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Committee on Ethics

Investigative Panel on Planned Parenthood

Other Committees: Agriculture; Appropriations; Armed Services; Budget; Education and the Workforce; Energy and Commerce; Financial Services; Homeland Security; House Administration; Judiciary; Natural Resources; Oversight and Government Reform; Rules; Science, Space and Technology; Small Business; Transportation and Infrastructure; Veterans' Affairs; Ways and Means

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Committee on Health, Education,



Michael Bennet (CO) Sheldon Whitehouse (RI) Labor & Pensions



Heidi Heitkamp (ND) Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs



Tammy Baldwin (WI) Chris Murphy (CT) Elizabeth Warren (MA) Tim Kaine (VA) Maggie Hassan (NH)

> Gary Peters (MI) Maggie Hassan (NH) Kamala Harris (CA)



Committee on Ethics



Committee on Foreign Relations Chris Coons (DE) Brian Schatz (HI) Jeanne Shaheen (NH)

Ben Cardin (MD) Bob Menendez (NJ) Jeanne Shaheen (NH) Chris Coons (DE) Tom Udall (NM)

Chris Murphy (CT) Tim Kaine (VA) Ed Markey (MA) Jeff Merkley (OR) Cory Booker (NJ)

Other Committees: Aging (Special); 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; Indian Affairs; Intelligence (Select); Judiciary Narcotics (Caucus); Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Veterans' Affairs;

The **minority leaders** are responsible for:

- ✓ Developing the minority position
- ✓ Negotiating with the majority party
- ✓ Directing minority caucus activities on the chamber floor
- ✓ Leading debate for the minority

The **United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence** (HPSCI) is a committee of the United States House of Representatives, currently chaired by Congressman Devin Nunes (California). Created in 1977, HPSCI is charged with **oversight of the United States Intelligence Community**—which includes the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the following seventeen elements of the U.S. Government—and the Military Intelligence Program.

The **House Committee on Foreign Affairs**, chaired by Republican Ed Royce of California, *considers legislation that impacts the diplomatic community*, which includes the Department of State, the Agency for International Development (USAID), the Peace Corps, the United Nations, and the enforcement of the Arms Export Control Act.

The jurisdiction of the **Committee on Ethics** is derived from authority granted under House Rules and federal statutes. The scope of the Committee's jurisdiction under the various authorizing rules and statutes is given below:

- ✓ House Rule X, clause 1(q)
- ✓ House Rule XI, clause 3
- ✓ House Rule XXV, clause 5(h)
- Ethics in Government Act (5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 101 et seq.; adopted as House Rule XXVI)
- ✓ Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (5 U.S.C. § 7342)
- ✓ Gifts to Superiors (5 U.S.C. § 7351)
- ✓ Gifts to Federal Employees (5 U.S.C. § 7353)

Committee authority with regard to the employees of certain legislative branch entities has been delegated to the heads of those entities (see the section on the Ethics in Government Act above).

The **Select Investigative Panel on Planned Parenthood** is a select subcommittee of the United States House of Representatives. Following the 2015 release of undercover videos filmed by The Center for Medical Progress, an anti-abortion group, purporting to show Planned Parenthood engaging in the sale of tissue from aborted fetuses, John Boehner, the Speaker of the House, announced in September 2015 that he was considering forming a select committee to investigate Planned Parenthood. The committee falls under the jurisdiction of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The House approved the committee on October 7, 2015, by a party-line vote of 242–189, with all but one member of the Republican Party supporting the committee and only two members of the Democratic Party voting in favor of its creation.

The **minority whips** are responsible for:

- ✓ Assist the minority leader on the floor
- ✓ Count votes
- Ensure attendance of minority party members

The Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee jurisdiction encompasses:

- most of the agencies, institutes, and programs of the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, the Administration on Aging, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- ensuring our country's workforce is prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st Century through a lifetime of learning for our citizens.
- ✓ most federal *labor and employment laws*, including those that regulate wages and hours of employment, enforce mining and workplace health and safety, combat employment-based discrimination, and regulate union / management relations.
- over private retirement plans and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation through the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and over railroad retirement.

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC) is the Senate's primary oversight committee with broad *jurisdiction over government operations generally* and the Department of Homeland Security in particular. Its primary responsibilities are to study the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the federal government; evaluate the effects of laws enacted to reorganize the legislative and executive branches of government; and study the intergovernmental relationships between the U.S. and states and municipalities, and between the U.S. and international organizations of which the U.S. is a member.

The jurisdiction of the **United States Senate Select Committee on Ethics** is derived from the Constitution and authority granted under law and Senate rules. The scope of the Committee's jurisdiction is as follows.

- ✓ Article 1, § 5, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution
- Senate Resolution 338 (88th Congress), as amended
- ✓ Preamble to Senate Resolution 266, 90th Congress, 2d Session, March 22, 1968
- The Code of Ethics for Government Service, H. Con. Res. 175 (85th Congress)
- ✓ Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress), Section 8
- ✓ Franking (39 U.S.C. § 3210)
- ✓ Ethics in Government Act (5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 101 et seq.; adopted Senate Rules 34/36)
- ✓ Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (5 U.S.C. § 7342)
- ✓ Gifts to Superiors (5 U.S.C. § 7351)
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The **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** was established in 1816 as one of the original ten standing committees of the Senate. Throughout its history, the committee has been instrumental in *developing and influencing United States foreign policy*, at different times supporting and opposing the policies of presidents and secretaries of state. The committee has considered, debated, and reported important treaties and legislation, ranging from the purchase of Alaska in 1867 to the establishment of the United Nations in 1945. It also holds jurisdiction over all diplomatic nominations. Through these powers, the committee has helped shape foreign policy of broad significance, in matters of war and peace and international relations. Members of the committee have assisted in the negotiation of treaties, and at times have helped to defeat treaties they felt were not in the national interest.