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NAHMAanalysis 2013-0312: Senate and House Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the 113th Congress

Background

This NAHMAanalysis will present members with the new committee and subcommittee assignments for both the House of Representatives and the Senate for the 113th Congress. NAHMA has focused on the committees and subcommittees that have some type of jurisdiction over affordable housing. This is an update to a previous NAHMAanalysis before the beginning of the 113th Congress.

Highlighted within this analysis are the chair and ranking member positions for each committee and subcommittee. The chair sets the committee agenda for hearings and determines priorities in legislation. It is important to note that some of the finalized leadership positions are different from previous NAHMAanalysis predictions. To view these previous predictions, please use this [previous NAHMAanalysis](#).

Summary

NAHMA predicts that much of the partisanship that plagued the 112th Congress will continue in the 113th Congress. This belief is reinforced by recent political standoffs, such as the sequestration disputes that dominated February and March of this year. On a positive note, effective relationships between committee chairs and ranking members can quiet partisan disputes that often derail legislation.

Certain political party operations assure that leadership positions will fluctuate on each committee. For instance, House and Senate Republicans established a six year limit for members holding chair and ranking member positions. Some of the committee leadership changes discussed below are the result of such term limits.

House Leadership

113th Congress Speaker of the House: John Boehner

John Boehner has retained his position as Speaker of the House for the 113th Congress. The Speaker controls the agenda for the House and is also third in line of succession for the Presidency.

The Speaker of the House's election is the first order of business in any new Congress. Boehner received 220 votes for the 113th Congress.

113th Congress Majority Leader: Eric Cantor (R-VA)

Eric Cantor has retained his position as House Majority Leader.

The Majority Leader schedules votes on the House floor, and oversees the day-to-day operations of the legislative agenda.

113th Congress Minority Leader: Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

Nancy Pelosi has retained her position as the Minority Leader in the House of Representatives.

The Minority Leader is the recognized leader of the party with fewer members, and is often responsible for maintaining party discipline and ensuring legislation promotes interests of the party.

House Committees

Committee chairs are responsible for controlling the legislative agenda and schedule for their respective committees. In the House of Representatives, seniority is one of several factors that will determine committee leadership. The chairs are members of the majority party in both the House and Senate. Ranking members of the committees come from the minority party. They often provide input in drafting legislation and selecting witnesses for hearings.

House Financial Services Committee

113th Congress Chairman: Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)

113th Congress Ranking Member: Maxine Waters (D-CA)

113th Congress Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee

Chairman: Randy Neugebauer (R-TX)

113th Congress Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee Ranking Member: Michael Capuano (D-MA)

The House Financial Services Committee has oversight responsibility of HUD and the Rural Housing Service. Consideration of most new housing-related legislation in the House begins here. The Committee is the House counterpart to the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. Jeb Hensarling is the new Chairman for the 113th Congress.

The Insurance, Housing, and Community Development Subcommittee also shares oversight of HUD programs, including affordable and rural housing assistance programs. Chairman Randy Neugebauer has introduced legislation that would assist smaller public housing properties in previous Congressional sessions.

The House Financial Services Committee's priorities for the 113th Congress so far include oversight focused on ensuring FHA solvency, reducing the footprint of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the housing market, and analyzing the Dodd-Frank Act's impact on Wall Street.

Chairman Hensarling is personally committed to reducing the size of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the mortgage industry.

Insurance, Housing, and Community Development Subcommittee Chairman Randy Neugebauer is also committed to reducing the use of FHA loans and is likewise opposed to the size of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Neugebauer is considered one of the most conservative members of Congress and is a strong advocate for fiscal discipline, limited government, and a strong national defense, according to his website. He is also a former homebuilder.

Financial Services Committee's Ranking Member, Maxine Waters, was instrumental in helping to stabilize Project-Based Section 8 funding when she chaired the Housing Subcommittee in previous Congresses.

Appropriations Committee

113th Congress Chairman: Harold Rogers (R-KY)

113th Congress Ranking Member: Nita Lowey (D-NY)

113th Congress T-HUD Subcommittee Chairman: Tom Latham (R-IA)

113th Congress T-HUD Subcommittee Ranking Member: Ed Pastor (D-AZ)

113th Congress Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman: Robert Aderholt (R-AL)

113th Congress Agriculture Subcommittee Ranking Member: Sam Farr (D-CA)

The House Appropriations Committee decides how much money federal programs will receive each year and how the agencies will use that money. Jurisdiction is limited to funding discretionary spending within agencies and not entitlements such as Social Security or Medicare. The House Appropriations Committee is considered one of the most powerful committees in Congress and the members are seen as some of the most influential. It is also an exclusive committee, meaning members typically do not sit on other committees.

Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers has voted in favor of legislation that would reform the Section 8 voucher program and has voted against bill amendments which would have increased the down payment required in FHA mortgages in previous Congresses. More recently, he has voted in favor of terminating the FHA Refinance Program and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Ranking Member Nita Lowey has supported numerous affordable housing measures and financing assistance legislation in the past.

In the 113th Congress, the full House Appropriations Committee has focused on Hurricane Sandy relief, agency oversight, and budgeting within different federal government agencies.

The Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Subcommittee is responsible for funding HUD programs. Subcommittee Chairman Tom Latham has supported Section 8 voucher reform in the past. Latham is also considered very conservative and has voiced opposition to large federal operations regularly.

The Subcommittee on Agriculture funds USDA-RHS programs, such as loan guarantees for rural housing. This subcommittee has recently reviewed amendments to the FY 2013 Agriculture budget that would allow the Federal Rural Housing Service to expend funds appropriated by the Secretary of Agriculture to service single family guaranteed housing loans.

Ways and Means Committee

113th Congress Chairman: Dave Camp (R-MI)

113th Congress Ranking Member: Sander Levin (D-MI)

The House Ways and Means Committee authorizes entitlement program spending, such as spending for Social Security and Medicare. It is also the tax-writing committee, so legislation to amend the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) would fall under the jurisdiction of this Committee. There have been no recent Committee hearings addressing the LIHTC.

Overall, the Ways and Means Committee has held few hearings in the 113th Congress. The Committee has focused on future Social Security solvency and tax reform. A comprehensive overhaul of the tax code will continue to rate high on the committee's priorities. In fact, the House 2014 budget resolution (sponsored by Representative Paul Ryan) directs the Ways and Means Committee to produce tax legislation which includes reductions in the individual and corporate tax rates.

Senate Committees

The Senate has finalized the committee and subcommittee seat holdings for the 113th Congress. Some positions are consistent with the predictions of NAHMA from the 112th Congress, as Democrats have retained their majority control of the Senate.

The Senate's typical procedure for selecting committee chairpersons is that the most senior member of the majority party within the committee adopts the position. Similarly, the ranking member from the minority party is decided by seniority for committee leadership assignments. However, Senate Republicans currently limit the number of years that an individual Senator from the party can cumulatively serve as a committee chair or ranking member position to six years.

Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

113th Congress Chairman: Tim Johnson (D-SD)

113th Congress Ranking Member: Mike Crapo (R-ID)

Housing, Transportation and Community Development Subcommittee

113th Congress Chairman: Robert Menendez (D-NJ)

113th Congress Ranking Member: Jerry Moran (R-KS)

The Banking Committee is the Senate's version of the House Financial Services Committee. The Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation is the counterpart to the House of Representatives' Housing Subcommittee.

Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) has retained his position as the Committee Chair, a title he has held since 2011. However, Johnson has stated that he will not run for re-election in 2014. The Banking Committee's hearings in the 113th Congress have recently focused on Wall Street reform, Hurricane Sandy relief, and consumer credit reports.

Hearings concerning FHA solvency and program challenges were conducted in late February, although there has been no actual housing finance reform legislation introduced so far in 113th Congress. Chairman Johnson has also publicly stated that increased oversight of Wall Street reform is a top priority.

Robert Menendez has retained his chair position on the Senate Housing, Transportation and Community Development Subcommittee. Senator Menendez is a strong supporter of affordable housing and has introduced legislation to increase the number of section 811 properties in the past. It is important to note that some members of the Subcommittee are not supporters of affordable housing programs. An example of one of these members is Tom Coburn (R-OK) who proposed the elimination of LIHTC in 2011.

Appropriations Committee

113th Congress Chairwoman: Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)

113th Congress Ranking Member: Richard Shelby (R-AL)

The Senate Appropriation Committee holds the purse strings of the federal government along with its House counterpart. In essence, the Committee decides how much money federal programs receive and how those funds should be spent.

After Hawaiian Senator Daniel Inouye passed away, Barbara Mikulski took the reigns as Committee chair. Mikulski has served on the Appropriations Committee for over 25 years, and is the first woman to hold the position. Richard Shelby is now the Ranking Member for the Republican Party, taking over the position from Thad Cochran (R-MS) after he reached the maximum years of service for a Republican committee leader.

Chairwoman Mikulski is a strong supporter of assisted housing programs. In the past, Mikulski has voted to create an affordable housing trust fund to support the construction, maintenance and preservation of affordable rental housing for low-income individuals and families. Senator Shelby is both a former Chairman and Ranking Member for the Senate Banking Committee.

113th Congress T-HUD Subcommittee Chairman: Patty Murray (D-WA)

113th Congress T-HUD Subcommittee Ranking Member: Susan Collins (R-ME)

Both Senators Murray and Collins have been advocates for the project-based Section 8 program. Under her subcommittee leadership in the past, Patty Murray was instrumental in securing

increased funding for Section 8 and housing assistance to senior citizens and disabled individuals.

113th Congress Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman: Mark Pryor (D-AR)

113th Congress Agriculture Subcommittee Ranking Member: Roy Blunt (R-MO)

After Herb Kohl (D-WI) decided not to run for re-election in 2012, the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and the Food and Drug Administration faced a leadership void. Subcommittee member Mark Pryor took over the role as chairman in the absence of Kohl. In the past, Mark Pryor has supported legislation that improved rural housing programs and other housing assistance programs.

Finance Committee

113th Congress Chairman: Max Baucus (D-MT)

113th Congress Ranking Member: Orrin Hatch (R-UT)

The Finance Committee is the Senate counterpart to the House of Representatives' Ways and Means Committee. The committee concerns itself with matters relating to taxation and other revenue measures; thus the Finance Committee has jurisdiction for LIHTC bills. There have been no recent committee hearings specifically addressing the LIHTC.

Max Baucus and Orrin Hatch have retained their chair and ranking member positions, respectively. Both are long-time LIHTC supporters.

So far in the 113th Congress, the Finance Committee has held hearings concerning tax reform, health insurance exchanges, and the economic outlook between fiscal years 2013-2023. Some members of the Committee are strong supporters of LIHTC, such as Maria Cantwell (D-WA).

Appendix

Below is a compiled set of lists naming the members of each Committee and Subcommittee. Chair positions and Ranking Members are specified.

House of Representatives Committees and Subcommittees

The House Financial Services Committee

Jeb Henssling (Chairman) (R-TX)	Maxine Waters (Ranking Member) (D-CA)
Gary Miller (R-CA)	Carolyn Maloney(D-NY)
Spencer Bachus (R-AL)	Nydia Velázquez (D-NY)
Peter King (R-NY)	Melvin Watt (D-NC)
Edward Royce (R-CA)	Brad Sherman (D-CA)
Frank Lucas (R-OK)	Gregory Meeks (D-NY)
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	Michael Capuano (D-MA)
Scott Garrett (R-NJ)	Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX)
Randy Neugebauer (R-TX)	William Lacy Clay (D-MS)
Patrick McHenry (R-NC)	Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)
John Campbell (R-CA)	Stephen Lynch (D-MA)
Michele Bachmann (R-MN)	David Scott (D-GA)
Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)	Al Green (D-TX)
Stevan Pearce (R-NM)	Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO)
Bill Posey (R-FL)	Gwen Moore (D-WI)
Michael Fitzpatrick (R-PA)	Keith Ellison (D-MN)
Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA)	Ed Perlmutter (D-CO)
Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)	James Himes (D-CT)
Bill Huizenga (R-MI)	Gary Peters (D-MI)
Sean Duffy (R-WI)	John Carney (D-DE)
Robert Hurt (R-VA)	Terri Sewell (D-AL)
Michael Grimm (R-NY)	Bill Foster (D-IL)
Steve Stivers (R-OH) Ohio	Daniel Kildee (D-MI)
Stephen Lee Fincher (R-TN)	Patrick Murphy (D-FL)
Marlin Stutzman (R-IN)	John Delaney (D-MD)
Mick Mulvaney (R-SC)	Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
Randy Hultgren (R-IL)	Joyce Beatty (D-OH)
Dennis Ross (R-IL)	Denny Heck (D-WA)
Robert Pittenger (R-NC)	
Ann Wagner (R-MO)	
Garland Barr (R-KY)	
Tom Cotton (R-AK)	
<i>[Vacant Seat]</i>	

Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee

Randy Neugebauer (Chairman) (R-TX)	Michael Capuano (Ranking Member)(D-MA)
Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)	Nydia Velázquez (D-NY)

Edward Royce (R-CA)
Gary Miller (R-CA)
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
Scott Garrett (R-NJ)
Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA)
Sean P. Duffy (R-WI)
Robert Hurt (R-VA)
Steve Stivers (R-OH)
Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)
Spencer Bachus (R-AL)
[Vacant Seat]

Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO)
William Lacy Clay (D-MO)
Brad Sherman (D-CA)
James Himes (D-CT)
Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)
Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
Joyce Beatty (D-OH)
Maxine Waters (D-CA)

House Appropriations Committee

Harold Rogers (Chairman) (R-KY)	Nita Lowey (Ranking Member) (D-NY)
C.W. Bill Young, Florida	Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)
Frank Wolf (R-VA)	Peter Visclosky (D-IN)
Jack Kingston (R-GA)	José Serrano (D-NY)
Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)	Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
Tom Latham (R-IA)	James Moran (D-VA)
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)	Ed Pastor (D-AZ)
Kay Granger (R-TX)	David Price (D-NC)
Michael Simpson (R-ID)	Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)
John Abney Culberson (R-TX)	Sam Farr (D-CA)
Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)	Chaka Fattah (D-PA)
John Carter (R-TX)	Sanford Bishop (D-GA)
Rodney Alexander (R-LA)	Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Ken Calvert (R-CA)	Adam Schiff (D-CA)
Jo Bonner (R-AL)	Michael Honda (D-CA)
Tom Cole (R-OK)	Betty McCollum (D-MN)
Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)	Tim Ryan (D-OH)
Charles Dent (R-PA)	Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)
Tom Graves (R-GA)	Henry Cuellar (D-TX)
Kevin Yoder (R-KS)	Chellie Pingree (D-ME)
Steve Womack (R-AR)	Mike Quigley (D-IL)
Alan Nunnelee (R-MS)	Bill Owens (D-NY)
Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)	
Tom Rooney (R-FL)	
Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)	
Jaime Herrera (R-WA)	
David Joyce (R-OH)	
David Valadao (R-CA)	
Andy Harris (R-MD)	

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee

Tom Latham (Chairman) (R-IA)	Ed Pastor (Ranking Member) (D-AZ)
Frank Wolf (R-VA)	David Price (D-NC)
Charles Dent (R-PA)	Mike Quigley (D-IL)
Kay Granger (R-TX)	Tim Ryan (D-OH)
Tom Cole (R-OK)	
Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)	
David Joyce (R-OH)	

Agriculture, Rural Development and the FDA Subcommittee

Robert Aderholt (Chairman) (R-AL)	Sam Farr (Ranking Member) (D-CA)
Tom Latham (R-IA)	Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
Alan Nunnelee (R-MS)	Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-GA)

Kevin Yoder (R-KS)
Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)
Tom Rooney (R-FL)
David Valadao (R-CA)

Chellie Pingree (D-ME)

Ways and Means Committee

Dave Camp (Chairman) (R-MI)
Sam Johnson (R-TX)
Kevin Brady (R-TX)
Paul Ryan (R-WI)
Devin Nunes (R-CA)
Pat Tiberi (R-OH)
Dave Reichert (R-WA)
Charles Boustany Jr. (R-LA)
Peter Roskam (R-IL)
Jim Gerlach (R-PA)
Tom Price (R-GA)
Vern Buchanan (R-FL)
Adrian Smith (R-NE)
Aaron Schock (R-IL)
Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)
Erik Paulsen (R-MN)
Kenny Marchant (R-TX)
Diane Black (R-TN)
Tom Reed (R-NY)
Todd Young (R-IN)
Mike Kelly (R-PA)
Tim Griffin (R-AR)
Jim Renacci (R-OH)

Sander Levin (Ranking Member) (D-MI)
Charles Rangel (D-NY)
Jim McDermott (D-WA)
John Lewis (D-GA)
Richard Neal (D-MA)
Xavier Becerra (D-CA)
Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)
Mike Thompson (D-CA)
John Larson (D-CT)
Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
Ron Kind (D-WI)
Bill Pascrell Jr. (D-NJ)
Joseph Crowley (D-NY)
Allyson Schwartz (D-PA)
Danny Davis (D-IL)
Linda Sánchez (D-CA)

Senate Committees and Subcommittees

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Tim Johnson (Chairman) (D-SD)
Jack Reed (D-RI)
Charles Schumer (D-NY)
Robert Menendez (D-NJ)
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Jon Tester (D-MT)
Mark Warner (D-VA)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Kay Hagan (D-NC)
Joe Manchin III (D-WV)
Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)

Mike Crapo (Ranking Member) (R-ID)
Richard Shelby (R-AL)
Bob Corker (R-TN)
David Vitter (R-LA)
Mike Johanns (R-NE)
Patrick Toomey (R-PA)
Mark Kirk (R-IL)
Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Tom Coburn (R-OK)
Dean Heller (R-NV)

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development

Robert Menendez (Chairman) (D-NJ)
Jack Reed (D-RI)
Charles Schumer (D-NY)
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Joe Manchin (D-WV)
Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)

Jerry Moran (Ranking Member) (R-KS)
Bob Corker (R-TN)
Patrick Toomey (R-PA)
Mark Kirk (R-IL)
Tom Coburn (R-OK)
Dean Heller (R-NV)
Richard Shelby (R-AL)

Senate Appropriations Committee

Barbara Mikulski (Chairwoman) (D-MD)	Richard Shelby (Ranking Member) (R-AL)
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Tom Harkin (D-IA)	Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Patty Murray (D-WA)	Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Susan Collins (R-ME)
Richard Durbin (D-IL)	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Tim Johnson (D-SD)	Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
Mary Landrieu (D-LA)	Mark Kirk (R-IL)
Jack Reed (D-RI)	Daniel Coats (R-IN)
Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)	Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Mark Pryor (D-AR)	Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Jon Tester (D-MT)	John Hoeven (R-ND)
Tom Udall (D-NM)	Mike Johanns (R-NE)
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	John Boozman (R-AR)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	
Mark Begich (D-AK)	

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development

Mark Pryor (Chairman) (D-AR)	Roy Blunt (Ranking Member) (R-MO)
Tom Harkin (D-IA)	Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Tim Johnson (D-SD)	Susan Collins (R-ME)
Jon Tester (D-MT)	Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Tom Udall (D-NM)	John Hoeven (R-ND)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	Richard Shelby (R-AL)
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development

Patty Murray (Chairwoman) (D-WA)	Susan Collins (Ranking Member) (R-ME)
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	Richard Shelby (R-AL)
Richard Durbin (D-IL)	Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
Tom Harkin (D-IA)	Mark Kirk (R-IL)
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Daniel Coats (R-IN)
Tim Johnson (D-SD)	Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)	Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Mark Pryor (D-AR)	John Boozman (R-AR)
Jack Reed (D-RI)	Thad Cochran (R-MS)

Senate Finance Committee

Max Baucus (Chairman) (D-MT)

John D. Rockefeller (D-WV)

Ron Wyden (D-OR)

Charles Schumer (D-NY)

Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

Bill Nelson (D-FL)

Robert Menendez (D-NJ)

Thomas Carper (D-DE)

Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)

Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

Michael Bennet (D-CO)

Robert Casey (D-PA)

Orrin Hatch (Ranking Member) (R-UT)

Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

Mike Crapo (R-ID)

Pat Roberts (R-KS)

Michael Enzi (R-WY)

John Cornyn (R-TX)

John Thune (R-SD)

Richard Burr (R-NC)

Johnny Isakson (R-GA)

Rob Portman (R-OH)

Patrick Toomey (R-PA)