

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture

- **The jurisdiction of this committee surrounds the following: adulteration of seeds, pests, protection of birds and animals in forest reserves; agricultural economics and research; agricultural education; animal industry and disease or animals; crop insurance and soil conservation; dairy industry; meat products, seafood, and seafood products**

Committee on Agriculture

- **There are 5 subcommittees:
Conservation, Credit, Rural
Development and Research; General
Farm Commodities and Risk
Management; Specialty Crops and
Foreign Agriculture Programs;
Department Operations, Oversight,
Nutrition and Forestry; Livestock
and Agriculture**

Committee on Appropriations

- **One of the most powerful committees in Congress**
- **Sole responsibility is for drafting legislation that allocates federal government discretionary spending.**

Budget Committee

- **3 Basic Duties:**
- **1. Report 2 concurrent resolutions on the budget each year**
- **2. Make macro-impact reports of proposed existing programs**
- **3. Oversee the operations of the Congressional Budget Office**

Committee on Energy and Commerce

- **Considered one of the most important committees in the House**
- **Responsibilities of the committee: regulation of both interstate and foreign commerce, customs collection, ports of entry, regulations and appropriations of navigable waters and their works, establishment of public health and prevention of infectious disease**

Committee on Financial Services

- **Financial services oversees the entire financial services industry: banking, housing, insurance, and securities**
- **The committee also has jurisdiction over the Federal Reserve, Department of Treasury, the Securities and Exchanges Commission (SEC), and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency**

House Administration

- **This committee is responsible for the following: Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution, Franking Commission, Sergeant at Arms**
- **House staffing, office space assignments**
- **Also work on federal elections**

Judiciary Committee

- **This committee deals with the impeachment of a President**
- **There are 9 categories of responsibility:**
 - **1. Judicial Proceedings**
 - **2. Patent and Trademark office**
 - **3. Commercial law, bankruptcy, monopolies**
 - **4. Administrative practice and procedure**

Judiciary Committee

- **5. Civil Rights**
- **6. Constitutional Amendments**
- **7. Immigration and Naturalization**
- **8. Claims against the United States**
- **9. Federal Criminal Law (drug enforcement, sentencing, prisons, terrorism, and internal security)**

Committee on Natural Resources

- **Legislation deals with Natural Resources**
- **5 Subcommittees:**
 - **Energy and Mineral Resources**
 - **Fisheries, Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans**
 - **Forest and Forest Health**
 - **National Parks Recreation and Public Land**
 - **Water and Power**

Committee on Rules

- **Responsibility is to regulate the flow of the floor**
- **Most power House committee because this committee decides on the rules of debate for a bill**

Committee on Rules

- **King of the Hill rule: allows the consideration of many amendments offered with the main bill. Only the main bill needs to be passed**
- **Queen of the Hill rule: a number of substitute amendments are offered, but the amendment receiving the most votes is the amendment reported**

Small Business Committee

- **This committee has no legislative authority. They are to help and study small businesses in the United States**

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

- **This committee deals with misconduct of committees and representatives**
- **This group enforces the code of conduct of the House**

Committee on Transportation **and Infrastructure**

- **The responsibility of this committee includes: Coast Guard; emergency management; flood control; rivers and harbor improvement; inland waterways; Merchant Marine; Navigation; Construction and maintenance of roads; construction of post offices, customhouses, and courthouses; pollution of navigable waters; bridges and dams; transportation, aviation, railroads, and highways**

Ways and Means Committee

- **This committee is responsible for the finance and operation of the federal government.**
- **Ways and Means focus' on the minute details of the federal tax code. They write and amend legislation governing personal and corporate income tax**

Joint Economic Committee **(JEC)**

- **The JEC along with the Joint Taxation Committee report to Congress's other budget committees at the beginning of the annual budget cycle**
- **They are to analyze and project based on the Presidents budget proposal**

Committees of the PA House

- **Aging and Older Adult Services**
- **Agriculture and Rural Affairs**
- **Appropriations**
- **Children and Youth**
- **Commerce**
- **Committee on Committees**
- **Ethics**
- **Consumer Affairs**
- **Education**
- **Environmental Resources and Energy**
- **Finance**
- **Game and Fisheries**
- **Gaming Oversight**

Committees of the PA House

- **Health**
- **Human Services**
- **Insurance**
- **Judiciary**
- **Labor and Industry**
- **Liquor Control**
- **Local Government**
- **Professional Licensure**
- **Rules**
- **State Government**
- **Tourism and Recreational Development**
- **Transportation**
- **Urban Affairs**
- **Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness**