Congress & Nuclear Waste: Leadership

May 2015

**SENATE**

115th Congress (2017/2018) US HOUSE—Republican Party is Majority, so all committee chairs are Republican. Democrats hold “Ranking Minority” positions.

**Energy and Commerce Committee**
Chair: Greg Walden (OR-2-R)  
Ranking Minority: Frank Pallone (NJ-6-D)  
Vice Chair: Joe Barton (TX-6-R)

All members of the FULL COMMITTEE are from these states:  
CA, CO, GA, FL, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MI, MO, NC, ND, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV.

House Members represent only a PART of a State, but they are also part of their state's “Delegation” and, to some degree, work with the interests of the State as well as their own District. [NOTE: FL, NC and VA have changes in Congressional Districts since NV published the REPORT on transport through HOUSE Districts, so those states are omitted from transport cross-reference]

**The ACTION so far is in the Subcommittee on Environment**

Republican Members (linked to the HOME PAGE for the Member)
- John Shimkus (Illinois - 15) - Chairman
- David McKinley (West Virginia - 01) - Vice Chairman
- Joe Barton (Texas - 06)
- Tim Murphy (Pennsylvania - 18)
- Marsha Blackburn (Tennessee - 07)
- Gregg Harper (Mississippi - 03)
- Pete Olson (Texas - 22)
- Bill Johnson (Ohio - 06)
- Bill Flores (Texas - 17)
- Richard Hudson (North Carolina - 08)
- Kevin Cramer (North Dakota - 00)
- Tim Walberg (Michigan - 07)
- Buddy Carter (Georgia - 01)
- Greg Walden (Oregon - 02) - Ex Officio

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House E & E, Environmental Subcommittee: Democratic Members
Paul Tonko (New York - 20) - Ranking Member
Raul Ruiz (California - 36)
Scott Peters (California - 52)
Gene Green (Texas - 29)
Diana DeGette (Colorado - 01)
Jerry McNerney (California - 09)
Tony Cárdenas (California - 29)
Debbie Dingell (Michigan -12)
Doris Matsui (California - 06)
Frank Pallone (New Jersey - 06) - Ex Officio

The Subcommittee on Energy has, in the past, also played a role in nuclear waste legislation.
Republican Members:
Fred Upton (Michigan - 06) - Chairman
Pete Olson (Texas - 22) - Vice Chairman
Joe Barton (Texas - 06)
John Shimkus (Illinois - 15)
Tim Murphy (Pennsylvania - 18)
Robert Latta (Ohio - 05)
Gregg Harper (Mississippi - 03)
David McKinley (West Virginia - 01)
Adam Kinzinger (Illinois - 16)
Morgan Griffith (Virginia - 09)
Bill Johnson (Ohio - 06)
Billy Long (Missouri - 07)
Larry Bucshon (Indiana - 08)
Bill Flores (Texas - 17)
Markwayne Mullin (Oklahoma - 02)
Richard Hudson (North Carolina - 08)
Kevin Cramer (North Dakota - 00)
Tim Walberg (Michigan - 07)
Greg Walden (Oregon - 02) - Ex Officio

Democrat Members (House E & E Subcommittee on Energy)
Bobby Rush (Illinois - 01) - Ranking Member
Jerry McNerney (California - 09)
Scott Peters (California - 52)
Gene Green (Texas - 29)
Michael Doyle (Pennsylvania - 14)
Kathy Castor (Florida - 14)
John Sarbanes (Maryland - 03)
Peter Welch (Vermont - 00)
Paul Tonko (New York - 20)
David Loebsack (Iowa - 02)
Kurt Schrader (Oregon - 05)
Joseph P. Kennedy III (Massachusetts - 04)
G.K. Butterfield (North Carolina - 01)
Frank Pallone (New Jersey - 06) - Ex Officio
Other Committees of Jurisdiction in the US HOUSE
  o House Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
  o It is possible for HOUSE action to also happen in Natural Resources Committee

115th Congress—US HOUSE LEADERSHIP
http://www.house.gov/leadership/

Speaker: Paul Ryan, WI-1-R (Trump, Pence, Ryan)
Majority Leader: Kevin McCarthy (CA-23-R)
Minority Leader: Nancy Pelosi (CA-12-D)
Majority Whip: Steve Scalise (LA-1-R)
Democratic Whip: Steny Hoyer (MD-5-D)
Republican Conference Chairman: Kathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5-R)
Assistant Democratic Leader: James Clyburn (SC-6-D)
Republican Policy Committee Chair: Luke Messer (IN-6-R)
Democratic Caucus Chair: Joseph Crowley (NY-14-D)

Senate Leadership—115th
http://www.senate.gov/senators/leadership.htm (has hot links to each)

VP Mike Pence (IN-R) is president of SENATE
Orin Hatch (UT-R) is the President Pro Tempore
Senate Majority Leader: Mitch McConnell (KY-R)
Assistant Republican Leader: John Cornyn (TX-R)
Republican Conference Chair: John Thune (SD-R)
Vice Chair of Republican Conf: Roy Blunt (MO-R)
Republican Policy Comm: John Barrasso (WY-R)
Senator Committee: Cory Gardner (CO-R)
Democratic Leader: John Schumer (NY-D)
Whip: Richard Durbin (IL-D)
Assistant Democratic Whip: Patty Murray (WA-D)
Chairwoman of Policy Comm: Debbie Stabenow (MI-D)
Vice Chair of Conference: Elizabeth Warren (MA-D)
Vice Chair of Conference: Mark Warner (VA-D)

Senate Committees of Jurisdiction

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
https://www.energy.senate.gov/public/

Chair: Lisa Murkowski (AK-R)
Ranking Minority: Maria Cantwell (WA-D)

Members: https://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/members
States: * means a member of Senate Leadership

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CO *  ME
ND  IL
LA  NV Cortez Masto
OH
Al

Green—No waste transport projected—all others YES...

**Senate Environment and Public Works** (sometimes—but at the moment a good thing since we have Markey, Sanders, Gillibrand)

[https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/)

Chair: John Barrasso (WY-R)  Ranking Minority: Tom Carper (DE-D)

Members: [https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/members](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/members)

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**Senate APPROPRIATIONS:**

Chair: Thad Cochran (MS-R)  Ranking Minority: Patrick Leahy (VT-D)

**Subcommittee on Energy Water and Development**

[https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/subcommittees/energy-and-water-development](https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/subcommittees/energy-and-water-development)

Chair: Alexander (TN-R)  Ranking Minority: Diane Feinstein (CA-D)

Above link has all the members of this Subcommittee who are basically a star-studded cast of Senate Leadership