

## Key Congressional Committees for Nurses and Healthcare Issues

Senate	House of Representatives
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<b>Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:</b> the authorizing committee with jurisdiction over all non-Medicare and non-Medicaid healthcare policy issues.	<b>Energy and Commerce Committee and its Health Subcommittee:</b> the authorizing committee with policy jurisdiction over the Medicaid program, Part B of the Medicare program, and all non-Medicare/Medicaid healthcare issues
<b>Finance Committee and its Health Subcommittee:</b> the authorizing committee with policy jurisdiction over Medicare and Medicaid.	<b>Ways and Means Committee and its Health Subcommittee:</b> the authorizing committee with policy jurisdiction over the Medicare program (shares jurisdiction over certain parts of Medicare with the House Energy & Commerce committee).

If your representative or either of your Senators sits on one of these key committees, your participation in advocacy is even more important because these members play key roles in crafting, advancing, or defeating legislative proposals of concern to NANN, NANNP, and nursing in general. To learn which committees your members of Congress serve on, visit the [House](#) or [Senate](#) websites.

### House Nursing Caucus

A House Nursing Caucus was established in January 2003 to educate Congress on the issues important to nurses and the impact nurses have on other important health care issues. Currently, Representatives Lois Capps (CA) and Steve LaTourette (OH) are the co-chairs. The Nursing Caucus has 125 members:

### Members of House Nursing Caucus

ALABAMA

MISSISSIPPI

Rep. Robert E. "Bud" Cramer (D-AL-5)

#### **ARIZONA**

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ-8)  
Rep. Raul M. Grijalva (D-AZ-7)  
Rep. Harry Mitchell (D-AZ-5)  
Rep. Rick Renzi (R-AZ-1)

#### **ARKANSAS**

Rep. Mike Ross (D-AR-4)  
Rep. Vic Snyder (D-AR-2)

#### **CALIFORNIA**

Rep. Joe Baca (D-CA-43)  
Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA-31)  
Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA-23)  
Rep. Dennis Cardoza (D-CA-18)  
Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA-53)  
Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA-14)  
Rep. Elton Gallegly (R-CA-24)  
Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA-36)  
Rep. Wally Herger (R-CA-2)  
Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-16)  
Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-5)  
Rep. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R-CA-25)  
Rep. Grace Flores Napolitano (D-CA-38)  
Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark (D-CA-13)  
Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-1)  
Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA-30)  
Rep. Lynn C. Woolsey (D-CA-6)

#### **CONNECTICUT**

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3)  
Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT-4)

#### **DELAWARE**

Rep. Michael Castle (R-DE)

#### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)

#### **FLORIDA**

Rep. Adam Putnam (R-FL-12)

#### **GEORGIA**

Rep. John Lewis (D-GA-5)  
Rep. Jim Marshall (D-GA-8)

#### **GUAM**

Del. Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU)

#### **HAWAII**

Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-HI-1)

#### **ILLINOIS**

Rep. Jerry Costello (D-IL-12)  
Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL-7)  
Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL-3)  
Rep. Janice D. Schakowsky (D-IL-9)

#### **IOWA**

Rep. Leonard L. Boswell (D-IA-3)

Rep. Charles W. "Chip" Pickering Jr. (R-MS-3)

#### **MISSOURI**

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO-5)

#### **NEBRASKA**

Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE-2)

#### **NEVADA**

Rep. Jon Porter (R-NV-3)

#### **NEW JERSEY**

Rep. Rush Holt (D-NJ-12)  
Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo (R-NJ-2)  
Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ-6)  
Rep. William Pascrell (D-NJ-8)  
Rep. Steve Rothman (D-NJ-9)

#### **NEW MEXICO**

Rep. Tom Udall (D-NM-3)

#### **NEW YORK**

Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY-17)  
Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey (D-NY-22)  
Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY-18)  
Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY-14)  
Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY-4)  
Rep. Michael McNulty (D-NY-21)  
Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY-15)

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC-2)  
Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC-7)  
Rep. Brad Miller (D-NC-13)  
Rep. David Price (D-NC-4)  
Rep. Heath Schuler (D-NC-11)

#### **NORTH DAKOTA**

Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)

#### **OHIO**

Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH-1)  
Rep. Steven LaTourette (R-OH-14)  
Rep. Timothy J. Ryan (D-OH-17)  
Rep. Betty Sutton (D-OH-13)  
Rep. Patrick Tiberi (R-OH-12)

#### **OREGON**

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-3)  
Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4)

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

Rep. Chris Carney (D-PA-10)  
Rep. Mike Doyle (D-PA-14)  
Rep. Tim Holden (D-PA-17)  
Rep. Patrick Murphy (D-PA-8)  
Rep. Todd Platts (R-PA-19)  
Rep. Allyson Schwartz (D-PA-13)  
Rep. Joe Sestak (D-PA-7)

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

Rep. Bruce Braley (D-IA-1)  
Rep. Tom Latham (R-IA-4)  
Rep. David Loebsack (D-IA-2)

#### **KANSAS**

Rep. Dennis Moore (D-KS-3)  
Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R-KS-4)

#### **KENTUCKY**

Rep. Ben Chandler (D-KY-6)  
Rep. Edward Whitfield (R-KY-1)  
Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY-3)

#### **LOUISIANA**

Rep. Rodney M. Alexander (R-LA-5)  
Rep. William Jefferson (D-LA-2)

#### **MAINE**

Rep. Tom Allen (D-ME-1)  
Rep. Mike Michaud (D-ME-2)

#### **MARYLAND**

Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD-6)  
Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD-7)  
Rep. Chris Van Hollen, Jr. (D-MD-8)

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

Rep. Michael Capuano (D-MA-8)  
Rep. Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA-9)  
Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-MA-2)  
Rep. John Olver (D-MA-1)

#### **MICHIGAN**

Rep. Dale E. Kildee (D-MI-5)  
Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI-11)  
Rep. Candice Miller (R-MI-10)  
Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI-7)

#### **MINNESOTA**

Rep. James Oberstar (D-MN-8)  
Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-MN-3)  
Rep. Tim Walz (D-MN-1)

Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI-1)  
Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI-2)

#### **TENNESSEE**

Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN-9)  
Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN-5)  
Rep. Lincoln Davis (D-TN-4)  
Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN-6)  
Rep. Zach Wamp (R-TN-3)

#### **TEXAS**

Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX-25)  
Rep. Gene Green (D-TX-29)  
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX-30)  
Rep. Nick Lampson (D-TX-22)  
Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX-16)

#### **UTAH**

Rep. Jim Matheson (D-UT-2)

#### **VERMONT**

Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT)

#### **VIRGIN ISLANDS**

Del. Donna Christian Christensen (D-VI)

#### **VIRGINIA**

Rep. Virgil Goode (R-VA-5)  
Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)  
Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA-8)

#### **WASHINGTON**

Rep. Brian Baird (D-WA-3)  
Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA-7)  
Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-9)

#### **WEST VIRGINIA**

Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV-3)

#### **WISCONSIN**

Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI-2)

#### **WYOMING**

Rep. Barbara Cubin (R-WY)