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In many of the Congresses, at least one leader was selected without opposition or by acclamation. In those instances where published accounts did not mention a

contest for a particular office or provide vote totals, a candidate is listed as having been selected without opposition. In a few instances, published sources did not provide data on votes cast in a particular contest.

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The sources for this report include various editions of the *Congressional Record*, *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Reports*, *Congressional Staff Directories*, and *Journals* of the House of Representatives.

Table 1. Speaker of the House Elections, 1975-2003

Congress	Republican Nominee	State	Votes	Democratic Nominee	State	Votes	Others Receiving Votes	Party/ State	Votes
94 th	John J. Rhodes	AZ	143	<i>Carl B. Albert</i>	OK	287	—		—
95 th	John J. Rhodes	AZ	142	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	290	—		—
96 th	John J. Rhodes	AZ	152	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	268	—		—
97 th	Robert H. Michel	IL	183	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	233	—		—
98 th	Robert H. Michel	IL	155	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	260	—		—
99 th	Robert H. Michel	IL	175	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	247	—		—
100 th	Robert H. Michel	IL	173	<i>Jim Wright</i>	TX	254	—		—
101 st	Initial Election								
	Robert H. Michel	IL	170	<i>Jim Wright^a</i>	TX	253	—		—
	Replacement Election of June 6, 1989								
	Robert H. Michel	IL	164	<i>Thomas S. Foley</i>	WA	251	—		—
102 nd	Robert H. Michel	IL	165	<i>Thomas S. Foley</i>	WA	262	—		—
103 rd	Robert H. Michel	IL	174	<i>Thomas S. Foley</i>	WA	255	—		—
104 th	<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	GA	228	Richard Gephardt	MO	202	—		—
105 th	<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	GA	216	Richard Gephardt	MO	205	James Leach	R-IA	2
	—	—	—	—	—	—	Robert H. Michel ^b		1
106 th	<i>Dennis Hastert^c</i>	IL	220	Richard Gephardt	MO	205	—		—
107 th	<i>Dennis Hastert</i>	IL	222	Richard Gephardt	MO	206	John Murtha	D-PA	1
108 th	<i>Dennis Hastert</i>	IL	228	Nancy Pelosi	CA	201	John Murtha	D-PA	1

Source: *Journals* of the House of Representatives. Party designations are taken from the *Congressional Directory* for the respective years.

Note: Elected candidates in italics.

- a. Representative Wright resigned as Speaker of the House on June 6, 1989.
- b. Not a member of the House at the time.
- c. Speaker Gingrich announced his intention to resign from the House at the end of the 105th Congress and was not a candidate for Speaker for the 106th Congress. Subsequently, the House Republican Conference unanimously selected Representative Robert Livingston (D-LA) as its nominee for Speaker. However, before the end of the 105th Congress, Representative Livingston announced his resignation, effective March 1, 1999. Subsequently, Representative Hastert was nominated by the Republican Conference to be Speaker and was elected on the first day of the 106th Congress by the House of Representatives.

Table 2. House Democratic Floor Leader Elections, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidates	State	Votes
94 th	Thomas P. O'Neill	MA	no opposition
95 th	1st Ballot		
	Phillip Burton	CA	106 votes
	Richard Bolling	MO	81 votes
	Jim Wright	TX	77 votes
	John McFall	CA	31 votes
	2nd Ballot		
	Phillip Burton	CA	107 votes
	Jim Wright	TX	95 votes
	Richard Bolling	MO	93 votes
	3rd Ballot		
	Jim Wright	TX	148 votes
	Phillip Burton	CA	147 votes
96 th	Jim Wright	TX	no opposition
97 th	Jim Wright	TX	no opposition
98 th	Jim Wright	TX	no opposition
99 th	Jim Wright	TX	no opposition
100 th	Thomas S. Foley	WA	no opposition
101 st	Initial Election		
	Thomas S. Foley ^a	WA	no opposition
	Replacement Election of June 14, 1989		
	Richard Gephardt ^b	MO	181 votes
	Ed Jenkins	GA	76 votes
	Lee Hamilton	IN	one write-in vote
102 nd	Richard Gephardt	MO	no opposition
103 rd	Richard Gephardt	MO	no opposition
104 th	Richard Gephardt	MO	150 votes
	Charles Rose	NC	50 votes
105 th	Richard Gephardt	MO	no opposition
106 th	Richard Gephardt	MO	no opposition
107 th	Richard Gephardt	MO	no opposition
108 th	Nancy Pelosi	CA	177 votes
	Harold Ford	TN	29 votes

a. Representative Foley was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives on June 6, 1989.

b. Representative Gephardt was elected House majority leader on June 14, 1989.

Table 3. House Republican Floor Leader Elections, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidates	State	Votes
94 th	John Rhodes	AZ	no opposition
95 th	John Rhodes	AZ	no opposition
96 th	John Rhodes	AZ	no opposition
97 th	Robert Michel	IL	103 votes
	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	87 votes
98 th	Robert Michel	IL	no opposition
99 th	Robert Michel	IL	no opposition
100 th	Robert Michel	IL	no opposition
101 st	Robert Michel	IL	no opposition
102 nd	Robert Michel	IL	no opposition
103 rd	Robert Michel	IL	no opposition
104 th	Richard Armey	TX	no opposition
105 th	Richard Armey	TX	no opposition
106 th	1st Ballot		
	Richard Armey	TX	100 votes
	Steve Largent	OK	58 votes
	Jennifer Dunn	WA	45 votes
	Dennis Hastert ^a	IL	18 votes
	2nd Ballot		
	Richard Armey	TX	99 votes
	Steve Largent	OK	73 votes
	Jennifer Dunn	WA	49 votes
	3rd Ballot		
	Richard Armey	TX	127 votes
	Steve Largent	OK	95 votes
107 th	Richard Armey	TX	no opposition
108 th	Tom Delay	TX	no opposition

- a. There was an effort to draft Representative Dennis Hastert to run for majority leader when it appeared that Representative Robert Livingston would be the new Speaker in the 106th Congress. After Representative Livingston announced he would resign during the 106th Congress, Representative Hastert was elected Speaker of the House on January 6, 1999.

Table 4. House Democratic Whip Elections, 1986-2003

Congress	Candidates^a	State	Votes
100 th	Tony Coehlo	CA	167 votes
	Charles Rangel	NY	78 votes
	W.G. (Bill) Hefner	NC	15 votes
101 st	Initial Election		
	Tony Coehlo ^b	CA	no opposition
	Replacement Election of June 14, 1989		
	William Gray	PA	134 votes
	David Bonior	MI	97 votes
	Beryl Anthony	AK	30 votes
102 nd	Initial Election		
	William Gray ^c	PA	no opposition
	Replacement Election of July 11, 1991		
	David Bonior ^d	MI	160 votes
	Steny H. Hoyer	MD	109 votes
103 rd	David Bonior	MI	no opposition
104 th	David Bonior	MI	145 votes
	Charles Stenholm	TX	58 votes
105 th	David Bonior	MI	no opposition
106 th	David Bonior	MI	no opposition
107 th	David Bonior ^e	MI	no opposition
	Replacement Election of October 10, 2001		
	Nancy Pelosi ^f	CA	118 votes
	Steny H. Hoyer	MD	95 votes
108 th	Steny H. Hoyer	MD	no opposition

a. Beginning with the organization for the 100th Congress, House Democratic whips have been elected. Prior to the 100th Congress, Democratic whips were appointed.

b. Representative Coehlo resigned from the House on June 15, 1989.

c. Representative Gray resigned from the House on September 11, 1991.

d. Representative Bonior was elected Democratic whip on July 11, 1991, but did not assume that position until September 11, 1991.

e. Representative Bonior announced plans to resign as Democratic whip, effective January 15, 2002.

f. Representative Pelosi election as the Democratic whip became effective on January 15, 2002.

Table 5. House Republican Whip Elections, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidates	State	Votes
94 th	Robert Michel	IL	75 votes
	Jerry Pettis	CA	38 votes
	John Erlenborn	IL	22 votes
95 th	Robert Michel	IL	no opposition
96 th	Robert Michel	IL	no opposition
97 th	Trent Lott	MS	96 votes
	Bud Shuster	PA	90 votes
98 th	Trent Lott	MS	no opposition
99 th	Trent Lott	MS	no opposition
100 th	Trent Lott	MS	no opposition
101 st	Initial Election		
	Richard Cheney ^a	WY	no opposition
	Replacement Election of March 22, 1989		
	Newt Gingrich ^b	GA	87 votes
	Edward Madigan	IL	85 votes
102 nd	Newt Gingrich	GA	no opposition
103 rd	Newt Gingrich	GA	no opposition
104 th	Tom DeLay	TX	119 votes
	Robert Walker	PA	80 votes
	Bill McCollum	FL	28 votes
105 th	Tom DeLay	TX	no opposition
106 th	Tom DeLay	TX	no opposition
107 th	Tom DeLay	TX	no opposition
108 th	Roy Blunt	MO	no opposition

a. Representative Cheney resigned from Congress on March 17, 1989.

b. Representative Gingrich was elected Republican whip on March 22, 1989.

Table 6. House Democratic Caucus Chairman Elections, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidates	State	Votes
94 th	Phillip Burton	CA	162 votes
	B.F. Sisk	CA	11 votes
95 th	Thomas S. Foley	WA	194 votes
	Shirley Chisholm	NY	96 votes
96 th	Thomas Foley	WA	no opposition
97 th	Gillis Long	LA	146 votes
	Charlie Rose	NC	53 votes
	Matthew McHugh	NY	41 votes
98 th	Gillis Long	LA	no opposition
99 th	Richard Gephardt ^a	MO	no opposition
100 th	Richard Gephardt	MO	no opposition
101 st	Initial Election		
	William Gray ^b	PA	146 votes
	Mary Rose Oakar	OH	80 votes
	Mike Synar	OK	33 votes
	Replacement Election of June 21, 1989		
	Steny Hoyer ^c	MD	165 votes
	Barbara Kennelly	CT	82 votes
102 nd	Steny Hoyer	MD	no opposition
103 rd	Steny Hoyer	MD	no opposition
104 th	Vic Fazio	CA	149 votes
	Kweisi Mfume	MD	57 votes
105 th	Vic Fazio	CA	no opposition
106 th	Martin Frost	TX	108 votes
	Rosa Delauro	CT	97 votes
107 th	Martin Frost	TX	no opposition
108 th	Robert Menendez	NJ	104 votes
	Rosa DeLauro	CT	103 votes

a. Although Representative Gephardt had no opposition in the 99th Congress, the secret ballot for the chairmanship was 208-5.

b. Representative Gray was elected Democratic whip on June 14, 1989, and resigned his caucus post.

c. Representative Hoyer was elected chairman of the House Democratic Caucus on June 21, 1989, to fill the vacancy caused by Representative Gray's election as Democratic whip.

**Table 7. House Republican Conference Chairman Elections,
1974-2003**

Congress	Candidate	State	Votes
94 th	John Anderson	IL	85 votes
	Charles Wiggins	CA	52 votes
95 th	John Anderson	IL	no opposition
96 th	Initial Election		
	John Anderson ^a	IL	87 votes
	Thomas Kindness	OH	55 votes
	Replacement Election of June 20, 1979 - 1st Ballot		
	Samuel Devine	OH	69 votes
	Henry Hyde	IL	47 votes
	Edward Derwinski	IL	32 votes
	Replacement Election of June 20, 1979 - 2nd Ballot		
	Samuel Devine ^b	OH	75 votes
	Henry Hyde	IL	72 votes
97 th	Jack Kemp	NY	107 votes
	John Rousselot	CA	77 votes
98 th	Jack Kemp	NY	no opposition
99 th	Jack Kemp	NY	no opposition
100 th	Initial Election		
	Jack Kemp ^c	NY	no opposition
	Replacement Election of June 4, 1987		
	Richard Cheney ^d	WY	no opposition
101 st	1st Ballot		
	Jerry Lewis	CA	81 votes
	Lynn Martin	IL	79 votes
	William Dannemeyer	CA	7 votes
	2nd Ballot		
	Jerry Lewis	CA	85 votes
	Lynn Martin	IL	82 votes

Congress	Candidate	State	Votes
102 nd	Jerry Lewis	CA	98 votes
	Carl Pursell	MI	64 votes
103 rd	Richard Armey	TX	88 votes
	Jerry Lewis	CA	84 votes
104 th	John Boehner	OH	122 votes
	Duncan Hunter	CA	102 votes
105 th	John Boehner	OH	no opposition
106 th	J.C. Watts	OK	121 votes
	John Boehner	OH	93 votes
107 th	J.C. Watts	OK	no opposition
108 th	Deborah Pryce	OH	133 votes
	J.D. Hayworth	AZ	61 votes
	Jim Ryun	KS	28 votes

- a. Representative Anderson resigned as chairman of the House Republican Conference on June 8, 1979.
- b. Representative Devine was elected chairman of the Republican Conference on June 20, 1979.
- c. Representative Kemp resigned as Republican Conference chairman on June 4, 1987.
- d. The same day that Representative Kemp resigned, Representative Cheney was elected Republican Conference chairman without opposition.

Table 8. House Democratic Caucus Secretary/Vice Chairman Elections, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidate^a	State	Votes	
94 th	Patsy Mink	HI	no opposition	
95 th	Shirley Chisholm	NY	no opposition	
96 th	Shirley Chisholm	NY	no opposition	
97 th	Geraldine Ferraro	NY	no opposition	
98 th	Geraldine Ferraro	NY	no opposition	
99 th	Mary Rose Oakar	OH	no opposition	
100 th	Mary Rose Oakar	OH	no opposition	
101 st	Initial Election			
	Steny Hoyer ^b	MD	no opposition	
	Replacement Election of June 21, 1989 - 1st Ballot			
	Vic Fazio	CA	113 votes	
	Martin Frost	TX	69 votes	
	Marcy Kaptur	OH	37 votes	
	Richard Durbin	IL	34 votes	
	Replacement Election of June 21, 1989 - 2nd Ballot			
	Vic Fazio	CA	147 votes	
	Martin Frost	TX	74 votes	
	Marcy Kaptur	OH	32 votes	
	102 nd	Vic Fazio	CA	no opposition
	103 rd	Vic Fazio	CA	no opposition
104 th	Barbara Kennelly	CT	93 votes	
	Louise Slaughter	NY	90 votes	
105 th	Barbara Kennelly	CT	no opposition	
106 th	1st Ballot			
	Robert Menendez	NJ	92 votes	
	Calvin Dooley	CA	65 votes	
	Albert Wynn	MD	50 votes	
	2nd Ballot			
	Robert Menendez	NJ	124 votes	
	Calvin Dooley	CA	81 votes	
107 th	Robert Menendez	NJ	no opposition	
108 th	James E. Clyburn ^c	SC	95	
	Gregory Meeks	NY	56	
	Zoe Lofgren	CA	53	

- a. Since the 100th Congress (1987-1989), the caucus secretary position has been known as vice chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.
- b. Representative Hoyer was elected chairman of the Democratic Caucus on June 21, 1989, and was succeeded as vice chairman of the caucus by Representative Fazio.
- c. After the first ballot, Representatives Meeks and Lofgren withdrew and Representative Clyburn was elected by acclamation.

Table 9. House Republican Conference Vice Chairman Elections, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidate	State	Votes
94 th	Samuel Devine ^a	OH	no opposition
95 th	Samuel Devine	OH	no opposition
96 th	Initial Election		
	Samuel Devine	OH	no opposition
	Replacement Election of June 20, 1979		
	Jack Edwards	AL	no opposition
97 th	Jack Edwards	AL	no opposition
98 th	Jack Edwards	AL	no opposition
99 th	Lynn Martin	IL	no opposition
100 th	Lynn Martin	IL	no opposition
101 st	Bill McCollum ^b	FL	vote not announced- elected
	Robert Lagomarsino	CA	vote not announced
102 nd	Bill McCollum	FL	no opposition
103 rd	Bill McCollum	FL	no opposition
104 th	Susan Molinari	NY	124 votes
	Cliff Stearns	FL	100 votes
105 th	Initial Election		
	Susan Molinari ^c	NY	no opposition
	Replacement Election of July 16, 1997		
	Jennifer Dunn	WA	129 votes
	Jim Nussle	IA	85 votes
106 th	1st Ballot		
	Tillie Fowler	FL	90 votes
	Ann Northup	KY	43 votes
	Peter Hoekstra	MI	39 votes
	Sue Myrick	SC	38 votes
	2nd Ballot		
	Tillie Fowler	FL	108 votes
	Ann Northup	KY	58 votes
	Peter Hoekstra	MI	42 votes
	107 th	Deborah Pryce	OH
108 th	Jack Kingston	GA	159 votes
	Melissa A. Hart	PA	56 votes

a. Rep. Devine was elected chairman of the House Republican Conference on June 20, 1979.

b. Rep. McCollum was elected vice chairman of the Republican Conference in 1989.

c. Rep. Molinari resigned from the House, effective on August 1, 1997. On July 16, 1997, Rep. Dunn was elected to replace her as vice chairman.

Table 10. House Republican Conference Secretary Elections, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidate	State	Votes
94 th	Jack Edwards	AL	no opposition
95 th	Jack Edwards	AL	no opposition
96 th	Initial Election		
	Jack Edwards ^a	AL	no opposition
	Replacement Election of June 20, 1979		
	Clair Burgener	CA	no opposition
97 th	Clair Burgener	CA	no opposition
98 th	Clair Burgener	CA	no opposition
99 th	Robert Lagomarsino	CA	no opposition
100 th	Robert Lagomarsino	CA	no opposition
101 st	Vin Weber	MN	vote not announced- elected
	Joseph McDade	PA	vote not announced
102 nd	Vin Weber	MN	no opposition
103 rd	Tom DeLay	TX	95 votes
	Willis Gradison	OH	71 votes
104 th	Barbara Vucanovich	NV	138 votes
	Tim Hutchinson	AR	90 votes
105 th	Initial Election		
	Jennifer Dunn	WA	no opposition
	Replacement Election of July 16, 1997 - 1st Ballot		
	Deborah Pryce ^b	OH	vote not announced
	Sue Myrick	NC	vote not announced
	Randy (Duke) Cunningham	WA	vote not announced
	Jerry Weller	IL	vote not announced

Congress	Candidate	State	Votes
105 th	Replacement Election of July 16, 1997 - 2nd Ballot		
	Deborah Pryce	OH	110 votes
	Sue Myrick	NC	65 votes
	Randy (Duke) Cunningham	WA	42 votes
106 th	Deborah Pryce	OH	no opposition
107 th	Barbara Cubin	WY	123
	Judy Biggert	IL	76
108 th	John T. Doolittle	CA	no opposition

- a. Representative Edwards was elected vice chairman of the House Republican Conference on June 20, 1979, and was succeeded as secretary by Representative Burgener the same day.
- b. Representative Dunn was elected vice chairman of the Republican Conference on July 16, 1997, and was succeeded as secretary by Representative Pryce the same day.

Table 11. House Republican Policy Committee Chairman Elections, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidate	State	Vote
94 th	Barber Conable	NY	no opposition
95 th	Del Clawson	CA	71 votes
	Louis Frey	FL	63 votes
96 th	Bud Shuster	PA	80 votes
	Bill Frenzel	MN	55 votes
97 th	Richard Cheney	WY	99 votes
	Marjorie Holt	MD	68 votes
98 th	Richard Cheney	WY	no opposition
99 th	Richard Cheney	WY	no opposition
100 th	Initial Election		
	Richard Cheney ^a	WY	no opposition
	Replacement Election of June 4, 1987		
	Jerry Lewis	CA	88 votes
	Duncan Hunter	CA	82 votes
101 st	Mickey Edwards	OK	no opposition
102 nd	Mickey Edwards	OK	no opposition
103 rd	Henry Hyde	IL	no opposition
104 th	Christopher Cox	CA	148 votes
	Jim Kolbe	AZ	77 votes
105 th	Christopher Cox	CA	no opposition
106 th	Christopher Cox	CA	no opposition
107 th	Christopher Cox	CA	no opposition
108 th	Christopher Cox	CA	no opposition

a. Representative Cheney was elected chairman of the House Republican Conference on June 4, 1987, and was succeeded as chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee by Representative Jerry Lewis the same day.

Table 12. House Republican Research Committee Chairman Elections, 1974-1992

Congress	Candidate	State	Votes
94 th	Louis Frey	FL	no opposition
95 th	Bill Frenzel	MN	77 votes
	Marjorie Holt	MD	53 votes
96 th	Trent Lott	MS	vote not announced- elected
	Lawrence Coughlin	PA	vote not announced
	Willis Gradison	OH	vote not announced
97 th	Edward Madigan	IL	vote not announced- elected
	Robert Walker	PA	vote not announced
98 th	James Martin	NC	no opposition
99 th	Jerry Lewis	CA	no opposition
100 th	Initial Election		
	Jerry Lewis ^a	CA	no opposition
	Replacement Election of June 4, 1989 - 1st Ballot		
	Mickey Edwards	OK	72 votes
	Steve Bartlett	TX	57 votes
	Steve Gunderson	WI	42 votes
	Replacement Election of June 4, 1989 - 2nd Ballot		
	Mickey Edwards	OK	93 votes
	Steve Bartlett	TX	71 votes
101 st	Duncan Hunter	CA	vote not announced- elected
	Steve Bartlett	TX	vote not announced
102 nd	Duncan Hunter	CA	no opposition
103 rd	Duncan Hunter	CA	no opposition

Note: The committee was abolished after the 103rd Congress.

- a. Representative Lewis was elected chairman of the Republican Policy Committee on June 4, 1989, and was succeeded as House Republican Research Committee chairman by Representative Edwards the same day.

Table 13. House National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Elections, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidate	State	Votes
94 th ^a	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	no opposition
95 th	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	no opposition
96 th	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	no opposition
97 th	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	no opposition
98 th	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	no opposition
99 th	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	no opposition
100 th	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	no opposition
101 st	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	no opposition
102 nd	Guy Vander Jagt	MI	98 votes
	Donald K. Sundquist	TN	66 votes
103 rd	Leon William (Bill) Paxon	NY	no opposition
104 th	Leon William (Bill) Paxon	NY	no opposition
105 th ^b	John E. Linder	GA	—
106 th ^c	Thomas M. Davis	VA	130 votes
	John E. Linder	GA	77 votes
107 th	Thomas M. Davis	VA	no opposition
108 th	Thomas M. Reynolds	NY	119 votes
	Jerry Weller	IL	90 votes

- a. For much of the period since 1974, the chairmen of the House National Republican Congressional Committee have been appointed by House leaders. However, from the 101st Congress through the 104th Congress, the chairmen were elected by the Republican Conference. Only in 1990 and 1998, during the organization for the 102nd and 106th Congresses, have there been contests.
- b. In November 1996, during the organizational meetings for the 105th Congress, the chairman of the House National Republican Congressional Committee was appointed by Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich (See: Jackie Koszczuk, “Despite Rumlings, Gingrich Has No Serious Challenger,” *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report*, vol. 54, Nov. 16, 1996, p. 3277.)
- c. In November 1998, during its organizational meetings for the 106th Congress, the Republican Conference changed its rules to make the chairmanship of the committee an elected position rather than an appointed one (See Jeffrey L. Katz and Carroll J. Doherty, “New GOP Leaders’ Watchword Is Realism, Not Revolution,” *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report*, vol. 56, Nov. 21, 1998, p. 3166.)

Table 14. House Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Appointments, 1974-2003

Congress	Candidate	State	Votes
94 th	Wayne L. Hays	OH	—
95 th	James C. Corman	CA	—
96 th	James C. Corman	CA	—
97 th	Anthony L. (Tony) Coelho	CA	—
98 th	Anthony L. (Tony) Coelho	CA	—
99 th	Anthony L. (Tony) Coelho	CA	—
100 th	Beryl F. Anthony, Jr.	AR	—
101 st	Beryl F. Anthony, Jr.	AR	—
102 nd	Vic H. Fazio, Jr.	CA	—
103 rd	Vic H. Fazio, Jr.	CA	—
104 th	Martin Frost	TX	—
105 th	Martin Frost	TX	—
106 th	Patrick J. Kennedy	RI	—
107 th	Nita Lowey	NY	—
108 th	Robert T. Matsui	CA	—

Note: Thus far, the chairmen of the House Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee have always been appointed by the House Democratic leadership.