

United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

The **United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence** (HPSCI), also known as the **House Intelligence Committee**, is a committee of the United States House of Representatives, currently chaired by Adam Schiff. It is the primary committee in the U.S. House of Representatives charged with the oversight of the United States Intelligence Community, though it does share some jurisdiction with other committees in the House, including the Armed Services Committee for some matters dealing with the Department of Defense and the various branches of the U.S. military.

The committee was preceded by the **Select Committee on Intelligence** between 1975 and 1977. House Resolution 658 established the permanent select committee, which gave it status equal to a standing committee on July 14, 1977.^[1]

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Active



United States House of Representatives
116th Congress



Seal of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

History

Formed	July 14, 1977
Formerly known as	Select Committee on Intelligence

Leadership

Chair	Adam Schiff (D) Since January 9, 2019
Ranking member	Devin Nunes (R) Since January 9, 2019

Jurisdiction

The committee oversees all or part of the following executive branch departments and agencies:

- Office of the Director of National Intelligence
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Defense Intelligence Agency
- Department of Defense
- Department of Energy
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Justice
- Department of State
- Department of Treasury
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
- National Reconnaissance Office
- National Security Agency
- Office of Naval Intelligence
- Twenty-Fifth Air Force
- United States Army Intelligence and Security Command
- United States Coast Guard Intelligence
- Marine Corps Intelligence Activity

History

Prior to establishing the permanent select committee in 1977, the House of Representatives established the "Select Committee on Intelligence", commonly referred to as the "Pike Committee", so named after its last chairman, Otis G. Pike of New York. The select committee had originally been established in February 1975 under the chairmanship of Congressman Lucien Nedzi of Michigan. Following Nedzi's resignation in June, the committee was reconstituted with Pike as chair, in July 1975, with its mandate expiring January 31, 1976. Under Pike's chairmanship, the committee investigated illegal activities by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The final report of the Pike Committee was never officially published, due to Congressional opposition. However, unauthorized versions of the draft final report were leaked to the press. CBS News reporter Daniel Schorr was called to testify before Congress, but refused to divulge his source.^[2] Major portions of the report were published by *The Village Voice*, and a full copy of the

Structure	
Seats	22
Political parties	<p>Majority (13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic (13) <p>Minority (9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <input type="checkbox"/> Republican (9)
Jurisdiction	
Purpose	to "oversee and make continuing studies of the intelligence activities and programs of the United States Government"
Oversight authority	United States Intelligence Community
Senate counterpart	United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
Subcommittees	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic Technologies and Advanced Research (STAR) Subcommittee ▪ Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Counterproliferation (C3) ▪ Intelligence Modernization and Readiness (INMAR) ▪ Defense Intelligence and Warfighter Support (DWIS)
Website	
	intelligence.house.gov (https://intelligence.house.gov/)

draft was published in England.

During the 1980s the HPSCI worked to acquire access to covert action notifications of the CIA, as well as to strengthen the role of the committee in intelligence agency funding. Under the Reagan administration, the HPSCI and United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) worked with the Director of Central Intelligence William J. Casey on what was known as the "Casey Accords". The accords required that covert action findings were to be accompanied by "scope papers" that included a risk/gain assessment of each such activity. However, the deal was not acceptable to the HPSCI, and after the Iran-contra scandal, more pressure was placed on strengthening the oversight of committees.^[3]

In 2017, the committee was tasked along with the SSCI to determine the degree of Russian interference in 2016 US elections.^[4] The committee has also been investigating allegations of wiretapping of President Donald Trump, as well as ties between Russian officials and members of Donald Trump's presidential campaign.^{[5][6]} The committee came under intense scrutiny in 2017-2018 due to allegations of partisanship and leaks of classified information by members of the committee and their staff. In March 2018, the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 elections was abruptly ended by the committee's Republican members despite the assertion by Democratic members that the investigation was incomplete and had failed to gather pertinent information. Notably, House Intelligence Republicans released a draft of their investigatory report which contradicted some findings of the U.S. Intelligence Community and was written without the input of House Democrats.^{[7][8]} In the wake of bitter disagreement about the committee's findings, Republican committee member Tom Rooney claimed that the committee had "lost all credibility" and had become "a political forum for people to leak information to drive the day's news."^[9] In July 2018, the chair of the committee, Representative Devin Nunes, accused the Department of Justice, and its Federal Bureau of Investigations, of "stonewalling" the committee's investigation and taking partisan sides with regard to its Russia investigation.^[10]

With change of Party leadership in the House for the 116th United States Congress, the Committee launched a probe of Trump's finances and Russian ties in February 2019.^[11]

In June 2019, in the course of hearings on the national security implications of climate change, the White House blocked the submission of a statement by the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research Office of the Geographer and Global Issues, and the analyst who wrote the statement, Rod Schoonover, resigned.^{[12][13]}

Members, 116th Congress

Majority	Minority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adam Schiff, California, <i>Chair</i> ■ Jim Himes, Connecticut ■ Terri Sewell, Alabama ■ André Carson, Indiana ■ Jackie Speier, California ■ Mike Quigley, Illinois ■ Eric Swalwell, California ■ Joaquin Castro, Texas ■ Denny Heck, Washington ■ Sean Patrick Maloney, New York ■ Val Demings, Florida ■ Raja Krishnamoorthi, Illinois ■ Peter Welch, Vermont 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Devin Nunes, California, <i>Ranking Member</i> ■ Mike Conaway, Texas ■ Mike Turner, Ohio ■ Brad Wenstrup, Ohio ■ Chris Stewart, Utah ■ Rick Crawford, Arkansas (Temporarily removed from the committee for the duration of impeachment proceedings)^[14] ■ Elise Stefanik, New York ■ Will Hurd, Texas ■ John Ratcliffe, Texas ■ Jim Jordan, Ohio (Temporarily sitting on the committee for the duration of impeachment proceedings)^[15]
<i>Ex officio</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nancy Pelosi, California 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kevin McCarthy, California

Sources

- Chairman Schiff and Ranking Member Nunes appointed by Speaker^[16]
- Democratic members appointed by Speaker^{[17][18]}
- Republican members appointed by Speaker^[19]

Historical membership rosters

115th Congress

Majority	Minority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Devin Nunes, California, <i>Chair</i> ■ Mike Conaway, Texas ■ Peter King, New York ■ Frank LoBiondo, New Jersey ■ Rick Crawford, Arkansas ■ Trey Gowdy, South Carolina ■ Tom Rooney, Florida ■ Will Hurd, Texas ■ Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Florida ■ Mike Turner, Ohio ■ Brad Wenstrup, Ohio ■ Chris Stewart, Utah ■ Elise Stefanik, New York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adam Schiff, California, <i>Ranking Member</i> ■ Jim Himes, Connecticut ■ Terri Sewell, Alabama ■ André Carson, Indiana ■ Jackie Speier, California ■ Mike Quigley, Illinois ■ Eric Swalwell, California ■ Joaquin Castro, Texas ■ Denny Heck, Washington

Source

- U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence^{[20][21]}

114th Congress

Majority	Minority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Devin Nunes, California, <i>Chair</i> ■ Jeff Miller, Florida ■ Mike Conaway, Texas ■ Peter King, New York ■ Frank LoBiondo, New Jersey ■ Lynn Westmoreland, Georgia ■ Tom Rooney, Florida ■ Joe Heck, Nevada ■ Mike Pompeo, Kansas ■ Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Florida ■ Mike Turner, Ohio ■ Brad Wenstrup, Ohio ■ Chris Stewart, Utah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adam Schiff, California, <i>Ranking Member</i> ■ Luis Gutiérrez, Illinois ■ Jim Himes, Connecticut ■ Terri Sewell, Alabama ■ André Carson, Indiana ■ Jackie Speier, California ■ Mike Quigley, Illinois ■ Eric Swalwell, California ■ Patrick Murphy, Florida
<i>Ex officio</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Paul Ryan, Wisconsin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nancy Pelosi, California

Subcommittees

Subcommittee	Chair	Ranking Member
Strategic Technologies and Advanced Research (STAR) Subcommittee	Jim Himes (D-CT)	Chris Stewart (R-UT)
Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Counterproliferation (C3) Subcommittee	André Carson (D-IN)	Rick Crawford (R-AR)
Intelligence Modernization and Readiness (INMAR) Subcommittee	Eric Swalwell (D-CA)	Will Hurd (R-TX)
Defense Intelligence and Warfighter Support (DIWS) Subcommittee	Terri Sewell (D-AL)	Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)

Chairs

Select Committee Chairs

- Lucien N. Nedzi (D), 1975
- Otis G. Pike (D), 1975–1976

Permanent Select Committee Chairs

- Edward P. Boland (D), 1977–1985
- Lee H. Hamilton (D), 1985–1987
- Louis Stokes (D), 1987–1989
- Anthony C. Beilenson (D), 1989–1991
- David K. McCurdy (D), 1991–1993
- Dan Glickman (D), 1993–1995
- Larry Combest (R), 1995–1997
- Porter Goss (R), 1997–2004
- Pete Hoekstra (R), 2004–2007
- Silvestre Reyes (D), 2007–2011
- Mike Rogers (R), 2011–2015
- Devin Nunes (R), 2015–2019
- Adam Schiff (D), 2019–present

See also

- Church Committee
- Rockefeller Commission
- Family jewels (Central Intelligence Agency)
- COINTELPRO
- List of current United States House of Representatives committees
- Timeline of investigations into Trump and Russia (2019)
- United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

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