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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, 1975-2005**

Congress	Republican Nominee	State	Votes	Democratic Nominee	State	Votes	Others Receiving Votes	Party/State	Votes
94 <sup>th</sup>	John J. Rhodes	AZ	143	<i>Carl B. Albert</i>	OK	287	—		—
95 <sup>th</sup>	John J. Rhodes	AZ	142	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	290	—		—
96 <sup>th</sup>	John J. Rhodes	AZ	152	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	268	—		—
97 <sup>th</sup>	Robert H. Michel	IL	183	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	233	—		—
98 <sup>th</sup>	Robert H. Michel	IL	155	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	260	—		—
99 <sup>th</sup>	Robert H. Michel	IL	175	<i>Thomas P. O'Neill</i>	MA	247	—		—
100 <sup>th</sup>	Robert H. Michel	IL	173	<i>Jim Wright</i>	TX	254	—		—
101 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Initial Election</b>								
	Robert H. Michel	IL	170	<i>Jim Wright<sup>a</sup></i>	TX	253	—		—
	<b>Replacement Election of June 6, 1989</b>								
	Robert H. Michel	IL	164	<i>Thomas S. Foley</i>	WA	251	—		—
102 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert H. Michel	IL	165	<i>Thomas S. Foley</i>	WA	262	—		—
103 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert H. Michel	IL	174	<i>Thomas S. Foley</i>	WA	255	—		—
104 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	GA	228	Richard Gephardt	MO	202	—		—
105 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	GA	216	Richard Gephardt	MO	205	James Leach	R-IA	2
	—	—	—	—	—	—	Robert Michel <sup>b</sup> Robert Walker <sup>b</sup>		1 1
106 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dennis Hastert<sup>f</sup></i>	IL	220	Richard Gephardt	MO	205	—		—
107 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dennis Hastert</i>	IL	222	Richard Gephardt	MO	206	John Murtha	D-PA	1
108 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dennis Hastert</i>	IL	228	Nancy Pelosi	CA	201	John Murtha	D-PA	1
109 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dennis Hastert</i>	IL	226	Nancy Pelosi	CA	199	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 105<sup>th</sup> Congress and was not a candidate for Speaker for the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress. Subsequently, the House Republican Conference unanimously selected Representative Robert Livingston (D-LA) as its nominee for Speaker. However, before the end of the 105<sup>th</sup> 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 106<sup>th</sup> Congress by the House of Representatives.

**Table 2. House Democratic Floor Leader Elections, 1974-2005**

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

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, 1974-2006**

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



<b>Congress</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Votes</b>
109 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Initial Election</b>		
	Tom Delay <sup>b</sup>	TX	no opposition
	Roy Blunt <sup>b</sup>	MO	NA
	<b>Replacement Election of February 2, 2006- 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Roy Blunt	MO	110
	John Boehner	OH	79
	John Shadegg	AZ	40
	Jim Ryun	NE	2
	<b>Replacement Election of February 2, 2006 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot</b>		
	John Boehner	OH	122
	Roy Blunt	MO	109

- 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 106<sup>th</sup> Congress. After Representative Livingston announced he would resign during the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, Representative Hastert was elected Speaker of the House on January 6, 1999.
- b. On September 28, 2005, Representative Tom Delay stepped aside as House Majority Leader, and Representative Roy Blunt became acting Majority Leader. On January 7, 2006, Representative Delay decided not to reclaim his old job. On February 2, 2006, Representative John Boehner was elected House Republican (Majority) Leader.

**Table 4. House Democratic Whip Elections, 1986-2005**

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

a. Beginning with the organization for the 100<sup>th</sup> Congress, House Democratic whips have been elected. Prior to the 100<sup>th</sup> 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, 1974-2005**

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

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

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

c. Representative Blunt served as acting House Republican Leader from September 28, 2005, to February 2, 2006.

**Table 6. House Democratic Caucus Chairman Elections, 1974-2005**

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

a. Although Representative Gephardt had no opposition in the 99<sup>th</sup> 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.

d. On January 16, 2006, Representative Menendez resigned from the House after he was appointed to the Senate.

e. Representative Clyburn was selected Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus on December 16, 2005, effective January 18, 2006.

**Table 7. House Republican Conference Chairman Elections, 1974-2005**

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

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

- 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, 1974-2005**

<b>Congress</b>	<b>Candidate<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Votes</b>
94 <sup>th</sup>	Patsy Mink	HI	no opposition
95 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Chisholm	NY	no opposition
96 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Chisholm	NY	no opposition
97 <sup>th</sup>	Geraldine Ferraro	NY	no opposition
98 <sup>th</sup>	Geraldine Ferraro	NY	no opposition
99 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Rose Oakar	OH	no opposition
100 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Rose Oakar	OH	no opposition
101 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Initial Election</b>		
	Steny Hoyer <sup>b</sup>	MD	no opposition
	<b>Replacement Election of June 22, 1989 - 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Vic Fazio	CA	113 votes
	Martin Frost	TX	69 votes
	Marcy Kaptur	OH	37 votes
	Richard Durbin	IL	34 votes
	<b>Replacement Election of June 22, 1989 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Vic Fazio	CA	147 votes
	Martin Frost	TX	74 votes
	Marcy Kaptur	OH	32 votes
102 <sup>nd</sup>	Vic Fazio	CA	no opposition
103 <sup>rd</sup>	Vic Fazio	CA	no opposition
104 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Kennelly	CT	93 votes
	Louise Slaughter	NY	90 votes
105 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Kennelly	CT	no opposition
106 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Robert Menendez	NJ	92 votes
	Calvin Dooley	CA	65 votes
	Albert Wynn	MD	50 votes
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Robert Menendez	NJ	124 votes
Calvin Dooley	CA	81 votes	
107 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Menendez	NJ	no opposition
108 <sup>th</sup>	James E. Clyburn <sup>c</sup>	SC	95
	Gregory Meeks	NY	56
	Zoe Lofgren	CA	53

<b>Congress</b>	<b>Candidate<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Votes</b>
109 <sup>th</sup>	James Clyburn <sup>d</sup>	SC	no opposition
	<b>Replacement Election of February 1, 2006- 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Joseph Crowley	NY	79
	John Larson	CT	66
	Jan Schakowsky	IL	55
	<b>Replacement Election of February 1, 2006 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot</b>		
	John Larson	CT	116
	Joseph Crowley	NY	87

- a. Since the 100<sup>th</sup> 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.
- d. Representative Clyburn was selected Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus on December 16, 2005, effective January 18, 2006.



**Table 9. House Republican Conference Vice Chairman Elections, 1974-2005**

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

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, 1974-2005**

<b>Congress</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Votes</b>
94 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Edwards	AL	no opposition
95 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Edwards	AL	no opposition
96 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Initial Election</b>		
	Jack Edwards <sup>a</sup>	AL	no opposition
	<b>Replacement Election of June 20, 1979</b>		
	Clair Burgener	CA	no opposition
97 <sup>th</sup>	Clair Burgener	CA	no opposition
98 <sup>th</sup>	Clair Burgener	CA	no opposition
99 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Lagomarsino	CA	no opposition
100 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Lagomarsino	CA	no opposition
101 <sup>st</sup>	Vin Weber	MN	vote not announced-elected
	Joseph McDade	PA	vote not announced
102 <sup>nd</sup>	Vin Weber	MN	no opposition
103 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom DeLay	TX	95 votes
	Willis Gradison	OH	71 votes
104 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Vucanovich	NV	138 votes
	Tim Hutchinson	AR	90 votes
105 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Initial Election</b>		
	Jennifer Dunn	WA	no opposition
	<b>Replacement Election of July 16, 1997 - 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Deborah Pryce <sup>b</sup>	OH	vote not announced
	Sue Myrick	NC	vote not announced
	Randy (Duke) Cunningham	WA	vote not announced
	Jerry Weller	IL	vote not announced
105 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Replacement Election of July 16, 1997 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Deborah Pryce	OH	110 votes
	Sue Myrick	NC	65 votes
	Randy (Duke) Cunningham	WA	42 votes
106 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah Pryce	OH	no opposition
107 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Cubin	WY	123
	Judy Biggert	IL	76
108 <sup>th</sup>	John T. Doolittle	CA	no opposition
109 <sup>th</sup>	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, 1974-2006**

Congress	Candidate	State	Vote
94 <sup>th</sup>	Barber Conable	NY	no opposition
95 <sup>th</sup>	Del Clawson	CA	71 votes
	Louis Frey	FL	63 votes
96 <sup>th</sup>	Bud Shuster	PA	80 votes
	Bill Frenzel	MN	55 votes
97 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Cheney	WY	99 votes
	Marjorie Holt	MD	68 votes
98 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Cheney	WY	no opposition
99 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Cheney	WY	no opposition
100 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Initial Election</b>		
	Richard Cheney <sup>a</sup>	WY	no opposition
	<b>Replacement Election of June 4, 1987</b>		
	Jerry Lewis	CA	88 votes
	Duncan Hunter	CA	82 votes
101 <sup>st</sup>	Mickey Edwards	OK	no opposition
102 <sup>nd</sup>	Mickey Edwards	OK	no opposition
103 <sup>rd</sup>	Henry Hyde	IL	no opposition
104 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Cox	CA	148 votes
	Jim Kolbe	AZ	77 votes
105 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Cox	CA	no opposition
106 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Cox	CA	no opposition
107 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Cox	CA	no opposition
108 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Cox	CA	no opposition
109 <sup>th</sup>	John Shadegg <sup>b</sup>	AZ	no opposition
	<b>Replacement Election of February 2, 2006- 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Adam Putnam	FL	95
	Thaddeus McCotter	MI	58
	Darrell Issa	CA	40
	Phil Gingrey	GA	24
	John Shadegg	AZ	1
	Eric Cantor	VA	1
	<b>Replacement Election of February 2, 2006- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot</b>		
	Adam Putnam	FL	118
Thaddeus McCotter	MI	75	
Darrell Issa	CA	22	

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.

b. Representative Shadegg was unanimously approved by the House Republican Conference on January 26, 2005, after Representative Christopher Cox became the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee. Republican Conference rules prohibit Members from simultaneously being the chairman of a standing committee and in an elected leadership position. Subsequently, Representative Shadegg resigned as chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee on January 13, 2006, in order to run for House Republican (Majority) Leader.

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

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

**Note:** The committee was abolished after the 103<sup>rd</sup> 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, 1974-2005**

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

- 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 101<sup>st</sup> Congress through the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, the chairmen were elected by the Republican Conference. Only in 1990 and 1998, during the organization for the 102<sup>nd</sup> and 106<sup>th</sup> Congresses, have there been contests.
- b. In November 1996, during the organizational meetings for the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, the chairman of the House National Republican Congressional Committee was appointed by Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich (See Jackie Koszczuk, “Despite Rumbings, 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 106<sup>th</sup> 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, 1974-2005**

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

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