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Summary

The party ratio in the Senate standing committees is the proportional number of members of each party caucus assigned to each committee. Determining committee sizes, ratios, and assignments are among the first actions taken after a general election and at the beginning of a Congress.

The standing rules of the Senate are silent on the subject of committee party ratios. Senate Rule XXV provides for committee sizes, as well as restrictions on the number of certain types of committees on which Senators may serve. The apportionment of committee seats results from discussions between majority and minority party leadership. In general, it has been the practice of the Senate to apportion committee seats to the majority and minority parties in a manner that corresponds closely to the party strength in the full chamber. Findings from this study indicate that the majority party ratios on committees roughly approximate the majority party strength in the Senate chamber, regardless of which party has been in control.

This report shows Senate committee party ratios for 22 Congresses, covering the period of the 98th Congress (1983-1985) through April 2023, the first part of the 119th Congress (2025-2027).

Table 1 shows a comparison of majority party strength in the Senate chamber with total majority committee seats for the 98th Congress through the beginning of the 119th Congress. Unfilled seats on committees (if so noted in the Secretary of the Senate's lists or the *Congressional Directory*) are counted in individual and overall committee totals for consistency.

Tables 2-23 show the following for each of the 22 Congresses examined, by majority, minority, and Independents (where present):

- Senate party breakdown and majority margin;
- total committee seats, majority and minority committee seats, and majority margin;
- the standing and select committees (with legislative jurisdiction) as established and named in each Congress;
- committee seats allocated to the majority and minority parties, including Independents (where present), for each committee; and
- majority-minority seat margin for each committee.

The committee ratios data for the 99th through 116th Congresses are taken from the official committee lists for each Congress issued by the Secretary of the Senate; the *Congressional Directory* is the source for the 98th Congress. Data for the 117th through 119th Congresses were taken from the Senate website. The earliest editions of these primary documents are generally the sources for the data, although anomalies in some Congresses, such as a delay in seating a Senator due to a contested election, sometimes necessitated using later versions of the publications. Party strength in each Congress reflects numbers found in the Secretary's lists and the *Congressional Directory*. Different versions of the Secretary's list and the *Congressional Directory*, or the use of alternate sources or methodologies, could yield different results.

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Introduction

The party ratio in the Senate standing committees is the proportional number of members of each party caucus assigned to each committee. Determining sizes, ratios, and committee assignments are among the first actions taken after a general election and at the beginning of a Congress.

The standing rules of the Senate are silent on the subject of committee party ratios; the apportionment of committee seats results from discussions beginning in the early organization period between majority and minority party leadership.¹ In general, the result of these discussions has been to apportion total committee seats to the majority and minority parties in a manner that corresponds to the party strength in the full chamber. A finding of this report indicates that the majority party ratios on committees roughly approximate the majority party strength in the Senate chamber, regardless of which party has been in control.

This report shows Senate committee party ratios for 22 Congresses, covering the period of the 98th Congress (1983-1985) through the beginning of the 119th Congress (2025-2027). In addition to the standing committees, data on permanent select committees with legislative jurisdiction are also included. An additional table (**Table 1**) provides a comparison of majority party strength in the Senate chamber and total committee seats.

Sources and Method

The data presented in this report are drawn from the official committee assignment lists issued by the Secretary of the Senate, after assignments were made in each Congress.² Data for the 107th Congress reflect committee ratios established after the Senate reorganization in June 2001 as a result of the end of a power-sharing agreement.³ For the 99th through 116th Congresses, data on overall party strength in the Senate for each Congress were taken from the same lists,⁴ and data for the 117th through 119th Congresses were taken from the Senate website.⁵ Overall party strength data for the 98th Congress were taken from the *Congressional Directory*. The data in this

¹ Committee sizes appear in Senate Rule XXV, but party leaders regularly negotiate other committee sizes as well as party ratios.

² Data are generally taken from the first official list prepared as a Senate publication, excluding lists marked “interim” or “preliminary,” which may be incomplete, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate. There were some anomalies during the period examined in this report. For example, most of the lists were issued in the spring of the first session of each Congress. In the 99th Congress, all the Secretary’s lists were marked preliminary for the entire Congress. The dates of the publications are footnoted for each table. As will be noted, the 107th Congress was an exception due to the unusual circumstances of the equally divided Senate (see footnote 3). The 111th Congress was also an exception due to a contested election, which resulted in delaying for months the seating of one Senator.

³ At the beginning of the 107th Congress, the Senate was divided equally between Republicans and Democrats. As a result, Democrats chaired all committees for the first 17 days of the session, and Republicans assumed the committee chairmanships following the inauguration of Vice President Richard Cheney. A power-sharing agreement, S.Res. 8, was presented by party leaders and agreed to on January 5, 2001. In June 2001, after one Republican announced his intention to become an Independent, and switch party caucuses, the Republicans were reduced to 49 seats and the Democrats, with 50 seats, gained control of the Senate. A provision of S.Res. 120, agreed to on June 29, 2001, gave the majority a one-seat advantage on each Senate committee (except for the Ethics Committee). The resolution further provided that no Senator would lose a committee seat by virtue of the resolution. For more details, see CRS Report RL30881, *Senate Organization in the 107th Congress: Agreements Reached in a Closely Divided Senate*.

⁴ Party division data cited in the Secretary’s committees list may differ with party data published immediately following the November elections.

⁵ See U.S. Congress, Senate, “Committee Membership List,” at https://www.senate.gov/committees/membership_assignments.htm.

report are from the earliest available complete information of each Congress contained in these resources.⁶

Table 1 shows a comparison of majority party strength in the Senate chamber with total majority committee seats for the 98th Congress (1983-1985) through the 119th Congress (2025-2027). Unfilled seats on committees (if so noted in the source material) are counted in individual and overall committee totals for consistency.

Tables 2-23 show the following for each of the 22 Congresses examined, by majority, minority, and Independents (where present):

- Senate party breakdown and majority margin;
- total committee seats, majority and minority committee seats, and majority margin;
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- committee seats allocated to the majority and minority parties, including Independents (where present), for each committee; and
- majority-minority seat margin for each committee.

⁶ Anomalies and caveats are appropriately noted in table footnotes. Use of other versions of the primary documents, and the use of alternate sources or methodologies, may yield different results. For example, data from other sources or time frames reflecting the number of Senators representing a particular party may change during a Congress, due to the death or resignation of a Senator, or as a consequence of a Senator changing party affiliation, and could yield another result.

Table I. Comparison of Senate Majority Conference Members in Chamber and Committees: 98th-119th Congresses (1983-2027)

| Congress | Majority Party | Majority Conference % of Senate Chamber | Majority Conference % Total Committee Seats | % Difference of Majority Conference Between Senate Chamber and Total Committee Seats |
|-------------------|----------------|---|---|--|
| 119 th | Republican | 53.0% | 53.0% | 0.0% |
| 118 th | Democrat | 51.0% | 52.4% | 1.4% |
| 117 th | Democrat | 50.0% | 50.0% | 0.0% |
| 116 th | Republican | 53.0% | 53.2% | 0.2% |
| 115 th | Republican | 52.0% | 52.6% | 0.6% |
| 114 th | Republican | 54.0% | 54.3% | 0.3% |
| 113 th | Democrat | 54.0% | 53.5% | -0.5% |
| 112 th | Democrat | 53.0% | 53.7% | 0.7% |
| 111 th | Democrat | 60.0% | 58.3% | -1.7% |
| 110 th | Democrat | 51.0% | 52.4% | 1.4% |
| 109 th | Republican | 55.0% | 55.0% | 0.0% |
| 108 th | Republican | 51.0% | 52.4% | 1.4% |
| 107 th | Democrat | 51.0% | 52.4% | 1.4% |
| 106 th | Republican | 55.0% | 55.2% | 0.2% |
| 105 th | Republican | 55.0% | 55.2% | 0.2% |
| 104 th | Republican | 53.0% | 54.4% | 1.4% |
| 103 rd | Democrat | 56.0% | 55.8% | -0.2% |
| 102 nd | Democrat | 57.0% | 56.6% | -0.4% |
| 101 st | Democrat | 55.0% | 55.0% | 0.0% |
| 100 th | Democrat | 54.0% | 54.8% | 0.8% |
| 99 th | Republican | 53.0% | 53.8% | 0.8% |
| 98 th | Republican | 54.0% | 54.7% | 0.7% |

Source: Data presented in this table are taken from **Table 2** through **Table 23**; sources are cited for each table. Percentages are rounded. Data in this table include Independents who caucused with the majority or minority party, as noted in the tables corresponding with each Congress. The second-to-last column presents the percentage of total committee seats for the majority conference.

Table 2. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 119th Congress (2025-2027)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | Independent (I) ^a | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 53 | 45 | 2 | 6 |
| Total Committee Seats | 389 | 206 | 174 | 9 | 23 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 23 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 15 | 14 | 0 | 1 |
| Armed Services | 27 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 24 | 13 | 11 | 0 | 2 |
| Budget | 21 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 28 | 15 | 13 | 0 | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 20 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 19 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Finance | 27 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Foreign Relations | 22 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 23 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 15 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| Indian Affairs | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Judiciary | 22 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 17 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 19 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 17 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 |

Source: U.S. Senate, "Committee Membership List," accessed April 17, 2025, at https://www.senate.gov/general/committee_membership/committee_memberships_SSAF.htm. It does not reflect any subsequent changes in party ratios.

Notes: The Special Committee on Aging is the only other Senate committee to exist in the 119th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 119th Congress, it has a total of 13 committee members (7 Republicans and 6 Democrats).

- a. Senators who caucused with the minority (Democrats): Senator Bernard Sanders, an Independent, and Senator Angus King, an Independent. Margins are calculated by adding these Senators' seats to the minority seats.

Table 3. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 118th Congress (2023-2025)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | Independent (I) ^a | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 48 | 49 | 3 | 2 |
| Total Committee Seats | 380 | 186 | 181 | 13 | 18 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 23 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 15 | 14 | 0 | 1 |
| Armed Services | 25 | 12 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 23 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| Budget | 21 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 27 | 13 | 13 | 1 | 1 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 19 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Environment and Public Works | 19 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Finance | 27 | 14 | 13 | 0 | 1 |
| Foreign Relations | 21 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 21 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 15 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Indian Affairs | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Judiciary | 21 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| Rules and Administration | 17 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 19 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 17 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 |

Source: U.S. Senate, "Committee Membership List," accessed April 7, 2023, at https://www.senate.gov/general/committee_membership/committee_memberships_SSAF.htm. It does not reflect any subsequent changes in party ratios.

Notes: The Special Committee on Aging is the only other Senate committee to exist in the 118th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 118th Congress, it has a total of 13 committee members (7 Democrats and 6 Republicans).

- a. Senators who caucused with the majority (Democrats): Senator Bernard Sanders, an Independent, Senator Angus King, an Independent, and Senator Kyrsten Sinema, an Independent. Margins are calculated by adding these Senators' seats to the majority seats.

Table 4. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 117th Congress (2021-2023)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | Independent (I) ^a | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 48 | 50 | 2 | 0 |
| Total Committee Seats | 390 | 186 | 195 | 9 | 0 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 22 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Appropriations | 30 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Armed Services | 26 | 12 | 13 | 1 | 0 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 24 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Budget | 22 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 28 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 20 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Environment and Public Works | 20 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Finance | 28 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Foreign Relations | 22 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 22 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 14 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Indian Affairs | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Judiciary | 22 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Rules and Administration | 18 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 20 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 18 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 16 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 0 |

Source: U.S. Senate, "Membership and Assignments," accessed April 8, 2021, at https://www.senate.gov/committees/membership_assignments.htm. It does not reflect any subsequent changes in party ratios.

Notes: The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 117th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 117th Congress, it had a total of 14 committee members (7 Democrats and 7 Republicans).

- a. Senators who caucused with the majority (Democrats): Senator Bernard Sanders, an Independent, and Senator Angus King, an Independent. Margins are calculated by adding these Senators' seats to the majority seats.

Table 5. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 116th Congress (2019-2021)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | Independent (I) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 53 | 45 | 2 | 6 |
| Total Committee Seats | 389 | 207 | 173 | 9 | 25 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 20 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| Appropriations | 31 | 16 | 15 | 0 | 1 |
| Armed Services | 27 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 25 | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1 |
| Budget | 21 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 26 | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 20 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 21 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Finance | 28 | 15 | 13 | 0 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 22 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 23 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 |
| Indian Affairs | 13 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Judiciary | 22 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 19 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 17 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Julie E. Adams, Secretary of the Senate, by John J. Merlino, Legislative Clerk, March 18, 2019 (Washington: GPO, 2019), S.Pub. 116-2. It does not reflect any subsequent changes in party ratios.

Notes: Senators who caucused with the minority (Democrats): Senator Bernard Sanders, an Independent, and Senator Angus King, an Independent. Margins are calculated by adding these Senators' seats to the minority seats.

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 116th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 116th Congress, it had a total of 15 committee members (8 Republicans and 7 Democrats).

Table 6. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 115th Congress (2017-2019)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | Independent (I) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 52 | 46 | 2 | 4 |
| Total Committee Seats | 390 | 205 | 175 | 10 | 20 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 21 | 11 | 10 | | 1 |
| Appropriations | 31 | 16 | 15 | | 1 |
| Armed Services | 27 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 23 | 12 | 11 | | 1 |
| Budget | 23 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 27 | 14 | 13 | | 1 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 23 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Environment and Public Works | 21 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Finance | 26 | 14 | 12 | | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 21 | 11 | 10 | | 1 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 23 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 15 | 8 | 7 | | 1 |
| Indian Affairs | 15 | 8 | 7 | | 1 |
| Judiciary | 20 | 11 | 9 | | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 19 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Julie E. Adams, Secretary of the Senate, by John J. Merlino, Legislative Clerk, April 4, 2017 (Washington: GPO, 2017), S.Pub. 115-4. It does not reflect any subsequent changes in party ratios.

Notes: Senators who caucused with the minority (Democrats): Senator Bernard Sanders, an Independent, and Senator Angus King, an Independent. Margins are calculated by adding these Senators' seats to the minority seats.

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 115th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 115th Congress, it had a total of 17 committee members (9 Republicans and 8 Democrats).

Table 7. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 114th Congress (2015-2017)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | Independent (I) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 54 | 44 | 2 | 8 |
| Total Committee Seats | 376 | 204 | 162 | 10 | 32 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 20 | 11 | 9 | | 2 |
| Appropriations | 30 | 16 | 14 | | 2 |
| Armed Services | 26 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 22 | 12 | 10 | | 2 |
| Budget | 22 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 24 | 13 | 11 | | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 22 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 20 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Finance | 26 | 14 | 12 | | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 22 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 16 | 9 | 7 | | 2 |
| Indian Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | | 2 |
| Judiciary | 20 | 11 | 9 | | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 18 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Julie E. Adams, Secretary of the Senate, by John J. Merlino, Legislative Clerk, May 13, 2015 (Washington: GPO, 2015), S.Pub. 114-5.

Notes: Senators who caucused with the minority (Democrats): Senator Bernard Sanders, an Independent, and Senator Angus King, an Independent. Margins are calculated by adding these Senators' seats to the minority seats.

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 114th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 114th Congress, it had a total of 20 committee members (11 Republicans and 9 Democrats).

Table 8. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 113th Congress (2013-2015)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | Independent (I) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 52 | 46 | 2 | 8 |
| Total Committee Seats | 367 | 192 | 166 | 9 | 35 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 20 | 11 | 9 | | 2 |
| Appropriations | 30 | 16 | 14 | | 2 |
| Armed Services | 26 | 13 | 12 | 1 | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 22 | 12 | 10 | | 2 |
| Budget | 22 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 2 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 24 | 13 | 11 | | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 22 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 18 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Finance | 24 | 13 | 11 | | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 18 | 10 | 8 | | 2 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 22 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 2 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 16 | 9 | 7 | | 2 |
| Indian Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | | 2 |
| Judiciary | 18 | 10 | 8 | | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 18 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 18 | 10 | 8 | | 2 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 14 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate, by Kathleen Alvarez Tritak, Legislative Clerk, January 30, 2014 (Washington: GPO, 2014), S.Pub. 113-14.

Notes: Senators who caucused with the majority (Democrats): Senator Bernard Sanders, an Independent, and Senator Angus King, an Independent. Margins are calculated by adding these Senators' seats to the majority seats.

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 113th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 113th Congress, it had a total of 20 committee members (11 Democrats and 9 Republicans).

Table 9. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 112th Congress (2011-2013)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | Indp.- Dem. | Indp. | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 51 | 47 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Total Committee Seats | 374 | 193 | 173 | 3 | 5 | 28 |
| Committees | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 21 | 11 | 10 | | | 1 |
| Appropriations | 30 | 16 | 14 | | | 2 |
| Armed Services | 26 | 13 | 12 | 1 | | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 22 | 12 | 10 | | | 2 |
| Budget | 23 | 11 | 11 | | 1 | 1 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 25 | 13 | 12 | | | 1 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 22 | 11 | 10 | | 1 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 18 | 9 | 8 | | 1 | 2 |
| Finance | 24 | 13 | 11 | | | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 19 | 10 | 9 | | | 1 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 22 | 11 | 10 | | 1 | 2 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 17 | 8 | 8 | 1 | | 1 |
| Indian Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | | | 2 |
| Judiciary | 18 | 10 | 8 | | | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 18 | 10 | 8 | | | 2 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 9 | 9 | 1 | | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 15 | 7 | 7 | | 1 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | | | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 7 | | | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Twelfth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate, by Kathleen Alvarez Tritak, Legislative Clerk, April 8, 2011 (Washington: GPO, 2011), S.Pub. 112-6.

Notes: Senators who caucused with the majority (Democrats): Senator Joseph Lieberman, an Independent-Democrat, and Senator Bernard Sanders, an Independent. Margins are calculated by adding these Senators' seats to the majority seats.

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 112th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 112th Congress, it had a total of 21 committee members (11 Democrats and 10 Republicans).

Table 10. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 111th Congress (2009-2011)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | Indp.- Dem. | Indp. | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 58 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| Total Committee Seats | 379 | 213 | 158 | 3 | 5 | 63 |
| Committees | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 21 | 12 | 9 | | | 3 |
| Appropriations | 30 | 18 | 12 | | | 6 |
| Armed Services | 26 | 14 | 11 | 1 | | 4 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 23 | 13 | 10 | | | 3 |
| Budget | 23 | 12 | 10 | | 1 | 3 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 25 | 14 | 11 | | | 3 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 23 | 12 | 10 | | 1 | 3 |
| Environment and Public Works | 19 | 11 | 7 | | 1 | 5 |
| Finance | 23 | 13 | 10 | | | 3 |
| Foreign Relations | 19 | 11 | 8 | | | 3 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 23 | 12 | 10 | | 1 | 3 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 17 | 9 | 7 | 1 | | 3 |
| Indian Affairs | 15 | 9 | 6 | | | 3 |
| Judiciary | 19 | 12 | 7 | | | 5 |
| Rules and Administration | 19 | 11 | 8 | | | 3 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 10 | 8 | 1 | | 3 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 15 | 9 | 5 | | 1 | 5 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | | | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 14 | 8 | 6 | | | 2 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate, by Kathleen Alvarez Tritak, Legislative Clerk, October 19, 2009 (Washington: GPO, 2009), S.Pub. 111-13. (An earlier version dated June 3, 2009 (S.Pub. 111-9), listed 99 Senators while the result of the Minnesota election was not yet resolved.)

Notes: Data in this table reflect the results of a contested election. After the June 30, 2009, Minnesota State Supreme Court ruling, Senator Al Franken was sworn into office on July 7, 2009. Senator Arlen Specter changed his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat on April 30, 2009. Senator Scott Brown was elected to the Senate in a January 19, 2010, special election, and was sworn into office on February 4, 2010. After that election, the party division changed to 57 (Democrats) and 41 (Republicans). Senators who caucused with the majority (Democrats): Senator Joseph Lieberman, an Independent-Democrat, and Senator Bernard Sanders, an Independent. Margins are calculated by adding these Senators' seats to the majority seats.

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 111th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 111th Congress, it had a total of 21 committee members (13 Democrats and 8 Republicans).

Table 11. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 110th Congress (2007-2009)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | Indp.- Dem. | Indp. | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 49 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Total Committee Seats | 372 | 186 | 177 | 4 | 5 | 18 |
| Committees | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 21 | 11 | 10 | | | 1 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 15 | 14 | | | 1 |
| Armed Services | 25 | 12 | 12 | 1 | | 1 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 21 | 11 | 10 | | | 1 |
| Budget | 23 | 11 | 11 | | 1 | 1 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 23 | 12 | 11 | | | 1 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 23 | 11 | 11 | | 1 | 1 |
| Environment and Public Works | 19 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Finance | 21 | 11 | 10 | | | 1 |
| Foreign Relations | 21 | 11 | 10 | | | 1 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 21 | 10 | 10 | | 1 | 1 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 17 | 8 | 8 | 1 | | 1 |
| Indian Affairs | 15 | 8 | 7 | | | 1 |
| Judiciary | 19 | 10 | 9 | | | 1 |
| Rules and Administration | 19 | 10 | 9 | | | 1 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 9 | 9 | 1 | | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 15 | 7 | 7 | | 1 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | | | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 7 | | | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Tenth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate, by David J. Tinsley, Legislative Clerk, April 2, 2007 (Washington: GPO, 2007), S.Pub. 110-5.

Note: Independent Members caucused with the majority (Democrats): Senator Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut was reelected in 2006 as an Independent, and became an Independent-Democrat. Senator Bernard Sanders of Vermont was elected as an Independent.

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 110th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 110th Congress, it had a total of 21 committee members (11 Democrats and 10 Republicans).

Table 12. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 109th Congress (2005-2007)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | Indp. | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 55 | 44 | 1 | 10 |
| Total Committee Seats | 353 | 194 | 155 | 4 | 35 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 20 | 11 | 9 | | 2 |
| Appropriations | 28 | 15 | 13 | | 2 |
| Armed Services | 24 | 13 | 11 | | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 20 | 11 | 9 | | 2 |
| Budget | 22 | 12 | 10 | | 2 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 22 | 12 | 10 | | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 22 | 12 | 10 | | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 18 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Finance | 20 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 18 | 10 | 8 | | 2 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 20 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | 16 | 9 | 7 | | 2 |
| Indian Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | | 2 |
| Judiciary | 18 | 10 | 8 | | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 18 | 10 | 8 | | 2 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 18 | 10 | 8 | | 2 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 7 | | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Ninth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Emily J. Reynolds, Secretary of the Senate, by David J. Tinsley, Legislative Clerk, April 25, 2005 (Washington: GPO, 2005), S.Pub. 109-10.

Note: Senator James M. Jeffords, an Independent, caucused with the minority (Democrats).

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 109th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 109th Congress, it had a total of 20 committee members (11 Republicans and 9 Democrats).

Table 13. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 108th Congress (2003-2005)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | Indp. | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 51 | 48 | 1 | 2 |
| Total Committee Seats | 372 | 195 | 173 | 4 | 18 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 21 | 11 | 10 | | 1 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 15 | 14 | | 1 |
| Armed Services | 25 | 13 | 12 | | 1 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 21 | 11 | 10 | | 1 |
| Budget | 23 | 12 | 11 | | 1 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 23 | 12 | 11 | | 1 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 23 | 12 | 11 | | 1 |
| Environment and Public Works | 19 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Finance | 21 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Foreign Relations | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Governmental Affairs | 17 | 9 | 8 | | 1 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 21 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Indian Affairs | 15 | 8 | 7 | | 1 |
| Judiciary | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Rules and Administration | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 17 | 9 | 8 | | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Eighth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Emily J. Reynolds, Secretary of the Senate, by David J. Tinsley, Legislative Clerk, March 31, 2003 (Washington: GPO, 2003), S.Pub. 108-5.

Note: Senator James M. Jeffords, an Independent, caucused with the minority (Democrats).

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 108th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 108th Congress, it had a total of 21 committee members (11 Republicans and 10 Democrats).

Table 14. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 107th Congress (2001-2003)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|---|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | Indp. | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 50 | 49 | 1 | 2 |
| Total Committee Seats | 372 | 191 | 177 | 4 | 18 |
| Committees | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 21 | 11 | 10 | | 1 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 15 | 14 | | 1 |
| Armed Services | 25 | 13 | 12 | | 1 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 21 | 11 | 10 | | 1 |
| Budget | 23 | 12 | 11 | | 1 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 23 | 12 | 11 | | 1 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 23 | 12 | 11 | | 1 |
| Environment and Public Works | 19 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Finance | 21 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Foreign Relations | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Governmental Affairs | 17 | 9 | 8 | | 1 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 21 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Indian Affairs | 15 | 8 | 7 | | 1 |
| Judiciary | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Rules and Administration | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | 19 | 10 | 9 | | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 15 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 17 | 9 | 8 | | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Seventh Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Jeri Thomson, Secretary of the Senate, by David J. Tinsley, Legislative Clerk, November 29, 2001 (Washington: GPO, 2001), S.Pub. 107-21.

Notes: This table reflects data compiled after S.Res. 120, agreed to on June 29, 2001, gave the majority a one-seat advantage on every committee of the Senate (except for Ethics) and provided that no Senator would lose a committee seat by virtue of the resolution. At the beginning of the 107th Congress, the Senate was divided equally between Republicans and Democrats. Democrats chaired all committees for the first 17 days of the session, and Republicans assumed the committee chairmanships following the inauguration of Vice President Richard Cheney, whose ability to break tie votes made it possible for Republicans to organize the Senate. S.Res. 8, a power-sharing agreement, was agreed to on January 5, 2001. Senator James M. Jeffords changed party affiliation from Republican to Independent and caucused with Democrats effective June 6, 2001; Republicans then held 49 seats and the Democrats, with 50 seats, gained control of the Senate.

The Special Committee on Aging was the only other Senate committee to exist in the 107th Congress (exclusive of Senate assignments to joint committees). It has existed as a permanent committee since 1977. In the 107th Congress, it had a total of 21 committee members (11 Democrats and 10 Republicans).

Table 15. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 106th Congress (1999-2001)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 55 | 45 | 10 |
| Total Committee Seats | 339 | 187 | 152 | 35 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Appropriations | 28 | 15 | 13 | 2 |
| Armed Services | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Budget | 22 | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Finance | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Governmental Affairs | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Indian Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Judiciary | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Small Business | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Sixth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Gary Sisco, Secretary of the Senate, by David J. Tinsley, Legislative Clerk, March 29, 1999 (Washington: GPO, 1999), S.Pub. 106-3.

Table 16. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 105th Congress (1997-1999)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 55 | 45 | 10 |
| Total Committee Seats | 337 | 186 | 151 | 35 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Appropriations | 28 | 15 | 13 | 2 |
| Armed Services | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Budget | 22 | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Finance | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Governmental Affairs | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Labor and Human Resources | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Indian Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Judiciary | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Small Business | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Fifth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Gary Sisco, Secretary of the Senate, by R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk, February 14, 1997 (Washington: GPO, 1997), S.Pub. 105-6. (An interim list was published dated January 9, 1997, S.Pub. 3.)

Table 17. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 104th Congress (1995-1997)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 53 | 47 | 6 |
| Total Committee Seats | 331 | 180 | 151 | 29 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Appropriations | 28 | 15 | 13 | 2 |
| Armed Services | 21 | 11 | 10 | 1 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Budget | 22 | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Finance | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Governmental Affairs | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Labor and Human Resources | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Indian Affairs | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Judiciary | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Small Business | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Fourth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Sheila P. Burke, Secretary of the Senate, by R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk, February 27, 1995 (Washington: GPO, 1995), S.Pub. 104-6. (An incomplete interim list was published on January 25, 1995, S.Pub. 104-3.)

Note: Data reflect Senator Richard Shelby's party affiliation change from Democrat to Republican, a few days after the 1994 election, on November 9, 1994. Data do not reflect Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell's party affiliation change from Democrat to Republican on March 3, 1995, because it occurred after the February 27, 1995, publication was issued.

Table 18. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 103rd Congress (1993-1995)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 56 | 44 | 12 |
| Total Committee Seats | 346 | 193 | 153 | 40 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 16 | 13 | 3 |
| Armed Services | 22 | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 19 | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Budget | 21 | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 17 | 10 | 7 | 3 |
| Finance | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Governmental Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Labor and Human Resources | 17 | 10 | 7 | 3 |
| Indian Affairs | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Judiciary | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Small Business | 22 | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |

Source: *The Senate of the United States Committees and Subcommittees Assignments for the One Hundred Third Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Walter J. Stewart, Secretary of the Senate, by R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk, November 22, 1993 (Washington: GPO, 1993), S.Pub. 103-10. (Prior to this list, there were three interim committee lists: S.Pub. 103-1 (February 19, 1993), S.Pub. 103-3 (March 24, 1993), and S.Pub. 103-7 (July 20, 1993).)

Note: In 1984, the Select Committee on Indian Affairs became a permanent committee (S.Res. 127). Later, in 1993, the Select Committee on Indian Affairs was redesignated as the Committee on Indian Affairs (S.Res. 71).

Table 19. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 102nd Congress (1991-1993)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 57 | 43 | 14 |
| Total Committee Seats | 332 | 188 | 144 | 44 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 16 | 13 | 3 |
| Armed Services | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 21 | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| Budget | 21 | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 17 | 10 | 7 | 3 |
| Finance | 19 | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Foreign Relations | 19 | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Governmental Affairs | 13 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| Labor and Human Resources | 17 | 10 | 7 | 3 |
| Judiciary | 14 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Small Business | 19 | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Indian Affairs | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |

Source: *List of Standing Committees and Subcommittees and Select and Special Committees and Committee Assignments and list of Senators by State of the Senate of the United States Together with Certain Joint Committees of the Congress for the One Hundred Second Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Walter J. Stewart, Secretary of the Senate, by Barry J. Wolk, Director of Senate Printing Services, September 23, 1991 (Washington: GPO, 1991), S.Pub. 102-9. (Two interim lists were issued: S.Pub. 102-3 (March 25, 1991) and S.Pub. 102-7 (June 21, 1991).)

Table 20. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 101st Congress (1989-1991)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 55 | 45 | 10 |
| Total Committee Seats | 327 | 180 | 147 | 33 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 16 | 13 | 3 |
| Armed Services | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 21 | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| Budget | 23 | 13 | 10 | 3 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Environment and Public Works | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Finance | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Governmental Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Labor and Human Resources | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Judiciary | 14 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Small Business | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 11 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Indian Affairs | 10 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |

Source: *List of Standing Committees and Subcommittees and Subcommittees and Select and Special Committees and Committee Assignments and List of Senators by State of the Senate of the United States Together with Certain Joint Committees of the One Hundred First Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Walter J. Stewart, Secretary of the Senate, by Barry J. Wolk, Director of Senate Printing Services, May 19, 1989 (Washington: GPO, 1989), S.Pub. 101-1. (An interim list was issued, S.Pub. 101-1 (March 15, 1989).)

Table 21. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 100th Congress (1987-1989)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (D) | Minority (R) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 54 | 46 | 8 |
| Total Committee Seats | 325 | 178 | 147 | 31 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 16 | 13 | 3 |
| Armed Services | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Budget | 24 | 13 | 11 | 2 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Environment and Public Works | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Finance | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Governmental Affairs | 14 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Labor and Human Resources | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Judiciary | 14 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Small Business | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 11 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Indian Affairs | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |

Source: *List of Standing Committees and Subcommittees and Subcommittees and Select and Special Committees and Committee Assignments and List of Senators by State of the Senate of the United States Together with Certain Joint Committees of the One Hundredth Congress*, Prepared Under the Direction of Walter J. Stewart, Secretary of the Senate, by Barry J. Wolk, Director of Senate Printing Services, July 1, 1987 (Washington: GPO, 1987), S.Pub. 100-1.

Table 22. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 99th Congress (1985-1987)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 53 | 47 | 6 |
| Total Committee Seats | 312 | 168 | 144 | 24 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 15 | 14 | 1 |
| Armed Services | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Budget | 22 | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Finance | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Governmental Affairs | 13 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| Labor and Human Resources | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Judiciary | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Small Business | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Indian Affairs | 9 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |

Source: *List of Standing Committees and Select and Special Committees and Committee Assignments and List of Senators by State of the Senate of the United States Together with Certain Joint Committees of the Congress for the Ninety-Ninth Congress* (Preliminary), Prepared Under the Direction of Jo-Anne L. Coe, Secretary of the Senate, by Barry J. Volk, Director of Senate Printing Services, April 1, 1985 (Washington: GPO, 1985), S.Pub. 99-2. (All the Secretary of the Senate committee lists in this Congress were marked preliminary. Later preliminary versions were S.Pub. 99-6 (May 1, 1985), S.Pub. 99-9 (October 1, 1985), and S.Pub. 99-15 (August 1, 1986).)

Table 23. Senate Committee Party Ratios: 98th Congress (1983-1985)

| | Distribution of Seats | | | Majority-Minority Conference Seat Margin |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Total | Majority (R) | Minority (D) | |
| Total Senators | 100 | 54 | 46 | 8 |
| Total Committee Seats | 320 | 175 | 145 | 30 |
| Committees | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Appropriations | 29 | 15 | 14 | 1 |
| Armed Services | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Budget | 22 | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Energy and Natural Resources | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Environment and Public Works | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Finance | 20 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Foreign Relations | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Governmental Affairs | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Judiciary | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Labor and Human Resources | 18 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Rules and Administration | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Small Business | 19 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Veterans' Affairs | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Select Committee on Ethics | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Select Committee on Indian Affairs | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |

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