roy Blunt (R-MO), *Chair*  
 Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
 Mitch McConnell (R-KY)  
 Thad Cochran (R-MS)  
 Pat Roberts (R-KS)  
 Richard Shelby (R-AL)  
 Ted Cruz (R-TX)  
 Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)  
 John Boozman (R-AR)  
 Roger Wicker (R-MS)

**Minority**

Chuck Schumer (D-NY), *Ranking*  
 Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  
 Dick Durbin (D-IL)  
 Tom Udall (D-NM)  
 Mark Warner (D-VA)  
 Pat Leahy (D-VT)  
 Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)  
 Angus King (I-ME)

**Rules and Administration Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) assumes the chairmanship of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee while Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) will assume the role of ranking member. The Rules and Administration Committee, one of the oldest committees in the Senate, will continue addressing logistical matters, like issuing credentials and managing the government printing office, in the 114th Congress. The committee will also focus some on campaign finance issues. Generally speaking, the committee executes tasks ranging from assigning office space in the Capitol to dealing with internal corruption charges. Most importantly, the Rules Committee is charged with producing a “secret handbook” which serves as the Senate’s employee manual. The handbook, which became available for the first time in 2014, is expected to be circulated again in 2015. Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), John Boozman (R-AR), and Roger Wicker (R-MS) are among the committee’s new additions. In 2014, the Senate Rules Committee met only 12 times.

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Johnny Isakson (R-GA), *Chair*  
Pat Roberts (R-KS)  
James Risch (R-ID)

**Minority**

Barbara Boxer (D-CA), *Ranking*  
Chris Coons (D-DE)  
Brian Schatz (D-HI)

**Select Committee on Ethics**

S E N A T E

**Committee Agenda**

Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), return as the chair and ranking member of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. The committee will continue dealing with matters related to senatorial ethics, including investigating allegations of improper conduct, violations of law, violations of the Senate Code of Official Conduct, and violations of rules and regulations of the Senate in the 114th Congress. In addition to recommending disciplinary action for misconduct, the committee is also responsible for recommending additional Senate rules and regulations to insure proper standards of conduct.

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Richard Burr (R-NC), *Chair*  
 Jim Risch (R-ID)  
 Dan Coats (R-IN)  
 Marco Rubio (R-FL)  
 Susan Collins (R-ME)  
 Roy Blunt (R-MO)  
 James Lankford (R-OK)  
 Tom Cotton (R-AR)

**Minority**

Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), *Ranking*  
 Ron Wyden (D-OR)  
 Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)  
 Mark Warner (D-VA)  
 Martin Heinrich (D-NM)  
 Angus King (I-ME)  
 Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

**Select Committee on Intelligence**

S E N A T E

**Committee Agenda**

Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC) and Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) will serve as chair and ranking member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the 114th Congress. Despite significant media attention around the so-called Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) “torture report” released by the committee last year, Sen. Burr said he will not rewrite the report. “To have an end chapter of a book and go back and try to write the preface to it and other chapters is a mistake,” he said. “I want to look forward and do oversight in real time and not oversight that goes 10 years back.”

The committee will likely continue its review of intelligence reports from Iraq and Syria, with a particular emphasis on the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The committee is also expected to examine the potential impact of domestic surveillance restrictions, particularly related to the mass collection of domestic telephone metadata, on intelligence capabilities. Additionally, Sens. Burr and Feinstein will likely monitor the impact of dwindling budgets on agency operations. Toward that end, the committee will likely address FY2016 spending by mid-2015. Lastly, cybersecurity continues to be a much discussed topic across multiple committees. Burr could look to make his mark on the debate by working with House Intelligence Committee Chair Devin Nunes (R-CA) on information sharing legislation this year.

## 114TH CONGRESS

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**Majority**

David Vitter (R-LA), *Chair*  
 Jim Risch (R-ID)  
 Marco Rubio (R-FL)  
 Rand Paul (R-KY)  
 Tim Scott (R-SC)  
 Deb Fischer (R-NE)  
 Cory Gardner (R-CO)  
 Joni Ernst (R-IA)  
 Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)  
 Mike Enzi (R-WY)

**Minority**

Ben Cardin (D-MD), *Ranking*  
 Maria Cantwell (D-WA)  
 Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
 Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)  
 Ed Markey (D-MA)  
 Cory Booker (D-NJ)  
 Chris Coons (D-DE)  
 Mazie Hirono (D-HI)  
 Gary Peters (D-MI)

**Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

With Sen. David Vitter (R-LA) and Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) serving as chair and ranking member respectively, the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee offers the two a new platform to affect policy on federal contracting and possibly on tax reform negotiations. Despite the committee's historically limited jurisdiction, Sens. Vitter and Cardin are likely to address a wide range of issues not considered by other Senate committees.

In addition to overseeing the Small Business Administration, Vitter and Cardin will be a voice for small businesses as conversations regarding overhauling the nation's tax code—a bipartisan priority for the 114th Congress—take place. Both Sens. Vitter and Cardin have said they will seek out opportunities to help small businesses access capital, as the Small Business Administration (SBA) guaranteed nearly \$29 billion in loans during FY2014. As the federal government maintains its goal of directing 23 percent of its procurement to small businesses, the committee will also play an important role in holding the government accountable to its directive.

It remains unclear how much of a factor Sen. Vitter's gubernatorial race will play into his chairing the committee. If Chair Vitter successfully wins election as governor in November 2015, Louisiana will be left with two freshman senators and the Small Business Committee will likely be turned over to Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID) or presidential hopefuls Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL) or Rand Paul (R-KY).



## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**Susan Collins (R-ME), *Chair*

Orrin Hatch (R-UT)

Mark Kirk (R-IL)

Jeff Flake (R-AZ)

Bob Corker (R-TN)

Dean Heller (R-NV)

Tim Scott (R-SC)

Tom Cotton (R-AR)

David Perdue (R-GA)

Thom Tillis (R-NC)

Ben Sasse (R-NE)

**Minority**Claire McCaskill (D-MO), *Ranking*

Bill Nelson (D-FL)

Bob Casey (D-PA)

Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)

Joe Donnelly (D-IN)

Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

Tim Kaine (D-VA)

**Special Committee on Aging**

S E N A T E

**Committee Agenda**

Chaired by Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), the Senate Special Committee on Aging will again serve as the congressional focal point for discussion on matters relevant to elder Americans. Although special committees have no legislative authority, they can study issues, conduct oversight programs, and investigate fraud or wasteful spending. Working with Ranking Member Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Collins will likely focus on issues related to Medicare, pharmaceutical prices, and anti-fraud legislation. During the 113th Congress, officials from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) testified regularly before the committee on matters related to fraud and scams targeting seniors. The committee also held hearings that focused on research- and treatment-related issues, particularly regarding cancer and Alzheimer's. Despite the change in leadership, the committee is widely expected to continue to provide its "fraud hotline," adopted during the 113th Congress, that facilitates the reporting to the committee of waste, fraud, and abuse within government programs provided for seniors. For the 114th Congress, Sens. Tom Cotton (R-AR), David Perdue (R-GA), Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Ben Sasse (R-NE) are the new Republican additions to the committee while Democrats have added Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA).

## 114TH CONGRESS

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 John Boozman (R-AR)  
 Dean Heller (R-NV)  
 Bill Cassidy (R-LA)  
 Mike Rounds (R-SD)  
 Thom Tillis (R-NC)  
 Dan Sullivan (R-AK)

**Minority**

Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), *Ranking*  
 Patty Murray (D-WA)  
 Bernie Sanders (I-VT)  
 Sherrod Brown (D-OH)  
 Jon Tester (D-MT)  
 Mazie Hirono (D-HI)  
 Joe Manchin (D-WV)

**Veterans' Affairs Committee**

SENATE

**Committee Agenda**

The Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee will see a dramatic change in leadership as both the former chair and ranking member have assumed responsibilities elsewhere in the Senate. Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) will now assume the position of chair and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) as ranking member at a time when the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is undergoing an unprecedented overhaul. During the 113th Congress, this committee exhibited significant leadership in addressing the VA's patient scheduling controversy and passing the *Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014* at the end of June 2014. Now that the law is in place, we expect the Republican-controlled committee to increase VA oversight inquiries in an effort to assess Secretary Robert McDonald's effectiveness and to monitor the impact of the new law. One of the biggest metrics will be the disability claims backlog, which the VA hopes to eliminate by the end of the year. According to *MilitaryTimes*, "The backlog—the number of first-time VA benefits claims unresolved for more than four months—sits at around 245,000 cases, according to departmental data. That's down more than 160,000 cases in 2014 and more than 250,000 cases since the start of 2013." However, fully eliminating the backlog this year is a lofty goal. Overall, we expect the committee to continue to work in a bipartisan manner to tackle some of the most pressing Veterans' Affairs issues, including changes to the VA culture and increased accountability.

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Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  
Dan Benishek (R-MI)  
Jeff Duncan (R-SC)  
Paul Gosar (R-AZ)  
Raúl Labrador (R-ID)  
Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)  
Bradley Byrne (R-AL)  
Jeff Denham (R-CA)  
Paul Cook (R-CA)  
Bruce Westerman (R-AR)  
Garret Graves (R-LA)  
Dan Newhouse (R-WA)  
Ryan Zinke (R-MT)  
Jody Hice (R-GA)  
Amata Radewagen (R-AS)  
Tom MacArthur (R-NJ)  
Alex Mooney (R-WV)  
Crescent Hardy (R-NV)

Adam Schiff (D-CA), *Ranking*  
Luis Guterrez (D-IL)  
Jim Himes (D-CT)  
Terri Sewell (D-AL)  
Andre Carson (D-IN)  
Jackie Speier (D-CA)  
Mike Quigley (D-IL)  
Eric Swalwell (D-CA)  
Patrick Murphy (D-FL)

John Conyers (D-MI), *Ranking*  
Jerry Nadler (D-NY)  
Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)  
Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)  
Steve Cohen (D-TN)  
Hank Johnson (D-GA)  
Pedro Pierluisi (D-Puerto Rico)  
Judy Chu (D-CA)  
Ted Deutch (D-FL)  
Luis Guterrez (D-IL)  
Karen Bass (D-CA)  
Cedric Richmond (D-LA)  
Suzan DelBene (D-WA)  
Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)  
David Cicilline (D-RI)  
Scott Peters (D-CA)

Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), *Ranking*  
Grace Napolitano (D-CA)  
Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU)  
Jim Costa (D-CA)  
Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-CNMI)  
Niki Tsongas (D-MA)  
Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR)  
Jared Huffman (D-CA)  
Raul Ruiz (D-CA)  
Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)  
Matthew Cartwright (D-PA)  
Don Beyer (D-VA)  
Norma Torres (D-CA)  
Debbie Dingell (D-MI)  
Mark Takai (D-HI)  
Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)

## OVERSIGHT

Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), *Chair*  
John Mica (R-FL)  
Mike Turner (R-OH)  
John Duncan (R-TN)  
Jim Jordan (R-OH)  
Tim Walberg (R-MI)  
Justin Amash (R-MI)  
Paul Anthony Gosar (R-AZ)  
Scott DesJarlais (R-TN)  
Trey Gowdy (R-SC)  
Blake Farenthold (R-TX)  
Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  
Thomas Massie (R-KY)  
Mark Meadows (R-NC)  
Ron DeSantis (R-FL)  
Mick Mulvaney (R-SC)  
Ken Buck (R-CO)  
Mark Walker (R-NC)  
Rod Blum (R-IA)  
Jody Hice (R-GA)  
Steve Russell (R-OK)  
Buddy Carter (R-GA)  
Glenn Grothman (R-WI)  
Will Hurd (R-TX)  
Gary Palmer (R-AL)

## RULES

Pete Sessions (R-TX), *Chair*  
Virginia Foxx (R-NC)  
Tom Cole (R-OK)  
Rob Woodall (R-GA)  
Michael Burgess (R-FL)  
Steve Stivers (R-OH)  
Doug Collins (GA)

## SCIENCE

Lamar Smith (R-TX), *Chair*  
Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI)  
Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)  
Frank Lucas (R-OK)  
Randy Neugebauer (R-TX)  
Michael McCaul (R-TX)  
Steven Palazzo (R-MI)  
Mo Brooks (R-AL)  
Randy Hultgren (R-IL)  
Bill Posey (R-FL)  
Thomas Massie (R-KY)  
Jim Bridenstine (R-OK)  
Randy Weber (R-TX)  
Bill Johnson (R-OH)  
John Moленaar (R-MI)  
Steve Knight (R-CA)  
Brian Babin (R-TX)  
Bruce Westerman (R-AZ)  
Barbara Comstock (R-VA)  
Dan Newhouse (R-WA)  
Gary Palmer (R-AL)  
Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)

## SMALL BUSINESS

Steve Chabot (R-OH), *Chair*  
Steve King (R-IA)  
Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)  
Richard Hanna (R-NY)  
Tim Huelskamp (R-KS)  
Tom Rice (R-SC)  
Chris Gibson (R-NY)  
Dave Brat (R-VA)  
Amata Radewagen (R-AS)  
Steve Knight (R-CA)  
Will Hurd (R-TX)  
Carlos Curbelo (R-FL)  
Mike Bost (R-IL)  
Crescent Hardy (R-NV)

Elijah Cummings (D-MD), *Ranking*  
Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)  
Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)  
Wm. Lacy Clay (D-MO)  
Stephen Lynch (D-MA)  
Jim Cooper (D-TN)  
Gerry Connolly (D-VA)  
Matthew Cartwright (D-PA)  
Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)  
Robin Kelly (D-IL)  
Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)  
Ted Lieu (D-CA)  
Bonnie Coleman (D-NJ)  
Stacey Plaskett (D-VI)  
Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA)  
Brendan Boyle (D-PA)  
\*\*Membership not finalized

Louise Slaughter (D-NY), *Ranking*  
James McGovern (D-MA)  
Alcee Hastings (D-FL)  
Jared Polis (D-CO)

Eddie Johnson (D-TX), *Ranking*  
Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)  
Dan Lipinski (D-IL)  
Donna Edwards (D-MD)  
Frederica Wilson (D-FL)  
Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)  
Eric Swalwell (D-CA)  
Alan Grayson (D-FL)  
Ami Bera (D-CA)  
Elizabeth Esty (D-CT)  
Marc Veasey (D-TX)  
Katherine Clark (D-MA)  
Don Beyer (D-VA)  
\*Membership not finalized

Nydia Velázquez (D-NY), *Ranking*  
\*\*Membership not finalized

## TRANSPORTATION

Bill Shuster (R-PA), *Chair*  
Don Young (R-AK)  
Jimmy Duncan (R-TN)  
John Mica (R-FL)  
Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)  
Sam Graves (R-MO)  
Candice Miller (R-MI)  
Duncan Hunter (R-CA)  
Rick Crawford (R-AR)  
Lou Barletta (R-PA)  
Blake Farenthold (R-TX)  
Bob Gibbs (R-OH)  
Richard Hanna (R-NY)  
Daniel Webster (R-FL)  
Jeff Denham (R-CA)  
Reid Ribble (R-WI)  
Thomas Massie (R-KY)  
Tom Rice (R-SC)  
Mark Meadows (R-NC)  
Scott Perry (R-PA)  
Rodney Davis (R-IL)  
Mark Sanford (R-SC)  
Rob Woodall (R-GA)  
Todd Rokita (R-IN)  
John Katko (R-NY)  
Brian Babin (R-TX)  
Crescent Hardy (R-NV)  
Ryan Costello (R-PA)  
Garret Graves (R-LA)  
Mimi Walters (R-CA)  
Barbara Comstock (R-VA)  
Carlos Curbelo (R-FL)  
David Rouzer (R-NC)  
Lee Zeldin (R-NY)

## VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Jeff Miller (R-FL), *Chair*  
Doug Lamborn (R-CO)  
Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)  
Phil Roe (R-TN)  
Dan Benishek (R-MI)  
Tim Huelskamp (R-KS)  
Mike Coffman (R-CO)  
Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)  
Jackie Walorski (R-IN)  
Ralph Abraham (R-LA)  
Lee Zeldin (R-NY)  
Ryan Costello (R-PA)  
Amata Radewagen (R-AS)  
Mike Bost (R-IL)

## WAYS &amp; MEANS

Paul Ryan (R-WI), *Chair*  
Sam Johnson (R-TX)  
Kevin Brady (R-TX)  
Devin Nunes (R-CA)  
Pat Tiberi (R-OH)  
Dave Reichert (R-WA)  
Charles Boustany (R-LA)  
Peter Roskam (R-IL)  
Tom Price (R-GA)  
Vern Buchanan (R-FL)  
Adrian Smith (R-NE)  
Aaron Schock (R-IL)  
Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)  
Erik Paulsen (R-MN)  
Kenny Marchant (R-TX)  
Diane Black (R-TN)  
Tom Reed (R-NY)  
Todd Young (R-IN)  
Mike Kelly (R-PA)  
Jim Renacci (R-OH)  
Patrick Meehan (R-PA)  
George Holding (R-NC)  
Jason Smith (R-MO)  
Kristi Noem (R-SD)

Peter DeFazio (D-OR), *Ranking*  
Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)  
Jerry Nadler (D-NY)  
Corrine Brown (D-FL)  
Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)  
Elijah Cummings (D-MD)  
Rick Larsen (D-WA)  
Michael Capuano (D-MA)  
Grace Flores Napolitano (D-CA)  
Dan Lipinski (D-IL)  
Steve Cohen (D-TN)  
Albio Sires (D-NJ)  
Donna Edwards (D-MD)  
John Garamendi (D-CA)  
André Carson (D-PA)  
Janice Hahn (D-CA)  
Rick Nolan (D-FL-MN)  
Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)  
Dina Titus (D-NV)  
Sean Maloney (D-NY)  
Elizabeth Esty (D-CT)  
Lois Frankel (D-FL)  
Cheri Bustos (D-IL)  
Jared Huffman (D-CA)  
Julie Brownley (D-CA)

Corrine Brown (D-FL), *Ranking*  
Mark Takano (D-CA)  
Julie Brownley (D-CA)  
Dina Titus (D-NV)  
Raul Ruiz (D-CA)  
Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)  
Beto O'Rourke (D-TX)  
Kathleen Maura Rice (D-NY)

Sandy Levin (D-MI), *Ranking*  
Charlie Rangel (D-NY)  
Jim McDermott (D-WA)  
John Lewis (D-GA)  
Richard Neal (D-MA)  
Xavier Becerra (D-CA)  
Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)  
Mike Thompson (D-CA)  
John Larson (D-CT)  
Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)  
Ron Kind (D-WI)  
Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)  
Joe Crowley (D-NY)  
Danny Davis (D-IL)  
Linda Sanchez (D-CA)

## 114TH CONGRESS

## BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## House Committee Leadership

**Agriculture**

Chair: Michael Conaway (R-TX)  
Ranking: Collin Peterson (D-MN)

**Appropriations**

Chair: Harold Rogers (R-KY)  
Ranking: Nita Lowey (D-NY)

**Armed Services**

Chair: Mac Thornberry (R-TX)  
Ranking: Adam Smith (D-WA)

**Budget**

Chair: Tom Price (R-GA)  
Ranking: Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

**Education and the Workforce**

Chair: John Kline (R-MN)  
Ranking: Bobby Scott (D-VA)

**Energy and Commerce**

Chair: Fred Upton (R-MI)  
Ranking: Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

**Ethics**

Chair: Charlie Dent (R-PA)  
Ranking: Linda Sánchez (D-CA)

**Financial Services**

Chair: Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)  
Ranking: Maxine Waters (D-CA)

**Foreign Affairs**

Chair: Ed Royce (R-CA)  
Ranking: Eliot Engel (D-NY)

**Homeland Security**

Chair: Michael McCaul (R-TX)  
Ranking: Bennie Thompson (D-MS)

**House Administration**

Chair: Candice Miller (R-MI)  
Ranking: Bob Brady (D-PA)

**Judiciary**

Chair: Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)  
Ranking: John Conyers (D-MI)

**Natural Resources**

Chair: Rob Bishop (R-UT)  
Ranking: Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ)

**Oversight and Gov. Reform**

Chair: Jason Chaffetz (R-UT)  
Ranking: Elijah Cummings (D-MD)

**Rules**

Chair: Pete Sessions (R-TX)  
Ranking: Louise Slaughter (D-NY)

**Science, Space, and Tech.**

Chair: Lamar Smith (R-TX)  
Ranking: Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)

**Small Business**

Chair: Steve Chabot (R-OH)  
Ranking: Nydia Velázquez (D-NY)

**Transportation and Infrastructure**

Chair: Bill Shuster (R-PA)  
Ranking: Peter DeFazio (D-OR)

**Veterans' Affairs**

Chair: Jeff Miller (R-FL)  
Ranking: Corrine Brown (D-FL)

**Ways and Means**

Chair: Paul Ryan (R-WI)  
Ranking: Sandy Levin (D-MI)

**Select Committee on Intelligence**

Chair: Devin Nunes (R-CA)  
Ranking: Adam Schiff (D-CA)



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## Majority

Mike Conaway (R-TX), *Chair*  
 Randy Neugebauer (R-TX)  
 Robert Goodlatte (R-VA)  
 Frank Lucas (R-OK)  
 Steve King (R-IA)  
 Mike Rogers (R-AL)  
 Glenn Thompson (R-PA)  
 Bob Gibbs (R-OH)  
 Austin Scott (R-GA)  
 Rick Crawford (R-AR)  
 Scott DesJarlais (R-TN)  
 Chris Gibson (R-NY)  
 Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)  
 Dan Benishek (R-MI)  
 Jeff Denham (R-CA)  
 Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)  
 Rodney Davis (R-IL)  
 Ted Yoho (R-FL)  
 Jackie Walorski (R-IN)  
 Rick Allen (R-GA)  
 David Rouzer (R-NC)  
 Ralph Abraham (R-LA)  
 Tom Emmer (R-MN)  
 John Moolenaar (R-MI)  
 Dan Newhouse (R-WA)  
 Mike Bost (R-IL)

## Minority

Collin Peterson (D-MN), *Ranking*  
 David Scott (D-GA)  
 Jim Costa (D-CA)  
 Tim Walz (D-MN)  
 Marcia Fudge (D-OH)  
 Jim McGovern (D-MA)  
 Suzan DelBene (D-WA)  
 Filemon Vela (D-TX)  
 Michelle Grisham (D-NM)  
 Ann Kuster (D-NH)  
 Rick Nolan (D-MN)  
 Cheri Bustos (D-IL)  
 Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY)  
 Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)  
 Pete Aguilar (D-CA)  
 Stacey Plaskett (D-Virgin Islands)  
 Alma Adams (D-NC)  
 Gwen Graham (D-FL)  
 Brad Ashford (D-NE)

## Agriculture Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Committee Agenda

With former Chair Frank Lucas (R-OK) term limited after last Congress, conservative Rep. Mike Conaway (R-TX) will lead the committee moving forward. Conaway openly campaigned for the seat despite the fact that a Farm Bill reauthorization will not be a priority until 2017 at the earliest, giving the committee less of a public spotlight. That being said, the committee recently hired an investigator who formerly worked on Rep. Darrell Issa's (R-CA) Oversight and Government Reform Committee, signaling a new and increased level of oversight of agencies and programs that fall under the committee's jurisdiction. Tasked with increased oversight, components of the reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Programs and the full reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), the committee will still play an important role this year.

In addition to possibly producing deficit reduction legislation pursuant to any House reconciliation instructions, one of Conaway's earliest priorities will be CFTC reauthorization. A certified public accountant, Conaway has long supported efforts to impose cost-benefit analysis of the CFTC. As the former chair of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, he introduced legislation to this effect in both the 113th Congress and 112th Congress. We also expect Conaway to heavily scrutinize the often-controversial Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as the food stamp program. In the last Congress, House Republicans widely supported a nearly \$40 billion reduction in funding to SNAP over 10 years. Conaway's decision to restructure the subcommittees to include a focused "Subcommittee on Nutrition" is yet another indication that there will be increased oversight of nutrition programs this year.

## Subcommittee Leadership

**Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research**

*Rodney Davis (R-IL), Suzan DelBene (D-WA)*

**Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit**

*Austin Scott (R-GA), David Scott (D-GA)*

**Conservation and Forestry**

*Glenn Thompson (R-PA), Michelle Jujan Grisham (D-NM)*

**General Farm Commodities and Risk Management**

*Rick Crawford (R-AR), Tim Walz (D-MN)*

**Livestock and Foreign Agriculture**

*David Rouzer (R-NC), Jim Costa (D-CA)*

**Nutrition**

*Jackie Walorski (R-IN), Jim McGovern (D-MA)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Appropriations Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Majority

Hal Rogers (R-KY), *Chair*  
 Alan Nunnelee (R-MS)  
 Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)  
 Andy Harris (R-MD)  
 Charlie Dent (R-PA)  
 Chris Stewart (R-UT)  
 Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)  
 David Jolly (R-FL)  
 David Joyce (R-OH)  
 David Valadao (R-CA)  
 David Young (R-IA)  
 Evan Jenkins (R-WV)  
 Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)  
 Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)  
 John Carter (R-TX)  
 John Culberson (R-TX)  
 Kay Granger (R-TX)  
 Ken Calvert (R-CA)  
 Kevin Yoder (R-KS)  
 Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)  
 Mark Amodei (R-NV)  
 Martha Roby (R-AL)  
 Michael Simpson (R-ID)  
 Robert Aderholt (R-AL)  
 Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)  
 Scott Rigell (R-VA)  
 Steve Womack (R-AR)  
 Tom Cole (R-OK)  
 Tom Graves (R-GA)  
 Tom Rooney (R-FL)

## Minority

Nita Lowey (D-NY), *Ranking*  
 Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)  
 Pete Visclosky (D-IN)  
 José Serrano (D-NY)  
 Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)  
 David Price (D-NC)  
 Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)  
 Sam Farr (D-CA)  
 Chaka Fattah (D-PA)  
 Sanford Bishop (D-GA)  
 Barbara Lee (D-CA)  
 Mike Honda (D-CA)  
 Betty McCollum (D-MN)  
 Tim Ryan (D-OH)  
 Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)  
 Henry Cuellar (D-TX)  
 Chellie Pingree (D-ME)  
 Mike Quigley (D-IL)  
 Steve Israel (D-NY)  
 Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)  
 Derek Kilmer (D-WA)

## Committee Agenda

The leadership of the House Appropriations Committee will remain unchanged in the 114th Congress, with Chair Hal Rogers (R-KY) and Ranking Member Nita Lowey (D-NY) both retaining their respective roles. House appropriators will likely continue to focus their efforts on fiscal responsibility and eliminating or reducing spending on programs Republicans deem to be wasteful. It also is worth noting that the House has voted to maintain its existing ban on earmarks, so appropriators will be hamstrung in their ability to direct federal funding to individual projects directly benefiting their home districts.

While Congress has restored regular order for considering and advancing individual appropriations bills, partisan differences could still hold up the appropriations process for at least a handful of spending bills this year. Republican efforts to include controversial policy riders in individual appropriations bills have been one obstacle to enacting such bills in the past and will remain in place this year, particularly in the Senate and when bills move to conference. It is likely that many of those same policy issues that were hard fought last year will resurface again. For example, the committee will likely consider riders related to the *Affordable Care Act*, *Clean Water Act*, *Endangered Species Act*, Dodd-Frank, and other matters. Deep spending cuts to some programs coupled with contentious policy riders could set up a showdown with President Obama on spending bills.

The committee will also have to address funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which was placed on a temporary continuing resolution through the end of February out of protest over the president's executive order on immigration. The House has already moved legislation to fund DHS through the end of the fiscal year while blocking his executive actions. This move is highly unlikely to find 60 votes in the Senate and faces a veto threat from the White House.

## Subcommittee Leadership

**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**

*Robert B. Aderholt (R-AL), Sam Farr (D-CA)*

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**

*John Culberson (R-TX), Chaka Fattah (D-PA)*

**Defense**

*Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), Peter Visclosky (D-IN)*

**Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies**

*Mike Simpson (R-ID), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)*

**Financial Services and General Government**

*Ander Crenshaw (R-FL), Jose Serrano (D-NY)*

**Homeland Security**

*John Carter (R-TX), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)*

**Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

*Ken Calvert (R-CA), Betty McCollum (D-MN)*

**Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

*Tom Cole (R-OK), Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)*

**Legislative Branch**

*Tom Graves (R-GA), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)*

**Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies**

*Charlie Dent (R-PA), Sanford Bishop (D-GA)*

**State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs**

*Kay Granger (R-TX), Nita Lowey (D-NY)*

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

*Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), David Price (D-NC)*

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BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Mac Thornberry (R-TX), Chair  
 Walter Jones (R-NC)  
 Randy Forbes (R-VA)  
 Jeff Miller (R-FL)  
 Joe Wilson (R-SC)  
 Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)  
 Rob Bishop (R-UT)  
 Mike Turner (R-OH)  
 John Kline (R-MN)  
 Mike Rogers (R-AL)  
 Trent Franks (R-AZ)  
 Bill Shuster (R-PA)  
 Mike Conaway (R-TX)  
 Doug Lamborn (R-CO)  
 Rob Wittman (R-VA)  
 Duncan Hunter (R-CA)  
 John Fleming (R-LA)  
 Mike Coffman (R-CO)  
 Chris Gibson (R-NY)  
 Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)  
 Joe Heck (R-NV)  
 Austin Scott (R-GA)  
 Steven Palazzo (R-MS)  
 Mo Brooks (R-AL)  
 Rich Nugent (R-FL)  
 Paul Cook (R-CA)  
 Jim Bridenstine (R-OK)  
 Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)  
 Jackie Walorski (R-IN)  
 Bradley Byrne (R-AL)  
 Sam Graves (R-MO)  
 Ryan Zinke (R-MT)  
 Elise Stefanik (R-NY)  
 Martha McSally (R-AZ)  
 Steve Knight (R-CA)  
 Tom MacArthur (R-NJ)

**Minority**

Adam Smith (D-WA), *Ranking*  
 Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)  
 Bob Brady (D-PA)  
 Susan Davis (D-CA)  
 James Langevin (D-RI)  
 Rick Larsen (D-WA)  
 Jim Cooper (D-TN)  
 Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)  
 Joe Courtney (D-CT)  
 Niki Tsongas (D-MA)  
 John Garamendi (D-CA)  
 Hank Johnson (D-GA)  
 Jackie Speier (D-CA)  
 Joaquin Castro (D-TX)  
 Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)  
 Scott Peters (D-CA)  
 Marc Veasey (D-TX)  
 Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI)  
 Tim Walz (D-MN)  
 Beto O'Rourke (D-TX)  
 Donald Norcross (D-NJ)  
 Ruben Gallego (D-AR)  
 Mark Takai (D-HI)  
 Gwen Graham (D-FL)  
 Brad Ashford (D-NE)  
 Seth Moulton (D-MA)  
 Pete Aguilar (D-CA)

**Armed Services Committee**

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**Committee Agenda**

The House Armed Services Committee will undergo a less dramatic leadership change than the Senate committee with incoming Chair Mac Thornberry (R-TX) taking over the gavel. Rep. Thornberry has been a solid worker on the committee and has a good relationship within chamber leadership. Under Thornberry's direction, the committee will likely have an agenda very similar to its counterpart in the Senate, with the timing of the Secretary of Defense vacancy and the president's budget request on Feb. 2 dictating action. In addition, the need to raise the debt ceiling in March could force the committee to defend programs under its jurisdiction or see funds targeted for "pay-fors." The bigger fight will come when a new round of sequestration cuts comes up again at the end of the year.

As the former leader of Speaker Boehner's Cybersecurity Task Force, Chair Thornberry is expected to direct the committee to take a long look at cyberthreats and the role of the Department of Defense in combating those threats. Another of Thornberry's focus areas will likely be acquisition reform. He has long sought changes in this area and with the gavel in hand will likely use it toward that end. This could fit into Thornberry's broader interest in examining the use of unconventional warfare. He has said that while terrorist groups have long used unconventional threats, state actors such as China and Russia are increasingly using "subversion and other sorts of influence attempts" that are outside of uniformed-troop activity. He has specifically raised concern about the presence of Russian troops aiding rebels in Ukraine but not identifying with the country's military.

While there is always a strong GOP voice on the committee, Thornberry has a good working relationship across the aisle and is expected to work collaboratively with his Ranking Member Adam Smith (D-WA) to negotiate the annual defense authorization bill. Like the chair, Smith has also indicated a strong interest in addressing sequestration, cyberterrorism, and defense acquisition reform.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Emerging Threats and Capabilities**

*Joe Wilson (R-SC), James Langevin (D-RI)*

**Military Personnel**

*Joe Heck (R-NV), Susan Davis (D-CA)*

**Oversight and Investigations**

*Vicky Hartzler (R-MO), Jackie Speier (D-CA)*

**Readiness**

*Rob Wittman (R-VA), Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)*

**Seapower and Projection Forces**

*Randy Forbes (R-VA), Joe Courtney (D-CT)*

**Strategic Forces**

*Mike Rogers (R-AL), Jim Cooper (D-TN)*

**Tactical Air and Land Forces**

*Mike Turner (R-OH), Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)*

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## Budget Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Majority**

Tom Price (R-GA), *Chair*  
 Scott Garrett (R-NJ)  
 Ken Calvert (R-CA)  
 Tom Cole (R-OK)  
 Tom McClintock (R-CA)  
 Diane Black (R-TN)  
 Todd Rokita (R-IN)  
 Rob Woodall (R-GA)  
 Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)  
 Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)  
 Tom Rice (R-SC)  
 Marlin Stutzman (R-IN)  
 Mark Sanford (R-SC)  
 Aaron Schock (R-IL)  
 Dave Brat (R-VA)  
 Rod Blum (R-IA)  
 Glenn Grothman (R-WI)  
 John Moolenaar (R-MI)  
 Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)  
 Alex Mooney (R-WV)  
 Gary Palmer (R-AL)  
 Bruce Westerman (R-AR)

**Minority**

Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), *Ranking*  
 John Yarmuth (D-KY)  
 Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)  
 Tim Ryan (D-OH)  
 Gwen Moore (D-WI)  
 Kathy Castor (D-FL)  
 Jim McDermott (D-WA)  
 Barbara Lee (D-CA)  
 Mark Pocan (D-WO)  
 Michelle Grisham (D-NM)  
 Debbie Dingell (D-MI)  
 Ted Lieu (D-CA)  
 Donald Norcross (D-NJ)  
 Seth Moulton (D-MA)

## Committee Agenda

Despite the departure of former Chair Paul Ryan (R-WI) to the Ways and Means Committee, Republican leadership has found an equally conservative fiscal hawk to serve as the committee's next chair. Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) assumes the gavel as the former Republican Study Committee (RSC) chair, as well as a member of leadership. He has also been a strong supporter of Ryan's numerous budget plans over the past several years. Many inside the Beltway have speculated that Rep. Price decided to forgo the chance to run for Sen. Saxby Chambliss' (R-GA) former seat, knowing Rep. Ryan would be term-limited, thereby opening the House Budget Committee for his taking. Because Chair Price remains close to Ryan and has a good working relationship with both House leadership and the RSC, he should be well positioned to bring the numerous factions of the Republican Party together to pass a budget.

From a policy perspective, Price is focused on reducing government spending and balancing the budget, and as a former practicing physician, Price is also seeking major reforms to the president's health care law. Recently, he said he wanted to use the FY2016 budget resolution to balance the budget in less than 10 years. The federal government last balanced the budget in 1998 under President Bill Clinton and a Republican-controlled Congress, and maintained surpluses through 2001. In the meantime, as the Murray-Ryan Budget remains in place, Price will likely champion budget process reform. He has strongly advocated in favor of "dynamic scoring," a practice which would require the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and Joint Committee on Taxation to consider the macroeconomic effects of major budgetary changes. In January, the House Rules Committee submitted and the chamber adopted a rules package requiring the CBO to apply dynamic scoring in all major pieces of legislation this Congress. While Democrats contend the change will exaggerate the benefits and minimize the cost of tax cuts, Price has said of the change that "It doesn't game the system at all. All we're trying to do is make certain that members of Congress have more information upon which to be able to make decisions." The effects of this move are already impacting the debate over who should run the CBO, since the Republican-controlled Congress opposed reappointing Doug Elmendorf as its director.

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Education and Workforce Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Majority**

John Kline (R-MN), *Chair*  
 Joe Wilson (R-SC)  
 Virginia Foxx (R-NC)  
 Duncan Hunter (R-CA)  
 Phil Roe (R-TN)  
 Glenn Thompson (R-PA)  
 Tim Walberg (R-MI)  
 Matt Salmon (R-AZ)  
 Brett Guthrie (R-KY)  
 Todd Rokita (R-IN)  
 Lou Barletta (R-PA)  
 Joe Heck (R-NV)  
 Luke Messer (R-IN)  
 Bradley Byrne (R-AL)  
 Dave Brat (R-VA)  
 Buddy Carter (R-GA)  
 Mike Bishop (R-MI)  
 Glenn Grothman (R-WI)  
 Steve Russell (R-OK)  
 Carlos Curbelo (R-FL)  
 Elise Stefanik (R-NY)  
 Rick Allen (R-GA)

**Minority**

Bobby Scott (D-VA), *Ranking*  
 Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX)  
 Susan A. Davis (D-CA)  
 Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ)  
 Joe Courtney (D-CT)  
 Marcia Fudge (D-OH)  
 Jared Polis (D-CO)  
 Gregorio Sablan (D-CNMI)  
 Frederica Wilson (D-FL)  
 Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)  
 Mark Pocan (D-WI)  
 Mark Takano (D-CA)  
 Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)  
 Katherine Clark (D-MA)  
 Alma Adams (D-NC)  
 Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA)

**Committee Agenda**

The House Education and the Workforce Committee will experience a huge turnover of some veteran members, including former Ranking Member George Miller (D-CA), who retired after 40 years on the committee. Returning Chair John Kline (R-MN), who received a waiver from term limit rules, comes into the new Congress after he and Rep. Miller reached a significant bipartisan agreement on multiemployer pension reform that was ultimately included in the end-of-the-year “cromnibus” spending bill. That said, it is expected that the committee will likely plan to continue its work to improve the multiemployer pension system and explore options to reform the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation. The committee will also examine reforms to two of the major labor regulatory agencies—the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)—with particular focus on the new regulations and guidelines released by the agencies on joint employer status, wages and hours.

The committee will take another stab at reauthorizing the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, after approving a reform bill authored last Congress by Chair Kline and Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN). Members will also work on reauthorizing the *Higher Education Act*, which could give Republicans the opportunity to block several controversial administration proposals, including the gainful employment regulations on for-profit colleges and changes to the college ratings system proposed by the administration. Both the Education and the Workforce Committee and its Senate counterpart, the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, are working on drafting legislation.

Along with the Senate Agriculture Committee, the House Education and Workforce Committee has jurisdiction over reauthorizing the *Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act*, funding for which is set to expire on Sept. 30. The law authorizes all of the federal child nutrition programs, including the contentious National School Lunch Program. Chair Kline and Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Pat Roberts (R-KS) have both been openly critical of the law’s overreach and costly rules, and it is expected that their bill drafts will attempt to roll back the law.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education**

*Todd Rokita (R-IN), Marcia Fudge (D-OH)*

**Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions**

*Phil Roe (R-TN), Jared Polis (D-CO)*

**Higher Education and Workforce Training**

*Virginia Foxx (R-NC), Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX)*

**Workforce Protections**

*Tim Walberg (R-MI), Frederica Wilson (D-FL)*



## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Majority

Fred Upton (R-MI), *Chair*  
 Joe Barton (R-TX)  
 Ed Whitfield (R-KY)  
 John Shimkus (R-IL)  
 Joe Pitts (R-PA)  
 Greg Walden (R-OR)  
 Tim Murphy (R-PA)  
 Michael Burgess (R-TX)  
 Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)  
 Steve Scalise (R-LA)  
 Bob Latta (R-OH)  
 Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)  
 Gregg Harper (R-MS)  
 Leonard Lance (R-NJ)  
 Brett Guthrie (R-KY)  
 Pete Olson (R-TX)  
 David McKinley (R-WV)  
 Mike Pompeo (R-KS)  
 Adam Kinzinger (R-IL)  
 Morgan Griffith (R-VA)  
 Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)  
 Bill Johnson (R-OH)  
 Billy Long (R-MO)  
 Renee Ellmers (R-NC)  
 Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
 Bill Flores (R-TX)  
 Susan Brooks (R-IN)  
 Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)  
 Richard Hudson (R-NC)  
 Chris Collins (R-NY)  
 Kevin Cramer (R-ND)

## Minority

Frank Pallone (D-NJ), *Ranking*  
 Bobby Rush (D-IL)  
 Anna Eshoo (D-CA)  
 Eliot Engel (D-NY)  
 Gene Green (D-TX)  
 Diana DeGette (D-CO)  
 Lois Capps (D-CA)  
 Mike Doyle (D-PA)  
 Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)  
 GK Butterfield (D-NC)  
 Doris Matsui (D-CA)  
 Kathy Castor (D-FL)  
 John Sarbanes (D-MD)  
 Jerry McNerney (D-CA)  
 Peter Welch (D-VT)  
 Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)  
 Paul Tonko (D-NY)  
 John Yarmuth (D-KY)  
 Yvette Clarke (D-NY)  
 Dave Loebsack (D-IA)  
 Kurt Schrader (D-OR)  
 Joe Kennedy (D-MA)  
 Tony Cardenas (D-CA)

## Energy and Commerce Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Committee Agenda

Chair Fred Upton (R-MI), returns for his third and final term at the helm of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. With the committee's broad jurisdiction in play, Chair Upton will tackle in his final years the 21st Century Cures initiative, updating the *Telecommunications Act*, and curbing the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed rules on greenhouse gas emissions, among other issues. In regards to telecom, the debate over the upcoming network neutrality vote at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will continue to take center stage until at least the end of February. When the time comes to address the *Telecommunications Act*, Chair Upton will likely want to look at retransmission consent, FCC oversight, cyber security and possible NSA reforms with the expiration of Section 215 in June.

EPA's proposed rules to limit greenhouse gas emissions from power plants will also likely continue to be an area of focus for the committee in 2015. Energy and Power Subcommittee Chair Ed Whitfield (R-KY) held a number of oversight hearings on this issue last year and is expected to continue the hearings throughout this year. Rep. Whitfield and other Republicans will likely continue to criticize the rules for the negative economic impacts they could have on the coal industry, as well as argue that EPA lacks legal authority to regulate carbon dioxide emissions. Whitfield's Subcommittee – and perhaps the full committee – may also hold legislative hearings on bills designed to halt EPA's proposed rules. This is anticipated to remain a highly partisan issue, with Republicans seeking to stop the EPA rules and Democrats mostly defending them. However, with the retirement of former Committee Ranking Member Henry Waxman (D-CA) – an ardent and vocal advocate for addressing climate issues – the tone of the committee may soften somewhat.

From a healthcare perspective, Republicans are expected to continue efforts to amend President Obama's signature piece of legislation, the *Affordable Care Act*. Upton will play a heavy role in any replacement to the GOP "repeal and replace" effort. Separately on health issues, Upton and Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) are widely expected to unveil a bipartisan piece of legislation that will bolster innovation in manufacturing and delivering disease treatments.

## Subcommittee Leadership

## Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

*Michael Burgess (R-TX), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)*

## Communications and Technology

*Greg Walden (R-OR), Anna Eshoo (D-CA)*

## Energy and Power

*Ed Whitfield (R-KY), Bobby Rush (D-IL)*

## Environment and the Economy

*John Shimkus (R-IL), Paul Tonko (D-NY)*

## Health

*Joe Pitts (R-PA), Gene Green (D-TX)*

## Oversight and Investigations

*Tim Murphy (R-PA), Dianna DeGette (D-CO)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Charlie Dent (R-PA), *Chair*  
Pat Meehan (R-PA)  
Trey Gowdy (R-SC)  
Susan Brooks (R-IN)  
Kenny Marchant (R-TX)

**Minority**

Linda Sanchez (D-CA), *Ranking*  
Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR)  
Michael Capuano (D-MA)  
Yvette Clarke (D-NY)  
Ted Deutch (D-FL)

**Ethics Committee**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Committee Agenda**

Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA) replaces Rep. Michael Conaway (R-TX) as chair of the House Ethics Committee. Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA), who served as ranking member of the Ethics Committee during the 113th Congress, will again assume ranking member duties in the 114th Congress. As they have in previous Congresses, the Ethics Committee will continue to produce both the House Ethics Manual and the House's Official Code of Conduct. The Ethics Committee engages in activities ranging from making recommendations for administrative action enforcement standards to investigating violations of the Official Code of Conduct. The *Ethics in Government Act* designates the Committee on Ethics as the ethics supervisor for the House of Representatives.

## 114TH CONGRESS

## BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Majority

Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), *Chair*  
 Peter King (R-NY)  
 Ed Royce (R-CA)  
 Frank Lucas (R-OK)  
 Scott Garrett (R-NJ)  
 Randy Neugebauer (R-TX)  
 Patrick McHenry (R-NC)  
 Steve Pearce (R-NM)  
 Bill Posey (R-FL)  
 Mike Fitzpatrick (R-PA)  
 Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA)  
 Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)  
 Bill Huizenga (R-MI)  
 Sean Duffy (R-WI)  
 Robert Hurt (R-VA)  
 Steve Stivers (R-OH)  
 Stephen Lee Fincher (R-TN)  
 Marlin Stutzman (R-IN)  
 Mick Mulvaney (R-SC)  
 Randy Hultgren (R-IL)  
 Dennis Ross (R-FL)  
 Robert Pittenger (R-NC)  
 Ann Louise Wagner (R-MO)  
 Andy Barr (R-KY)  
 Keith Rothfus (R-PA)  
 Luke Messer (R-IN)  
 David Schweikert (R-AZ)  
 Bob Dold (R-IL)  
 Frank Guinta (R-NH)  
 Scott Tipton (R-CO)  
 Roger Williams (R-TX)  
 Bruce Poliquin (R-ME)  
 Mia Love (R-UT)  
 J. French Hill (R-AR)

## Minority

Maxine Waters (D-CA), *Ranking*  
 Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)  
 Nydia Velazquez (D-NY)  
 Brad Sherman (D-CA)  
 Gregory Meeks (D-NY)  
 Michael Capuano (D-MA)  
 Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX)  
 Wm. Lacy Clay (D-MO)  
 Stephen Lynch (D-MA)  
 David Scott (D-GA)  
 Al Green (D-TX)  
 Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO)  
 Gwen Moore (D-WI)  
 Keith Ellison (D-MN)  
 Ed Perlmutter (D-CO)  
 Jim Himes (D-CT)  
 John Carney (D-DE)  
 Teri Sewell (D-AL)  
 Bill Foster (D-IL)  
 Dan Kildee (D-MI)  
 Patrick Murphy (D-FL)  
 John Delaney (D-MD)  
 Krysten Sinema (D-AZ)  
 Joyce Beatty (D-OH)  
 Denny Heck (D-WA)  
 Juan Vargas (D-CA)

## Financial Services Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Committee Agenda

Moving into his second term as Chair, Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) now has the benefit of being flanked by a Republican counterpart in Senate Banking Committee Chair Richard Shelby (R-AL). However, Hensarling will still need to balance his policy prescriptions with political realities as committee-passed bills from last Congress continue to face a tough road to 60 votes in the Senate, not to mention a potential veto threat by the president. While tucking those measures into broader must-pass bills proved to be a successful formula for Republicans in 2014, as noted in the Senate Banking Committee overview, those victories may be harder to come by if liberal Democrats succeed in changing the rhetoric surrounding these changes from “sensible reforms” to “Wall Street handouts.”

The odds favor Congress taking action to raise the asset threshold for banks being considered for significantly important financial institution (SIFI) designation and to expand exemptions from the qualified mortgage rules. The committee will also push the capital formation legislation and regulatory relief measures debated and moved through the committee during the 113th Congress. Some of these measures have already moved on the House floor this year. In terms of institutional reforms, the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) will be top targets. There is also bipartisan support for legislation to push back on the CFPB’s use of disparate impact theory, especially in the auto-financing context. How this unfolds could depend on the result of pending court cases. Likewise, some committee efforts will be driven in response to new rules proposed or implemented this year. For example, the CFPB is expected to issue proposals on regulating payday and deposit advance lenders as early as February. Also expect the CFPB to propose rules for debt collectors and new restrictions on overdraft fees for checking accounts, which could require banks to treat the feature as an extension of credit.

On housing finance policy, the committee will closely oversee the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) and Federal Housing Administration (FHA). FHFA Director Mel Watt has taken a number of steps to expand the availability of credit to low-income and first-time homebuyers and more loosening is likely in 2015. In addition, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julian Castro is looking to take steps to further promote mortgage credit availability, on top of the president’s announcement that FHA annual insurance premiums will be cut by 50 basis points. While we expect significant oversight by the committee, it is unlikely the Republican Congress will be able to agree with the White House on major reforms to the housing system. While Hensarling will now have support from Shelby to reduce the role of the government in the mortgage market, Hensarling’s *PATH Act* faces many of the same impediments it did last year.

Lastly, expect fireworks over reauthorization of the Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank, which is set to expire June 30. While Hensarling and conservative groups oppose continuing the Ex-Im Bank’s authority, chances slightly favor the agency winning reauthorization, though with reforms to its structure or concessions in its operations likely.

## Subcommittee Leadership

## Capital Markets and Govt. Sponsored Enterprises

Scott Garrett (R-NJ), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)

## Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit

Randy Neugebauer (R-TX), Wm. Lacy Clay (D-MO)

## Housing and Insurance

Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO), Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO)

## Monetary Policy and Trade

Bill Huizenga (R-MI), Gwen Moore (D-WI)

## Oversight and Investigations

Sean Duffy (R-WI), Al Green (D-TX)

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Foreign Affairs Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Majority**

Ed Royce (R-CA), *Chair*  
 Christopher Smith (R-NJ)  
 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)  
 Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)  
 Steve Chabot (R-OH)  
 Joe Wilson (R-SC)  
 Michael McCaul (R-TX)  
 Ted Poe (R-TX)  
 Matt Salmon (R-AZ)  
 Tom Marino (R-PA)  
 Jeff Duncan (R-SC)  
 Darrell Issa (R-CA)  
 Mo Brooks (R-AL)  
 Paul Cook (R-CA)  
 Randy Weber (R-TX)  
 Scott Perry (R-PA)  
 Ron DeSantis (R-FL)  
 Mark Meadows (R-NC)  
 Ted Yoho (R-FL)  
 Curt Clawson (R-FL)  
 Scott DesJarlais (R-TN)  
 Reid Ribble (R-WI)  
 Dave Trott (R-MI)  
 Lee Zeldin (R-NY)  
 Tom Emmer (R-MN)

**Minority**

Eliot Engel (D-NY), *Ranking*  
 Brad Sherman (D-CA)  
 Gregory Meeks (D-NY)  
 Albio Sires (D-NJ)  
 Gerald Connolly (D-VA)  
 Ted Deutch (D-FL)  
 Brian Higgins (D-NY)  
 Karen Bass (D-CA)  
 William Keating (D-MA)  
 David Cicilline (D-RI)  
 Alan Grayson (D-FL)  
 Ami Bera (D-CA)  
 Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)  
 Grace Meng (D-NY)  
 Lois Frankel (D-FL)  
 Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI)  
 Joaquin Castro (D-TX)  
 Robin Kelly (D-IL)  
 Brendan Boyle (D-PA)

**Committee Agenda**

Returning Chair Ed Royce (R-CA) is expected to continue oversight of the Administration's foreign policy initiatives, specifically focusing on legislation to authorize the use of military force against the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, diplomatic relations with Russia, and sanctions on Iran. Due to ongoing negotiations around Iran's nuclear program, the committee's debate on whether to impose sanctions on Iran is expected to be particularly sensitive. Regardless of the outcome of the sanctions debate, Royce is likely to move forward with legislation targeting Iran's proxies, including Hamas and Hezbollah. Royce has also advocated for additional sanctions on North Korea following the recent cyber-attacks on Sony Pictures Entertainment. He is the author of a North Korea sanctions measure that was passed by the House in July, but was not addressed in the Senate. Separately, Royce and his counterpart in the Senate, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chair Bob Corker (R-TN), are expected to collaborate to enact a State Department authorization bill into law.

As one of the most outspoken supporters of lessening regulations that restrict exports of U.S. oil and natural gas, Chair Royce is likely to continue to hold more hearings on the diplomatic and economic benefits of such energy exports. We also expect the chair to reintroduce the *United States International Communications Reform Act*, which seeks to revise the U.S.'s international broadcasting strategy in an effort to counter Russia's messaging in Eastern Europe and Ukraine.

Returning Ranking Member Eliot Engel (D-NY) is expected to maintain a collaborative relationship with his Republican counterpart. Reps. Darrell Issa (R-CA), Scott DesJarlais (R-TN), and Reid Ribble (R-WI) will join the committee along with three freshman Reps. Dave Trott (R-MI), Lee Zeldin (R-NY), and Tom Emmer (R-MN).

**Subcommittee Leadership****Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations**

*Chris Smith (R-NJ), Karen Bass (D-CA)*

**Asia and the Pacific**

*Matt Salmon (R-AZ), Brad Sherman (D-CA)*

**Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats**

*Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), Gregory Meeks (D-NY)*

**The Middle East and North Africa**

*Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Ted Deutch (D-FL)*

**Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade**

*Ted Poe (R-TX), William Keating (D-MA)*

**Western Hemisphere**

*Jeff Duncan (R-SC), Albio Sires (D-NJ)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Homeland Security Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Majority**

Michael McCaul (R-TX), *Chair*  
 Lamar Smith (R-TX)  
 Peter King (R-NY)  
 Mike Rogers (R-AL)  
 Candice Miller (R-MI)  
 Jeff Duncan (R-SC)  
 Tom Marino (R-PA)  
 Steven Palazzo (R-MS)  
 Lou Barletta (R-PA)  
 Scott Perry (R-PA)  
 Curt Clawson (R-FL)  
 John Katko (R-NY)  
 Will Hurd (R-TX)  
 Buddy Carter (R-GA)  
 Mark Walker (R-NC)  
 Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)  
 Martha McSally (R-AZ)  
 John Ratcliffe (R-TX)

**Minority**

Bennie Thompson (D-MS), *Ranking*  
 Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)  
 Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)  
 James Langevin (D-RI)  
 Brian Higgins (D-NY)  
 Cedric Richmond (D-LA)  
 William Keating (D-MA)  
 Donald Payne (D-NJ)  
 Filemon Vela (D-TX)  
 Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)  
 Kathleen Rice (D-NY)  
 Norma Torres (D-CA)

**Committee Agenda**

Working amid a larger party strategy, Chair Michael McCaul (R-TX) will closely examine the legality and constitutionality of President Obama's executive action on immigration while Republican leadership works to block the President's plan by using the FY2015 homeland security appropriations bill. In terms of advancing legislation of his own, McCaul is focused on considering a border security bill in committee and swiftly moving it to the floor. McCaul has already introduced the *Secure Our Borders First Act*, which he is calling the "toughest border security bill ever before Congress, with real penalties for the administration for not doing their job." The bill would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) "to achieve operational control of high traffic areas of the southwest border in two years – and the entire southwest border in five years – and establishes a commission to independently verify that the border is secure."

In addition, the committee will continue deliberations pertaining to cybersecurity legislation. Although the House passed the McCaul's *National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2014* in July 2014, the Senate Homeland Security Committee failed to do so. Given recent high-profile cyber incidents, Congress will certainly address these issues early in the year. McCaul is expected to again move cybersecurity legislation that creates a federal civilian interface at DHS to address cybersecurity threats while also adding in other proposals to bolster U.S. defenses. The committee will also monitor threats to the homeland, especially from terrorist groups in the Middle East.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Border and Maritime Security**

*Candice Miller (R-MI), Filemon Vela (D-TX)*

**Counterterrorism and Intelligence**

*Peter King (R-NY), Brian Higgins (D-NY)*

**Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies**

*John Ratcliffe (R-TX), Cedric Richmond (D-LA)*

**Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications**

*Martha McSally (R-AZ), Donald Payne (D-NJ)*

**Oversight and Management Efficiency**

*Scott Perry (R-PA), Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)*

**Transportation Security**

*John Katko (R-NY), Kathleen Rice (D-NY)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**Candice Miller (R-MI), *Chair*

Gregg Harper (R-MS)

Richard Nugent (R-FL)

Aaron Schock (R-IL)

Rodney Davis (R-IL)

Barbara Comstock (R-VA)

**Minority**Bob Brady (D-PA), *Ranking*

Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)

Juan Vargas (D-CA)

**House Administration Committee**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Committee Agenda**

Reps. Candice Miller (R-MI) and Bob Brady (D-PA) return as the chair and ranking member respectively of the House Administration Committee. The committee oversees federal elections and the day-to-day operations and oversight of the House of Representatives, including shaping any legislation that touches on any aspects of federal elections. While not a committee that makes many headlines, the House Administration Committee is integral to the workings of Congress and its members are typically close to leadership and act as the administrative arms and legs of the elected leadership. Capitol Security is also an issue that falls under the House Administration Committee's jurisdiction. In the 114th Congress, expect continued scrutiny of the *Help America Vote Act*.



## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Judiciary Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Majority

Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), *Chair*  
 Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI)  
 Lamar Smith (R-TX)  
 Steve Chabot (R-OH)  
 Darrell Issa (R-CA)  
 Randy Forbes (R-VA)  
 Steve King (R-IA)  
 Trent Franks (R-AZ)  
 Louie Gohmert (R-TX)  
 Jim Jordan (R-OH)  
 Ted Poe (R-TX)  
 Jason Chaffetz (R-UT)  
 Tom Marino (R-PA)  
 Trey Gowdy (R-SC)  
 Raúl Labrador (R-ID)  
 Blake Farenthold (R-TX)  
 Doug Collins (R-GA)  
 Ron DeSantis (R-FL)  
 Mimi Walters (R-CA)  
 Ken Buck (R-CO)  
 John Ratcliffe (R-TX)  
 Dave Trott (R-MI)  
 Mike Bishop (R-MI)

## Minority

John Conyers (D-MI), *Ranking*  
 Jerry Nadler (D-NY)  
 Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)  
 Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)  
 Steve Cohen (D-TN)  
 Hank Johnson (D-GA)  
 Pedro Pierluisi (D-Puerto Rico)  
 Judy Chu (D-CA)  
 Ted Deutch (D-FL)  
 Luis Guterres (D-IL)  
 Karen Bass (D-CA)  
 Cedric Richmond (D-LA)  
 Suzan DelBene (D-WA)  
 Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)  
 David Cicilline (D-RI)  
 Scott Peters (D-CA)

## Committee Agenda

Chair Bob Goodlatte's (R-VA) committee will be sure to spend time early this year analyzing the legality of President Obama's executive orders. Goodlatte has been a leading opponent of the president's executive action on immigration and was influential in crafting the House Republicans Homeland Security funding bill, which blocks funding to carry out the directives outlined by the Administration in its immigration executive actions.

Other priorities of the committee are expected to include a task force studying over criminalization in the nation's laws and a bill to overhaul the intelligence-gathering programs of the National Security Agency (NSA) that will aim to end the bulk collection of data. Last year, Goodlatte announced a comprehensive review of copyright law at the full committee level. Previously, he sponsored legislation to overhaul the U.S. patent litigation system but the bill stalled in the Senate. The appointment of Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) to lead the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet will add additional tech policy heft to the committee. It is expected that Goodlatte and his counterpart in the Senate Judiciary Committee, Chair Chuck Grassley (R-IA), will collaborate to pass the *Innovation Act* early in the year.

The committee has already begun to reintroduce legislation that did not pass in prior sessions, including the *Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act* and the *Regulatory Accountability Act*. The committee is also expected to revive legislation addressing transparency and regulatory relief, including the *Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency Act*, the *Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act*, and the *Patriot Act*, parts of which are set to expire on June 1.

Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) will remain ranking member on the committee, which will also include five freshman Republicans.

## Subcommittee Leadership

## The Constitution and Civil Justice

*Trent Franks (R-AZ), Steve Cohen (D-TN)*

## Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet

*Darrell Issa (R-CA), Jerry Nadler (D-NY)*

## Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations

*Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)*

## Immigration and Border Security

*Trey Gowdy (R-SC), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)*

## Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law

*Tom Marino (R-PA), Hank Johnson (D-GA)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Natural Resources Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Majority

Rob Bishop (R-UT), *Chair*  
 Don Young (R-AK)  
 Louie Gohmert (R-TX)  
 Doug Lamborn (R-CO)  
 Rob Wittman (R-VA)  
 John Fleming (R-LA)  
 Tom McClintock (R-CA)  
 Glenn Thompson (R-PA)  
 Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  
 Dan Benishek (R-MI)  
 Jeff Duncan (R-SC)  
 Paul Gosar (R-AZ)  
 Raúl Labrador (R-ID)  
 Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)  
 Bradley Byrne (R-AL)  
 Jeff Denham (R-CA)  
 Paul Cook (R-CA)  
 Bruce Westerman (R-AR)  
 Garret Graves (R-LA)  
 Dan Newhouse (R-WA)  
 Ryan Zinke (R-MT)  
 Jody Hice (R-GA)  
 Amata Radewagen (R-AS)  
 Tom MacArthur (R-NJ)  
 Alex Mooney (R-WV)  
 Crescent Hardy (R-NV)

## Minority

Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), *Ranking*  
 Grace Napolitano (D-CA)  
 Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU)  
 Jim Costa (D-CA)  
 Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-CNMI)  
 Niki Tsongas (D-MA)  
 Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR)  
 Jared Huffman (D-CA)  
 Raul Ruiz (D-CA)  
 Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)  
 Matthew Cartwright (D-PA)  
 Don Beyer (D-VA)  
 Norma Torres (D-CA)  
 Debbie Dingell (D-MI)  
 Mark Takai (D-HI)  
 Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)

## Committee Agenda

This committee will be under new leadership on both sides of the aisle in the 114th Congress. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) will assume the role of chair with the retirement of Rep. Doc Hastings (R-WA). Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ) will replace Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) as ranking member. Oil and gas-related issues are anticipated to continue to be the committee's primary focus. Efforts will likely be made to open additional federal lands and offshore areas to oil and gas exploration, particularly in the southern and mid-Atlantic Ocean regions. Oversight and legislation to negate the Bureau of Land Management's proposed rule to regulate hydraulic fracturing, known as "fracking," on federal lands are expected to persist in the new Congress, with the goal of making the states the primary regulator of oil and gas development. These have been highly partisan issues in the committee over the past few years and this is likely to continue, particularly with Rep. Grijalva as ranking member, given his preference toward renewable fuels and opposition to extensive fossil fuel development on federal lands.

Management of federal lands is also likely to be a central focus of the committee this year. Giving states more authority to regulate activities on federal lands within their borders has long been a priority for Chair Bishop, and he is expected to conduct oversight hearings and will likely introduce legislation to this end. Chair Bishop may also undertake efforts to reform and streamline the federal permitting processes under the *National Environmental Policy Act*, which governs any development activities on public lands. Reducing permitting times, decreasing litigation, and limiting the promulgation of national monument or federal "wilderness" areas by the administration will likely all be areas of emphasis. Endangered species could also be a part of the federal land management issue taken up by the committee, especially species that are in danger of being listed under the *Endangered Species Act* and that have habitat in multiple states where energy development will be affected. The greater sage-grouse may be a particularly important species for Chair Bishop and other Western members, and efforts will likely be made to continue the prohibition of any sage-grouse listing that was part of the recent end-of-the-year spending legislation.

## Subcommittee Leadership

## Energy and Mineral Resources

*Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)*

## Federal Lands

*Tom McClintock (R-CA), Niki Tsongas (D-MA)*

## Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs

*Don Young (R-AK), Raul Ruiz (D-CA)*

## Oversight and Investigations

*Louie Gohmert (R-TX), Debbie Dingell (D-MI)*

## Water, Power, and Oceans

*John Fleming (R-LA), Jared Huffman (D-CA)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Oversight and Government Reform Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Majority**

Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) *Chair*  
 John Mica (R-FL)  
 Mike Turner (R-OH)  
 John Duncan (R-TN)  
 Jim Jordan (R-OH)  
 Tim Walberg (R-MI)  
 Justin Amash (R-MI)  
 Paul Anthony Gosar (R-AZ)  
 Scott DesJarlais (R-TN)  
 Trey Gowdy (R-SC)  
 Blake Farenthold (R-TX)  
 Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  
 Thomas Massie (R-KY)  
 Mark Meadows (R-NC)  
 Ron DeSantis (R-FL)  
 Mick Mulvaney (R-SC)  
 Ken Buck (R-CO)  
 Mark Walker (R-NC)  
 Rod Blum (R-IA)  
 Jody Hice (R-GA)  
 Steve Russell (R-OK)  
 Buddy Carter (R-GA)  
 Glenn Grothman (R-WI)  
 Will Hurd (R-TX)  
 Gary Palmer (R-AL)

**Minority**

Elijah Cummings (D-MD) *Ranking*  
 Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)  
 Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)  
 Wm. Lacy Clay (D-MO)  
 Stephen Lynch (D-MA)  
 Jim Cooper (D-TN)  
 Gerry Connolly (D-VA)  
 Matthew Cartwright (D-PA)  
 Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)  
 Robin Kelly (D-IL)  
 Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)  
 Ted Lieu (D-CA)  
 Bonnie Coleman (D-NJ)  
 Stacey Plaskett (D-VI)  
 Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA)  
 Brendan Boyle (D-PA)  
 \*Membership not finalized

**Committee Agenda**

Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) has replaced term-limited Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) as chair of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. While Chaffetz will serve as the House GOP's chief investigator in this role, he is expected to give greater consideration to committee jurisdiction and to coordinate more closely with other House committees than his predecessor did. He has announced that his first course of action will be to subpoena outgoing Attorney General Eric Holder on the Fast and Furious program. He has identified the U.S. Secret Service and postal reform as other areas of potential interest. Regarding the latter, he has long been concerned about the impact of postal cuts on rural communities in his district. To put it into scale, Chaffetz has a county in his district that is larger than Connecticut (and only 15,000 people). Noting this geography, he often cites the need for proximity to be a key metric in any discussion on post office changes and closures, arguing that urban areas often have an excess of facilities while rural Americans need to drive many miles for access. He's also expected to renew the committee's focus on embassy security, the implementation of the *Affordable Care Act*, and the installation of inspectors general to identify fraud and waste within the federal government.

Additionally, Chair Chaffetz may call for oversight of the federal government's information technology infrastructure and cybersecurity. Freshman Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX) – a former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officer and cybersecurity expert – will serve as chair of the Information Technology Subcommittee and will likely play a role in those efforts. Energy and public lands issues may also loom large during Chair Chaffetz's tenure.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Government Operations**

*Mark Meadows (R-NC), Gerry Connolly (D-VA)*

**Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules**

*Jim Jordan (R-OH), Matt Cartwright (D-PA)*

**Information Technology**

*Will Hurd (R-TX), Robin Kelly (D-IL)*

**Interior**

*Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)*

**National Security**

*Ron Desantis (R-FL), Stephen Lynch (D-MA)*

**Transportation and Public Assets**

*John Mica (R-FL), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Devin Nunes (R-CA), *Chair*  
 Jeff Miller (R-FL)  
 Mike Conaway (R-FL)  
 Peter King (R-NY)  
 Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)  
 Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA)  
 Tom Rooney (R-FL)  
 Joe Heck (R-NV)  
 Mike Pompeo (R-KS)  
 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)  
 Michael Turner (R-OH)  
 Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)  
 Chris Stewart (R-UT)

**Minority**

Adam Schiff (D-CA), *Ranking*  
 Luis Gutierrez (D-IL)  
 Jim Himes (D-CT)  
 Terri Sewell (D-AL)  
 Andre Carson (D-IN)  
 Jackie Speier (D-CA)  
 Mike Quigley (D-IL)  
 Eric Swalwell (D-CA)  
 Patrick Murphy (D-FL)

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Committee Agenda**

Following the retirement of former House Select Intelligence Committee Chair Mike Rogers (R-MI), Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA), who is a long-time supporter of Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), will assume the role of chair. Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) will serve as ranking member. While the committee expended much energy responding to the NSA leaks last Congress, it will likely begin to move away from those issues this year. That being said, Nunes is not expected to have a markedly different approach from Rogers on certain matters, including nuclear negotiations with Iran and an opposition to closing Guantanamo Bay. However, Nunes could bring renewed attention to the Benghazi attacks and press his concerns about withdrawing U.S. troops from Afghanistan. At the same time, do not expect Nunes to advocate for strong limitations and new oversight to the intelligence community. Instead, expect Nunes to spend time working to reauthorize provisions of the *Patriot Act* and the *Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act*. Additionally, the committee might pursue legislation related to data collection and cybersecurity.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)**

*Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ), Eric Swalwell (D-CA)*

**Department of Defense, Intelligence, and Overhead Architecture**

*Joe Heck (R-NV), Terri Sewell (D-AL)*

**Emerging Threats**

*Tom Rooney (R-FL), Mike Quigley (D-IL)*

**National Security Agency and Cybersecurity**

*Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA), Jim Himes (D-CT)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**Pete Sessions (R-TX), *Chair*

Virginia Foxx (R-NC)

Tom Cole (R-OK)

Rob Woodall (R-GA)

Michael Burgess (R-FL)

Steve Stivers (R-OH)

Doug Collins (R-GA)

**Minority**Louise Slaughter (D-NY), *Ranking*

James McGovern (D-MA)

Alcee Hastings (D-FL)

Jared Polis (D-CO)

**Rules Committee**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Committee Agenda**

Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX) and Louise Slaughter (D-NY), who both served as the House Rules Committee leadership in the 113th Congress, return as chair and ranking member in the 114th. The committee, commonly referred to as “The Speaker’s Committee,” will again be utilized as an extension of Speaker John Boehner’s office. With jurisdiction over orders for the consideration of legislation, and original jurisdiction matters, the committee sets the terms and conditions for debate on all legislation as well as measures that represent changes to the standing rules of the House or expedited procedures. With this jurisdiction, the committee has the authority to do virtually anything during the course of consideration of a measure, including, deeming it passed, rewriting parts of a bill or even the entire measure. In fact, as long as the House votes for a special rule there is very little the Rules Committee cannot do.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Legislative and Budget Process***Chair TBD, Ranking TBD***Rules and Organization of the House***Chair TBD, Ranking TBD*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Science, Space, and Technology Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Majority

Lamar Smith (R-TX), *Chair*  
 Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI)  
 Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)  
 Frank Lucas (R-OK)  
 Randy Neugebauer (R-TX)  
 Michael McCaul (R-TX)  
 Steven Palazzo (R-MI)  
 Mo Brooks (R-AL)  
 Randy Hultgren (R-IL)  
 Bill Posey (R-FL)  
 Thomas Massie (R-KY)  
 Jim Bridenstine (R-OK)  
 Randy Weber (R-TX)  
 Bill Johnson (R-OH)  
 John Moolenaar (R-MI)  
 Steve Knight (R-CA)  
 Brian Babin (R-TX)  
 Bruce Westerman (R-AZ)  
 Barbara Comstock (R-VA)  
 Dan Newhouse (R-WA)  
 Gary Palmer (R-AL)  
 Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)

## Minority

Eddie Johnson (D-TX), *Ranking*  
 Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)  
 Dan Lipinski (D-IL)  
 Donna Edwards (D-MD)  
 Frederica Wilson (D-FL)  
 Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)  
 Eric Swalwell (D-CA)  
 Alan Grayson (D-FL)  
 Ami Bera (D-CA)  
 Elizabeth Esty (D-CT)  
 Marc Veasey (D-TX)  
 Katherine Clark (D-MA)  
 Don Beyer (D-VA)

\*\*Membership not finalized

## Committee Agenda

The Science, Space, and Technology Committee will continue to be led by Chair Lamar Smith (R-TX) and Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX). The Republican majority in both chambers will allow Smith to continue his efforts to increase transparency and accountability for federally funded research. Smith has been a vocal opponent of energy and climate regulations, and has specifically targeted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We expect the committee to place a higher degree of scrutiny on efforts to protect American technology infrastructure from cyberattacks.

Bipartisan initiatives including cooperation between national laboratories and the private sector to increase energy research and development in support of U.S. energy independence are expected to continue in the new Congress. Additionally, the committee will continue to act as an avid supporter of funding for NASA, and will continue to support increasing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education efforts at federal science agencies. In the 113th Congress, Smith sponsored the *STEM Education Act of 2014*, a bill to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

More controversial legislation aimed to expand transparency requirements at the EPA is expected to be reintroduced, including the *Secret Science Reform Act of 2014* and the *EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2014*. Both bills passed the House on near party-line votes, without vocal opposition from Ranking Member Johnson and committee Democrats. In the first week of the 114th Congress, the House passed three bipartisan Science, Space, and Technology Committee bills aimed at prioritizing research to improve tsunami and windstorm preparedness, as well as research on low-dose radiation. The 22 Republicans on the committee will include eight freshman members.

## Subcommittee Leadership

## Energy

Randy Weber (R-TX), *Ranking TBD*

## Environment

Jim Bridenstine (R-OK), *Ranking TBD*

## Oversight

Barry Loudermilk (R-GA), *Ranking TBD*

## Research and Technology

Barbara Comstock (R-VA), *Ranking TBD*

## Space

Steven Palazzo (R-MS), *Ranking TBD*



## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Steve Chabot (R-OH), *Chair*  
 Steve King (R-IA)  
 Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)  
 Richard Hanna (R-NY)  
 Tim Huelskamp (R-KS)  
 Tom Rice (R-SC)  
 Chris Gibson (R-NY)  
 Dave Brat (R-VA)  
 Amata Radewagen (R-AS)  
 Steve Knight (R-CA)  
 Will Hurd (R-TX)  
 Carlos Curbelo (R-FL)  
 Mike Bost (R-IL)  
 Cresent Hardy (R-NV)

**Minority**

Nydia Velázquez (D-NY), *Ranking*  
 \*Minority membership not finalized

**Small Business Committee**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Committee Agenda**

Incoming Chair Steve Chabot (R-OH) is likely to craft legislation aimed at moving additional federal contracts to small businesses, removing regulations for employers, and improving access to capital for entrepreneurs. If Chabot's tenure as a rank-and-file member of the committee is any indication, he is also likely to champion efforts to reform many of the Small Business Administration (SBA) programs that are aimed at entrepreneurs. In 2013, Chabot introduced the *Small Business Investment Company Modernization Act*, which would increase the maximum amount of outstanding leverage to be made available by the SBA from \$225 million to \$350 million. Chair Chabot is also likely to work with Ranking Member Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) on increasing the federal government's use of small businesses as contractors. Expect conversations on increasing the threshold from 23 percent to 25 percent.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Agriculture, Energy and Trade**

*Chair TBD, Ranking TBD*

**Contracting and Workforce**

*Chair TBD, Ranking TBD*

**Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access**

*Chair TBD, Ranking TBD*

**Health and Technology**

*Chair TBD, Ranking TBD*

**Investigations, Oversight and Regulations**

*Chair TBD, Ranking TBD*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Majority

Bill Shuster (R-PA), *Chair*  
 Don Young (R-AK)  
 John Duncan (R-TN)  
 John Mica (R-FL)  
 Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)  
 Sam Graves (R-MO)  
 Candice Miller (R-MI)  
 Duncan Hunter (R-CA)  
 Rick Crawford (R-AR)  
 Lou Barletta (R-PA)  
 Blake Farenthold (R-TX)  
 Bob Gibbs (R-OH)  
 Richard Hanna (R-NY)  
 Daniel Webster (R-FL)  
 Jeff Denham (R-CA)  
 Reid Ribble (R-WI)  
 Thomas Massie (R-KY)  
 Tom Rice (R-SC)  
 Mark Meadows (R-NC)  
 Scott Perry (R-PA)  
 Rodney Davis (R-IL)  
 Mark Sanford (R-SC)  
 Rob Woodall (R-GA)  
 Todd Rokita (R-IN)  
 John Katko (R-NY)  
 Brian Babin (R-TX)  
 Crescent Hardy (R-NV)  
 Ryan Costello (R-PA)  
 Garret Graves (R-LA)  
 Mimi Walters (R-CA)  
 Barbara Comstock (R-VA)  
 Carlos Curbelo (R-FL)  
 David Rouzer (R-NC)  
 Lee Zeldin (R-NY)

## Minority

Peter DeFazio (D-OR), *Ranking*  
 Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)  
 Jerry Nadler (D-NY)  
 Corrine Brown (D-FL)  
 Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)  
 Elijah Cummings (D-MD)  
 Rick Larsen (D-WA)  
 Michael Capuano (D-MA)  
 Grace Flores Napolitano (D-CA)  
 Dan Lipinski (D-IL)  
 Steve Cohen (D-TN)  
 Albio Sires (D-NJ)  
 Donna Edwards (D-MD)  
 John Garamendi (D-CA)  
 André Carson (D-IN)  
 Janice Hahn (D-CA)  
 Rick Nolan (DFL-MN)  
 Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)  
 Dina Titus (D-NV)  
 Sean Maloney (D-NY)  
 Elizabeth Esty (D-CT)  
 Lois Frankel (D-FL)  
 Cheri Bustos (D-IL)  
 Jared Huffman (D-CA)  
 Julie Brownley (D-CA)

## Committee Agenda

Committee Chair Bill Shuster (R-PA) will tackle a number of infrastructure-related issues in the coming months. Under Chair Shuster's leadership, the committee has had bipartisan success advancing infrastructure bills in the past, and that bipartisanship is expected to continue with new Ranking Member Peter DeFazio (D-OR). One of the committee's first tasks will be to pass a surface transportation reauthorization bill, which is currently slated to expire in May. The legislation provides funding for a broad range of federal highway and transit programs. The biggest hurdle will be coming up with the estimated \$100 billion needed to pay for a long-term bill, a task that falls to the Ways and Means Committee.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding is also slated to expire at the end of September. The committee began holding hearings on an FAA reauthorization bill last year, and staff is in the process of drafting the legislation. However, a number of controversial provisions, including implementation of the new NextGen air traffic control system, long-distance flights at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, lifting the existing cap on fees passengers pay to use certain airports and other issues may make enacting a reauthorization bill challenging. The committee approved an Amtrak reauthorization bill last year and will likely try to advance a similar reauthorization bill early in 2015. Chair Shuster also will likely focus on reauthorizing the *Water Resources Development Act*, which provides funding to the Army Corps of Engineers for harbor maintenance, environmental restoration, flood control and other water-related projects.

## Subcommittee Leadership

## Aviation

*Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ), Rick Larsen (D-WA)*

## Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

*Duncan Hunter (R-CA), John Garamendi (D-CA)*

## Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management

*Lou Barletta (R-PA), Andre Carson (D-IN)*

## Highways and Transit

*Sam Graves (R-MO), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)*

## Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

*Jeff Denham (R-CA), Michael Capuano (D-MA)*

## Water Resources and Environment

*Bob Gibbs (R-OH), Grace Napolitano (D-CA)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

**Majority**

Jeff Miller (R-FL), *Chair*  
 Doug Lamborn (R-CO)  
 Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)  
 Phil Roe (R-TN)  
 Dan Benishek (R-MI)  
 Tim Huelskamp (R-KS)  
 Mike Coffman (R-CO)  
 Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)  
 Jackie Walorski (R-IN)  
 Ralph Abraham (R-LA)  
 Lee Zeldin (R-NY)  
 Ryan Costello (R-PA)  
 Amata Radewagen (R-AS)  
 Mike Bost (R-IL)

**Minority**

Corrine Brown (D-FL), *Ranking*  
 Mark Takano (D-CA)  
 Julie Brownley (D-CA)  
 Dina Titus (D-NV)  
 Raul Ruiz (D-CA)  
 Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)  
 Beto O'Rourke (D-TX)  
 Kathleen Maura Rice (D-NY)

**Veterans' Affairs Committee**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Committee Agenda**

Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL) will continue in his role as chair of committee and will be joined by his state delegation colleague Rep. Corrine Brown (D-FL), who assumes the ranking member position after Rep. Michael Michaud (D-ME) gave up his seat to pursue a gubernatorial bid. Expect Miller to continue leading reforms to the Department of Veterans Affairs health systems after negotiating a major overhaul last year with his Senate counterpart Bernie Sanders (I-VT). Now that the *Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014* is being implemented, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee is expected to engage heavily in the oversight of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Specifically, we may see new legislative efforts aimed at increasing the VHA's accountability and giving VA Secretary Robert McDonald's authority to withhold additional compensation from senior VA officials as necessary. The committee will also place significant emphasis of the issue of resolving outstanding benefits claims. The backlog is nearly 250,000 cases and fully eliminating the backlog this year is a lofty goal.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs**

*Ralph Abraham (R-LA), Dina Titus (D-NV)*

**Economic Opportunity**

*Brad Wenstrup (R-OH), Mark Takano (D-CA)*

**Health**

*Dan Benishek (R-MI), Julia Brownley (D-CA)*

**Oversight and Investigations**

*Mike Coffman (R-CO), Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH)*

## 114TH CONGRESS

BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK

## Ways and Means Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Majority**

Paul Ryan (R-WI), *Chair*  
 Sam Johnson (R-TX)  
 Kevin Brady (R-TX)  
 Devin Nunes (R-CA)  
 Pat Tiberi (R-OH)  
 Dave Reichert (R-WA)  
 Charles Boustany (R-LA)  
 Peter Roskam (R-IL)  
 Tom Price (R-GA)  
 Vern Buchanan (R-FL)  
 Adrian Smith (R-NE)  
 Aaron Schock (R-IL)  
 Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)  
 Erik Paulsen (R-MN)  
 Kenny Marchant (R-TX)  
 Diane Black (R-TN)  
 Tom Reed (R-NY)  
 Todd Young (R-IN)  
 Mike Kelly (R-PA)  
 Jim Renacci (R-OH)  
 Patrick Meehan (R-PA)  
 George Holding (R-NC)  
 Jason Smith (R-MO)  
 Kristi Noem (R-SD)

**Minority**

Sandy Levin (D-MI), *Ranking*  
 Charlie Rangel (D-NY)  
 Jim McDermott (D-WA)  
 John Lewis (D-GA)  
 Richard Neal (D-MA)  
 Xavier Becerra (D-CA)  
 Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)  
 Mike Thompson (D-CA)  
 John Larson (D-CT)  
 Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)  
 Ron Kind (D-WI)  
 Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)  
 Joe Crowley (D-NY)  
 Danny Davis (D-IL)  
 Linda Sanchez (D-CA)

**Committee Agenda**

As Chair Paul Ryan (R-WI) assumes leadership of Ways and Means, all eyes are watching how the ardent fiscal conservative with a knack for getting things done will work across the aisle on the most-talked-about possibility of the year—tax reform. The former vice-presidential candidate has already ruled out seeking the Republican presidential nomination this cycle in favor of focusing on the committee agenda over the long haul. “Our work at the House Ways and Means Committee over the next few years will be crucial to moving America forward, and my job as chairman deserves undivided attention,” he recently said. In fact, Ryan has already suggested that this Congress may be spent laying the groundwork for a tax reform bill in 2017.

Expect Ryan to drive the conversation around corporate tax reform early this year. In terms of areas where we could see compromise, Ryan openly supported retired former committee Chair Dave Camp’s (R-MI) proposal to funnel any excess tax revenue from a corporate tax overhaul into infrastructure development projects, which is a top priority of the administration, especially as paying for surface transportation comes into focus. That being said, Ryan has thrown cold water on the idea of increasing the 18.4 cents per gallon gas tax to pay for highway projects. At the joint Republican retreat in Hershey, Pa., Ryan bluntly told reporters the chamber would not pass such a proposal.

Trade is also a highly anticipated item of the Ways and Means agenda for this year with the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) under negotiation. *The Affordable Care Act* and its accompanying taxes are also going to be a top priority for the committee. It remains to be seen how Ryan will respond to a bipartisan bill in the Senate repealing the medical device tax and if he will try to undo the 3.8 percent investment income tax implemented to help pay for the health care law.

**Subcommittee Leadership****Health**

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