

Art & Politics – Congressional Committees

House Standing Committees (2 major and 1 minor – unless “exclusive”)	Senate Standing Committees (2 major and 1 minor)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Appropriations • Armed Services • Budget * • Education and the Workforce • Energy and Commerce • Financial Services • Government Reform * • Homeland Security • House Administration * • International Relations • Judiciary • Resources * • Rules • Science * • Small Business * • Standard of Official Conduct * • Transportation and Infrastructure • Veterans’ Affairs * • Ways and Means <p style="text-align: center;">* Minor Committees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry • Appropriations • Armed Services • Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs • Budget • Commerce, Science, and Transportation • Energy and Natural Resources • Environment and Public Works • Finance • Foreign Relations • Homeland Security and Government Affairs • Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions • Judiciary • Rules and Administration * • Small Business and Entrepreneurship * • Veterans’ Affairs * <p style="text-align: center;">* Minor Committees</p>

Select Committees: limited purpose for a few Congresses. No legislative authority with the exception of the Intelligence. Usually investigate a government activity, make a report, and then disband. (NOT joint committees)

Joint Committees: Both reps and senators serve here. Permanent: Library, Economic, Printing, and Taxation. Others are for a limited time, such as the Inaugural Ceremonies, which is formed every four years.

Conference Committees: Type of joint committee that is to resolve differences in the House and Senate versions of the same piece of legislation. **MUST** be passed in the same language in **BOTH** houses!

Committee of the Whole: Technically all representatives serve and it meets in the House chamber. Used when considering new legislation and dissolves when it “rises and reports with a recommendation” to the House. Here, a quorum is 100 representatives, where usually it is 218 for usual House business. (Senate NO longer uses this!)

