

Thirty one have served as chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. The first chair was Thaddeus Stevens of Pennsylvania. James Garfield of Ohio chaired the Committee before becoming President. Former chairs Samuel Randall of Pennsylvania, Joseph Cannon of Illinois, and Joseph Byrns of Tennessee all went on to become Speaker of the House.

CHAIRMAN

CONGRESS

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[Thaddeus Stevens, PA*](#)

39th -

Dec. 1865 - Aug. 1868

(Whig & Republican)

40th, 1st & 2nd

[Elihu B. Washburne, IL](#)

40th, 3rd Sess.

Dec. 1868 - Mar. 1869

(Whig & Republican)

[Henry L. Dawes, MA](#) (R)

41st

Mar. 1869 - Mar. 1871

[James A. Garfield, OH](#) (R)

42nd - 43rd

Mar. 1871 - Mar. 1875

[Samuel J. Randall, PA](#) (D)

44th, 1st Sess.

Dec. 1875 - Aug. 1876

[William S. Holman, IN](#) (D)

44th, 2nd Sess.

Dec. 1876 - Mar. 1877

[John D.C. Atkins, TN](#) (D)

45th - 46th

Oct. 1877 - Mar. 1881

[Frank Hiscock, NY](#) (R)

47th

Dec. 1881 - Mar. 1883

[Samuel J. Randall, PA](#) (D)

48th - 50th

Dec. 1883 - Mar. 1889

[Joseph G. Cannon, IL](#) (R)

51st

Dec. 1889 - Mar. 1891

[William S. Holman, IN](#) (D)

52nd

Dec. 1891 - Mar. 1893

[Joseph D. Sayers, TX](#) (D)

53rd

Aug. 1893 - Mar. 1895

[Joseph G. Cannon, IL](#) (R)

54th - 57th

Dec. 1895 - Mar. 1903

[James A. Hemenway, IN](#) (R)

58th

Nov. 1903 - Mar. 1905

[James A. Tawney, MN](#) (R)

59th - 61st

Dec. 1905 - Mar. 1911

[John J. Fitzgerald, NY](#) (D)

62nd - 65th, 1st & 2nd

Apr. 1911 - Dec. 1917

[J. Swagar Sherley, KY](#) (D)

65th, 2nd

Jan. 1918 - Mar. 1919

[James W. Good, IA](#) (R)

66th - 67th, 1st

May 1919 - June 1921

[Martin B. Madden, IL*](#) (R)

67th, 1st - 70th, 1st

June 1921 - Apr. 1928

[Daniel Anthony, Jr. KS](#) (R)

70th, 2nd

Dec. 1928 - Mar. 1929

[William R. Wood, IN](#) (R)

71st

Apr. 1929 - Mar. 1931

[Joseph W. Byrns, TN](#) (D)

72nd

Dec. 1931 - Mar. 1933

[James P. Buchanan, TX*](#) (D)

73rd - 75th, 1st

Mar. 1933 - Feb. 1937

[Edward T. Taylor, CO*](#) (D)

75th, 1st - 77th, 1st

Mar. 1937 - Sep. 1941

[Clarence Cannon, MO](#) (D)

77th, 1st - 79th

Sep. 1941 - Aug. 1946

[John Taber, NY](#) (R)

80th

Jan. 1947 - Dec. 1948

[Clarence Cannon, MO](#) (D)

81st - 82nd

Jan. 1949 - July 1952

[John Taber, NY](#) (R)

83rd

Jan. 1953 - Dec. 1954

[Clarence Cannon, MO*](#) (D)

84th - 88th, 2nd

Jan. 1955 - May 1964

[George H. Mahon, TX](#) (D)

88th, 2nd - 95th

May 1964 - Jan. 1979

[Jamie L. Whitten, MS](#) (D)

96th - 102nd

Jan. 1979 - Jan. 1993

[William H. Natcher, KY*](#) (D)

103rd, 1st & 2nd

Jan. 1993 - Mar. 1994

[David R. Obey, WI](#) (D)

103rd, 2nd

Mar. 1994 - Jan. 1995

[Robert L. Livingston, LA](#) (R)

104th – 105th

Jan. 1995 - Jan. 1999

[C. W. Bill Young, FL](#) (R)

106th - 108th

Jan. 1999 - Jan. 2005

[Jerry Lewis, CA](#) (R)

109th

Jan. 2005 - Jan. 2007

[David R. Obey, WI](#) (D)

110th

Jan. 2007 - Jan. 2011

[Harold Rogers, KY](#) (R)

112th -

Jan. 2011 -

(*Died in Office)