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Committee Leadership in the 120th Congress

Democrats secured control of both the House and Senate in the 2026 midterm elections in a “blue wave” that will set the stage for a major shake-up in congressional committee leadership. Here's a look at the potential committee Chairs and Ranking Members for the 120th Congress.



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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Agriculture Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
CHAIRMAN GT THOMPSON



Current Chair



Rep. Glenn Thompson
(R-PA-15)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Jim Costa
(D-CA-21)

OR



Rep. Shontel Brown
(D-OH-11)

OR



Rep. Don Davis
(D-NC-01)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Angie Craig
(D-MN-02)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Glenn Thompson
(R-PA-15)

OR



Rep. Austin Scott
(R-GA-08)

The Democratic chairmanship will come down to Reps. Costa, Brown, and Davis. Rep. Angie Craig is retiring. Thompson is seeking a term-limit waiver to remain as the lead Republican, though his selection has not yet been confirmed. Rep. Scott is the second-most senior member of the committee.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Appropriations Committee

APPROPRIATIONS
CHAIRMAN TOM COLE



Current Chair



Rep. Tom Cole
(R-OK-04)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Rosa DeLauro
(D-CT-03)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Rosa DeLauro
(D-CT-03)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Tom Cole
(R-OK-04)

No public contestation.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Armed Services Committee

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Current Chair



Rep. Mike Rogers
(R-AL-03)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Adam Smith
(D-WA-09)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Adam Smith
(D-WA-09)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Mike Rogers
(R-AL-03)

OR



Rep. Trent Kelly
(R-MS-01)

OR



Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX-13)

Rep. Mike Rogers is seeking a term-limit waiver to remain as the lead Republican. Reps. Kelly and Jackson have also announced their bid for Ranking Member.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Budget Committee

CHAIR JODEY ARRINGTON
HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE



Current Chair



Rep. Jodey Arrington
(R-TX-19)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Brendan Boyle
(D-PA-02)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Brendan Boyle
(D-PA-02)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Lloyd Smucker
(R-PA-11)

OR



Rep. Blake Moore
(R-UT-02)

Rep. Jodey Arrington is retiring. Reps. Smucker and Moore are potential candidates based on committee seniority and have expressed interest.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Education and Workforce Committee

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & WORKFORCE
CHAIRMAN TIM WALBERG

Current Chair



Rep. Tim Walberg
(R-MI-05)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Bobby Scott
(D-VA-03)

OR



Rep. Jahana Hayes
(D-CT-05)

OR



Rep. Suzanne Bonamici
(D-OR-01)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Bobby Scott
(D-VA-03)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Tim Walberg
(R-MI-05)

Reps. Scott, Hayes, and Bonamici are in a confirmed three-way Democratic leadership contest. Walberg is expected to remain the Republican ranking member.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Energy and Commerce Committee

ENERGY & COMMERCE
CHAIRMAN BRETT GUTHRIE



Current Chair



Rep. Brett Guthrie
(R-KY-02)

Incoming Chair



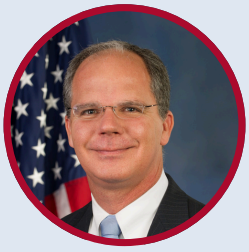
Rep. Frank Pallone Jr.
(D-NJ-06)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Frank Pallone Jr.
(D-NJ-06)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Brett Guthrie
(R-KY-02)

No public contestation.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Ethics Committee

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS



Current Chair



Rep. Michael Guest
(R-MS-03)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Mark DeSaulnier
(D-CA-10)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Mark DeSaulnier
(D-CA-10)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Michael Guest
(R-MS-03)

No public contestation.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Financial Services Committee

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES



Current Chair



Rep. French Hill (R-AR-02)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA-43)

OR



Rep. Sean Casten (D-IL-06)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA-43)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. French Hill (R-AR-02)

Rep. Casten has announced he will challenge Rep. Waters for the lead Democrat position.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Foreign Affairs Committee



Current Chair



Rep. Brian J. Mast
(R-FL-21)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Gregory W. Meeks
(D-NY-05)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Gregory W. Meeks
(D-NY-05)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Brian J. Mast
(R-FL-21)

No public contestation.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Homeland Security Committee

Current Chair



Rep. Andrew Garbarino
(R-NY-02)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Bennie Thompson
(D-MS-02)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Bennie Thompson
(D-MS-02)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Andrew Garbarino
(R-NY-02)

No public contestation.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Judiciary Committee

Current Chair



Rep. Jim Jordan
(R-OH-04)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Jamie Raskin
(D-MD-08)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Jamie Raskin
(D-MD-08)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Scott Fitzgerald
(R-WI-05)

OR



Rep. Laurel Lee
(R-FL-15)

Reps. Fitzgerald and Lee have both announced they will seek the lead Republican position.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Committee on Natural Resources

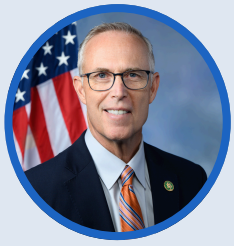
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAIRMAN BRUCE WESTERMAN

Current Chair



Rep. Bruce Westerman
(R-AK- 04)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Jared Huffman
(R-CA-02)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Jared Huffman
(R-CA-02)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Bruce Westerman
(R-AK- 04)

OR



Rep. Pete Stauber
(R-MN-08)

Rep. Westerman may seek a term-limit waiver to remain as the lead Republican. If unsuccessful, Rep. Stauber has expressed interest in the position.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

Current Chair



Rep. James Comer
(R-KY-01)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Robert Garcia
(D-CA-42)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Robert Garcia
(D-CA-42)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Brandon Gill
(R-TX-26)

OR



Rep. Pat Fallon
(R-TX-04)

Rep. Comer will not seek a term-limit waiver. Reps. Gill and Fallon have announced that they will seek the top Republican position.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Rules Committee



Current Chair



Rep. Virginia Foxx
(R-NC-05)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Jim McGovern
(D-MA-02)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Jim McGovern
(D-MA-02)

Incoming Ranking Member



Michelle Fischbach
(R-MN-07)

Rep. Foxx is in a close race for reelection. Should she lose, Rep. Fischback is next in line based on committee seniority.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Science, Space, and Technology Committee



Current Chair



Rep. Brian Babin
(R-TX-36)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Zoe Lofgren
(D-CA-18)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Zoe Lofgren
(D-CA-18)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Brian Babin
(R-TX-36)

No public contestation.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Small Business Committee



Current Chair



Rep. Roger Williams
(R-TX-25)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Sharice Davids
(D-KS-03)

OR



Rep. Gil Cisneros
(D-CA-31)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Nydia Velázquez
(D-NY-07)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Roger Williams
(R-TX-25)

Rep. Nydia Velazquez is retiring. Reps. Cisneros and Davids have announced that they will seek the top Democratic position.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE
SAM GRAVES, CHAIRMAN

Current Chair



Rep. Sam Graves
(R-MO-06)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Rick Larsen
(D-WA-02)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Rick Larsen
(D-WA-02)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. David Rouzer
(R-NC-07)

Rep. Sam Graves is retiring. Rep. Rouzer has expressed interest, but is in a tight reelection race. Should he lose, the incoming Ranking Member is unclear.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Veterans' Affairs Committee



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Current Chair



Rep. Mike Bost
(R-IL-12)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Mark Takano
(D-CA-41)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Mark Takano
(D-CA-41)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Jack Bergman
(R-MI-01)

Mike Bost is term-limited and will not seek a waiver. Rep. Bergman is expected to lead Republicans based on committee seniority.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

House Ways and Means Committee

Current Chair



Rep. Jason Smith
(R-MO-08)

Incoming Chair



Rep. Richard Neal
(D-MA-01)

Current Ranking Member



Rep. Richard Neal
(D-MA-01)

Incoming Ranking Member



Rep. Jason Smith
(R-MO-08)

OR



Rep. Darin LaHood
(R-IL-16)

OR



Rep. Adrian Smith
(R-NE-03)

If Rep. Jason Smith does not seek reelection following the House flip, Reps. Darin LaHood and Adrian Smith are expected to seek the top Republican spot.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee

UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE on AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, & FORESTRY
CHAIRMAN JOHN BOOZMAN

Current Chair



Sen. John Boozman
(R-AR)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Michael Bennet
(D-CO)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Amy Klobuchar
(D-MN)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. John Boozman
(R-AR)

Amy Klobuchar will no longer serve in the Senate as she was elected governor of Minnesota. Sen. Bennet will likely obtain the position as the most senior Democrat.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Committee on Appropriations

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Current Chair



Sen. Susan Collins
(R-ME)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Patty Murray
(D-WA)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Patty Murray
(D-WA)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Lisa Murkowski
(R-AK)

OR



Sen. Jerry Moran
(R-KS)

Sen. Susan Collins lost her reelection bid. Sen. Murkowski will likely win the position as the most senior Democrat. Sen. Moran has also expressed interest in the position.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Armed Services Committee

UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Current Chair



Sen. Roger Wicker
(R-MS)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Jack Reed
(D-RI)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Jack Reed
(D-RI)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Roger Wicker
(R-MS)

No public contestation.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee

UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE on BANKING, HOUSING, & URBAN AFFAIRS

Current Chair



Sen. Tim Scott
(R-SC)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Elizabeth Warren
(D-MA)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Elizabeth Warren
(D-MA)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Tim Scott
(R-SC)

No public contestation.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Budget Committee

Current Chair



Sen. Ron Johnson
(R-WI)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Tim Kaine
(D-VA)

Current Ranking Member



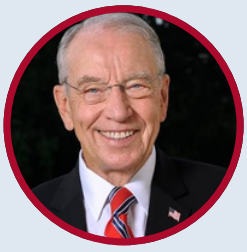
Sen. Jeff Merkley
(D-OR)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Ron Johnson
(R-WI)

OR



Sen. Chuck Grassley
(R-IA)

Sen. Merkley may vacate the Budget Committee to lead the Senate EPW Committee. If so, Sen. Kaine will assume the top Democratic position based on committee seniority. Sen. Grassley may take seniority over Johnson when his term limit on the House Judiciary Committee ends.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, & TRANSPORTATION
CHAIRMAN TED CRUZ

Current Chair



Sen. Ted Cruz
(R-TX)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Maria Cantwell
(D-WA)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Maria Cantwell
(D-WA)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Ted Cruz
(R-TX)

No public contestation.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Current Chair



Sen. Mike Lee
(R-UT)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Martin Heinrich
(D-NM)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Martin Heinrich
(D-NM)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Mike Lee
(R-UT)

OR



Sen. Dave McCormick
(R-PA)

Sen. Lee has stated that he would vacate Republican leadership on ENR to lead the Judiciary Committee. If so, Sen. McCormick would assume the top Republican leadership based on committee seniority.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

Current Chair



Sen. Shelley Moore Capito
(R-WV)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Sen. Jeff Merkley
(D-OR)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse
(D-RI)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Shelley Moore Capito
(R-WV)

If Sen. Whitehouse seeks leadership on the Judiciary Committee, Sen. Merkley would become the top Democrat based on committee seniority. However, he would need to give up his position as lead on the Budget Committee.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Finance Committee

Current Chair



Sen. Mike Crapo
(R-ID)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Ron Wyden
(D-OR)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Ron Wyden
(D-OR)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Mike Crapo
(R-ID)

No public contestation.

BRUMIDI GROUP

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Current Chair



Sen. Jim Risch
(R-ID)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Chris Coons
(D-DE)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Jeanne Shaheen
(D-NH)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Jim Risch
(R-ID)

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen is retiring. Sen. Coons is expected to assume the top Democratic position based on committee seniority.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Committee on Health Education Labor Pensions

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON
Health, Education
Labor & Pensions

Current Chair



Sen. Bill Cassidy
(R-LA)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Bernie Sanders
(D-VT)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Bernie Sanders
(D-VT)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Rand Paul
(R-KY)

OR



Sen. Josh Hawley
(R-MO)

Sen. Bill Cassidy lost his primary election. Sen. Paul is next in line based on committee seniority and will pursue leadership. Sen. Hawley would be the second most senior Republican eligible to serve.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee

Current Chair



Sen. Rand Paul
(R-KY)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Maggie Hassan
(D-NH)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Gary Peters
(D-MI)

Incoming Ranking Member



James Lankford
(R-OK)

Senator Gary Peters is retiring. Sen. Hassan will succeed him based on committee seniority. Sen. Paul intends to vacate his HSGAC leadership for Senate HELP Committee. Sen. Lankford would assume the republican position based on committee seniority.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Committee On Indian Affairs

UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Current Chair



Sen. Lisa Murkowski,
(R-AK)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Brian Schatz
(D-HI)

OR



Sen. Maria Cantwell
(D-WA)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Brian Schatz
(D-HI)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. John Hoeven
(R-ND)

Sen. Schatz may vacate committee leadership due to other leadership responsibilities. Sen. Cantwell would be next in line based on committee seniority. Sen. Murkowski announced plans to pursue leadership on the Senate Appropriations Committee. Sen. Hoeven would be next in line to lead based on committee seniority.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Judiciary Committee

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Current Chair



Sen. Chuck Grassley
(R-IA)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse
(D-RI)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Dick Durbin
(D-IL)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Mike Lee
(R-UT)

Sen. Dick Durbin is retiring. Sen. Whitehouse is expected to assume the top Democratic position based on committee seniority. Chuck Grassley is term-limited. Sen. Lee has expressed that he would renounce leadership of the ENR Committee to lead the Judiciary Committee.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Rules and Administration Committee

RULES ADMINISTRATION

Current Chair



Sen. Mitch McConnell
(R-KY)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Alex Padilla
(D-CA)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Alex Padilla
(D-CA)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Deb Fischer
(R-NE)

Senator Mitch McConnell is retiring. Senator Fischer will assume the top Republican position based on committee seniority.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Current Chair



Sen. Joni Ernst
(R-IA)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Ed Markey
(D-MA)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Ed Markey
(D-MA)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Todd Young
(R-IN)

Senator Joni Ernst is retiring. Sens. Risch, Paul, and Scott, who would be next in line, lead other committees. Senator Young would thus assume the top Republican position based on committee seniority.

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COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP OUTLOOK

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Current Chair



Sen. Jerry Moran
(R-KS)

Incoming Chair



Sen. Richard Blumenthal
(D-CT)

Current Ranking Member



Sen. Richard Blumenthal
(D-CT)

Incoming Ranking Member



Sen. Dan Sullivan
(R-AK)

OR



Sen. Kevin Cramer
(R-ND)

Sen. Moran is term-limited and is not seeking a waiver. Sen. Sullivan is next in line based on committee seniority, but is in a close race for reelection. Should he lose, Sen. Cramer would assume the top Republican position based on committee seniority.