

The 111th Congress

The 111th Congress was sworn in on January 6, 2009.

Leadership in the 111th Congress

Senate:

56 Democrats

41 Republicans

2 Independents (plan to caucus with Democrats)

Senate Majority Leader: Harry Reid (D-NV)

Senate Majority Whip: Dick Durbin (D-IL)

Senate Minority Leader: Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

Senate Minority Whip: Jon Kyl (R-AZ)

House:

256 Democrats

178 Republicans

Speaker of the House: Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

House Majority Leader: Steny Hoyer (D-MD)

House Majority Whip: James Clyburn (D-NC)

House Minority Leader: John Boehner (R-OH)

House Minority Whip: Eric Cantor (R-VA)

Key Committee Chairmanships

House of Representatives

Appropriations - Chair: David Obey (D-WI)
Ranking Member: Jerry Lewis (R-CA)

Education & Labor – Chair: George Miller (D-CA)
Ranking Member: Howard McKeon (R-CA)

Energy and Commerce - Chair: Henry Waxman (D-CA)
Ranking Member: Joe Barton (R-TX)

Ways & Means - Chair: Charles Rangel (D-NY)
Ranking Member: Dave Camp (R-MI)

Senate

Appropriations -

Chair: Daniel Inouye (D-HI)
Ranking Member: Thad Cochran (R-MS)

Health, Education, Labor & Pensions –

Chair: Ted Kennedy (D-MA)
Ranking Member: Mike Enzi (R-WY)

Finance -

Chair: Max Baucus (D-MT)
Ranking Member: Charles Grassley (R-IA)

Health Professionals in Congress

There are 3 nurses in the 111th Congress House of Representatives.

- Lois Capps (D-CA)
- Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)
- Edie Bernice-Johnson (D-NY)

There are also 11 physicians, two dentists, and one pharmacist.