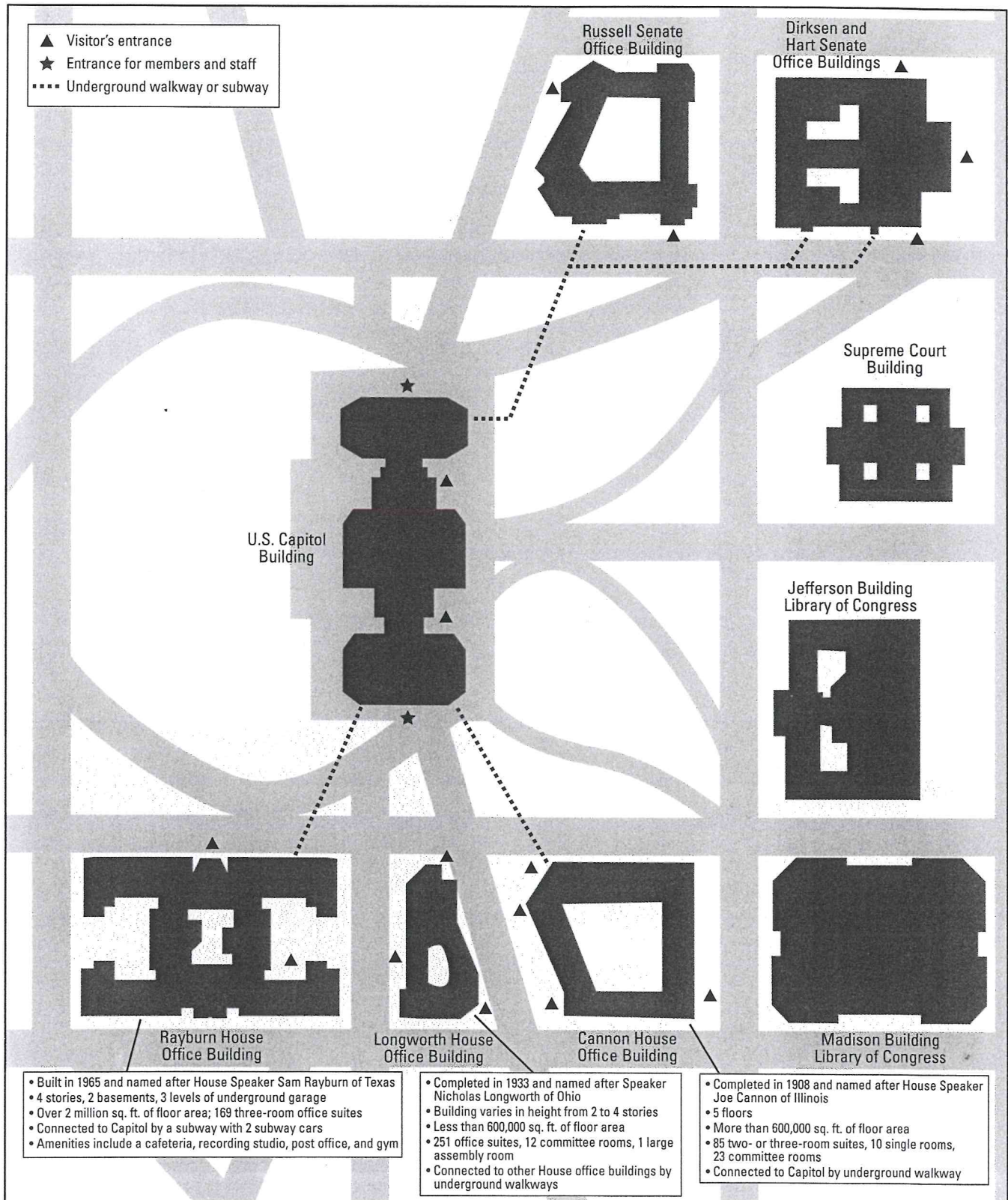
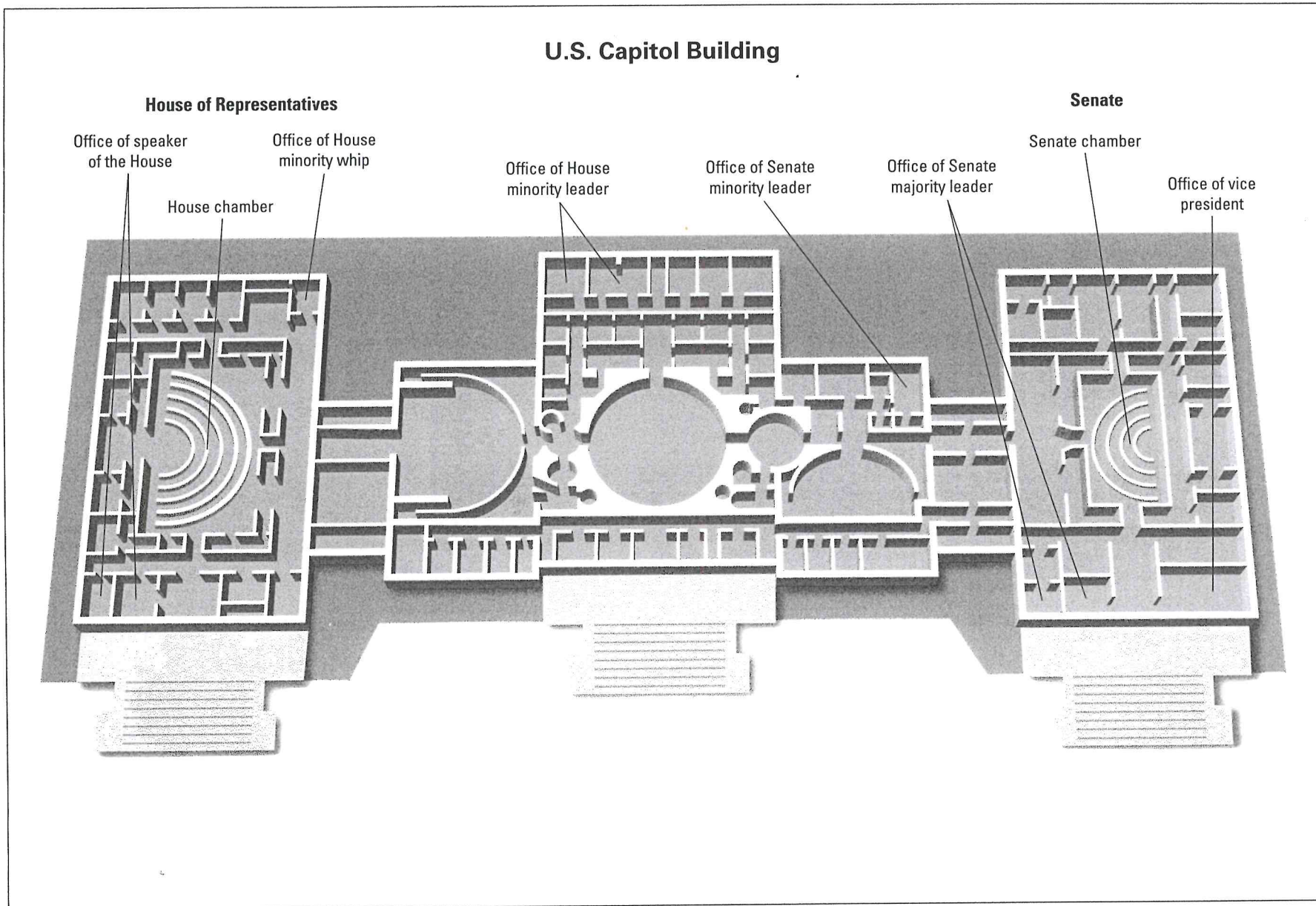


Selecting Congressional Office Space

Capitol Hill

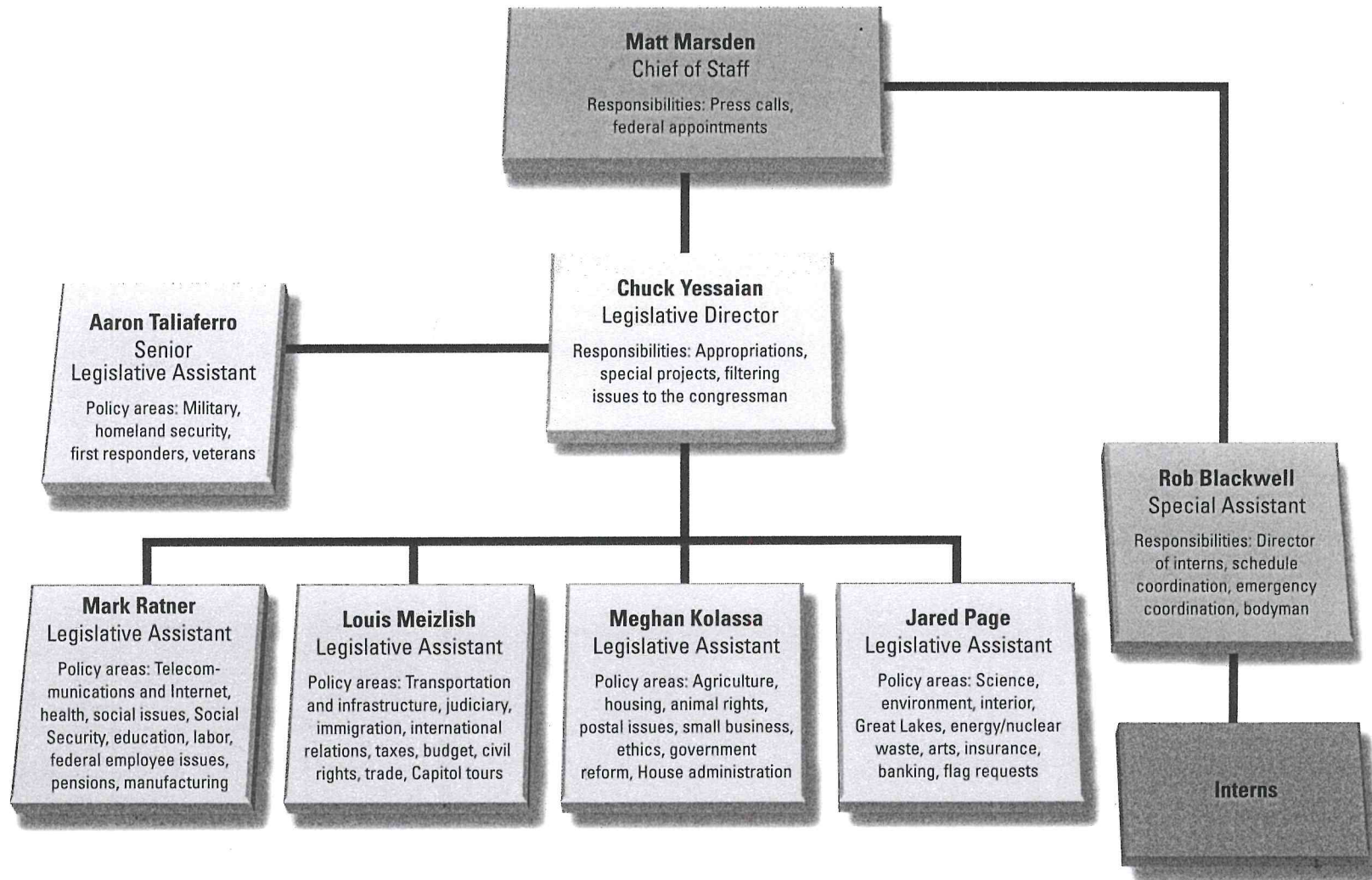


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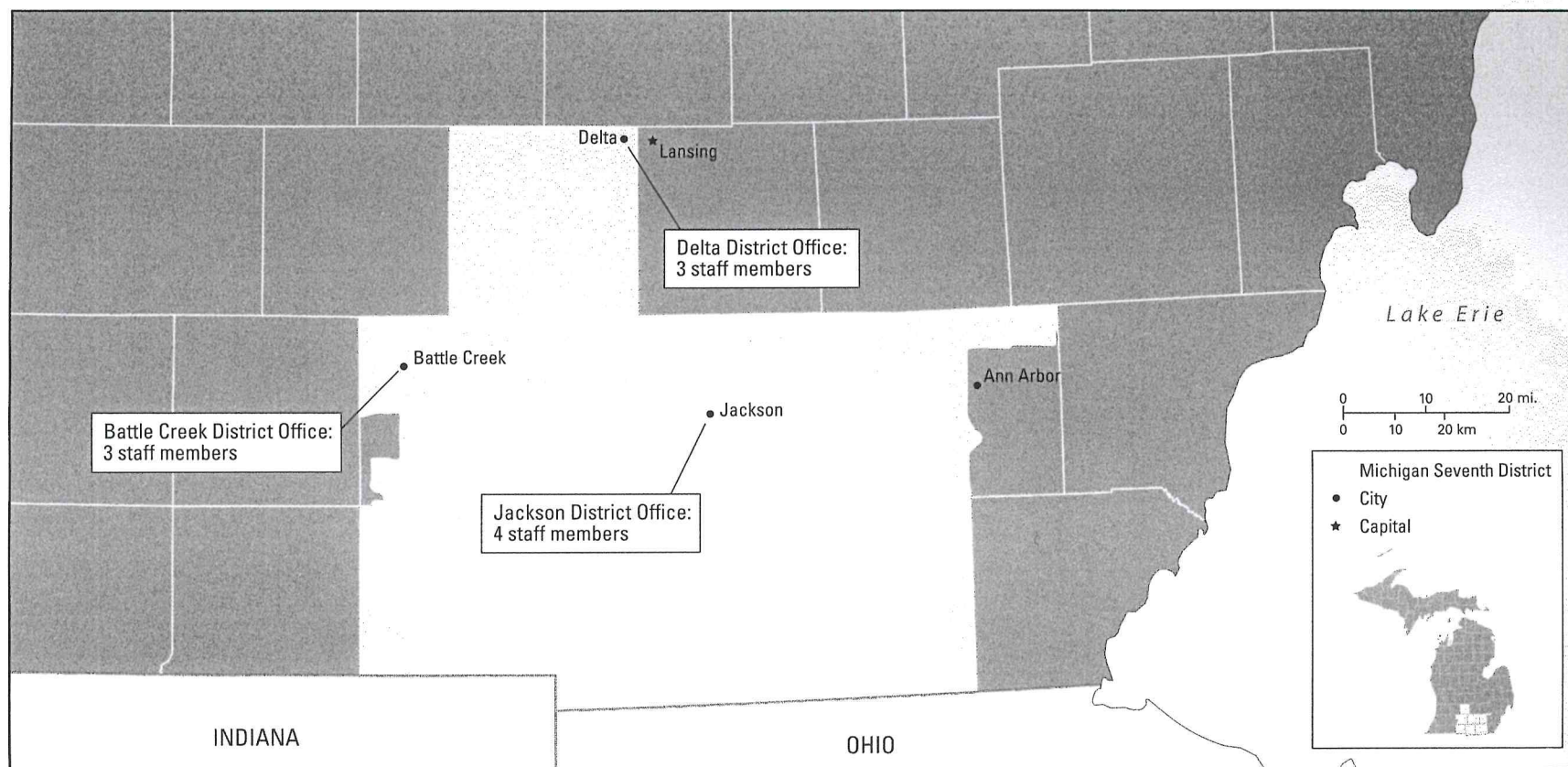
Hiring Congressional Staff

Organizational Chart for Congressman Joe Schwarz's Washington, D.C., Office



Hiring Congressional Staff

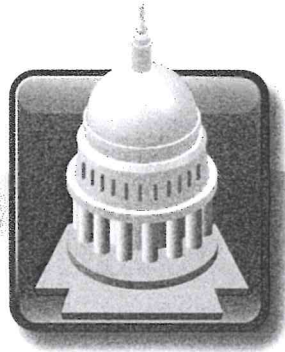
Michigan's Seventh District



Average Congressional Staff and Offices				
Chamber	Washington, D.C., Staff	District/ State Staff	Total Personal Staff	District/ State Offices
House of Representatives	8.2	6.3	14.5	2.2
Senate	22.4	12.2	34.6	4.5

Source: Congressional Management Foundation, 2001, 2002.

Requesting Committee Assignments



Standing Committees of the U.S. House of Representatives

Exclusive Committees

Members typically may not serve on any other committees.

- Appropriations
- Energy and Commerce*
- Rules
- Ways and Means

* For Republicans, this is considered an exclusive committee.

Major Committees

Members typically serve on only one major committee.

- Agriculture
- Armed Services
- Education and Labor
- Energy and Commerce**
- Financial Services
- Foreign Affairs
- Judiciary
- Transportation and Infrastructure

** For Democrats, this is considered a major committee.

Nonmajor Committees

Members typically serve on one or two nonmajor committees.

- Budget
- Homeland Security
- House Administration
- Natural Resources
- Oversight and Government Reform
- Science and Technology
- Small Business
- Standards of Official Conduct
- Veterans' Affairs

Requesting Committee Assignments

Biographical Information



Congressman Joe Schwarz

Born: November 15, 1937, in Battle Creek, Michigan

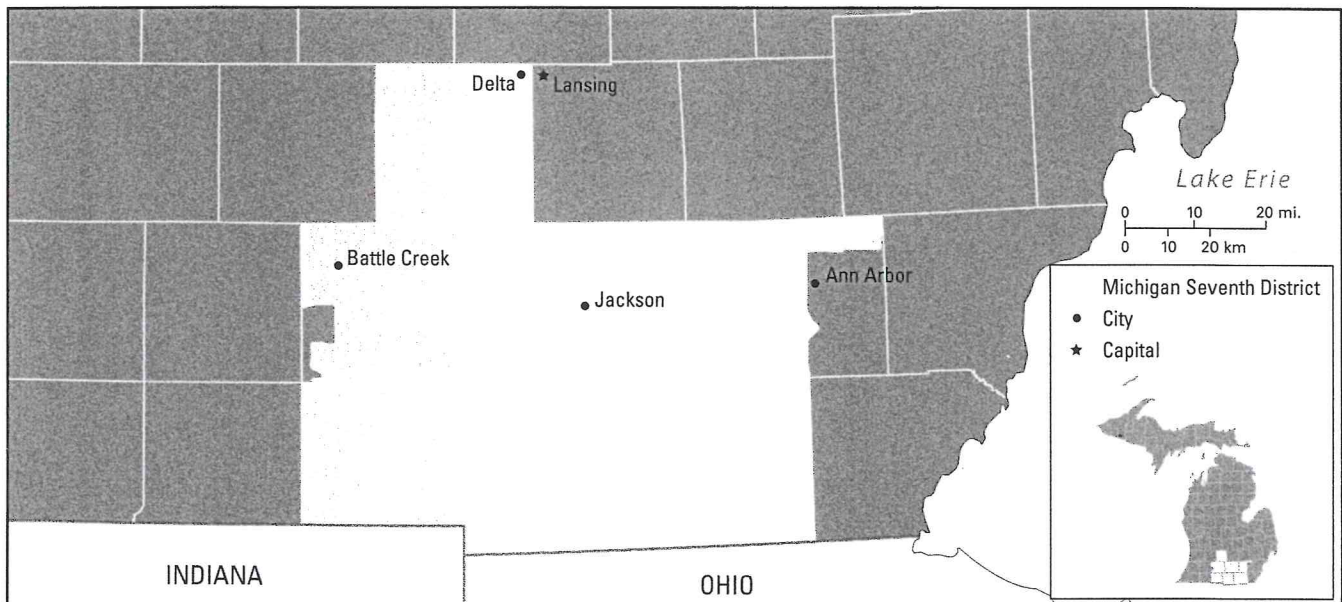
Education: B.A. University of Michigan, 1959;
M.D. Wayne State University, 1964

Occupation: Doctor, U.S. Navy, served in Vietnam;
Central Intelligence Agency operative; private medical practice

Previous political experience: City commissioner; mayor;
Michigan state senator; House of Representatives

Personal: University of Michigan football team; Roman
Catholic; one daughter; widowed

Michigan's Seventh District



Key Facts About Michigan's Seventh District

- The district is a mixture of mostly rural areas and small towns. Farming is a major industry.
- The largest cities are Battle Creek (population approx. 53,000) and Jackson (approx. 36,000).
- Interstate I-94 runs east-west through the district. Many residents of the district commute to work along I-94.
- Kellogg's cereal company was founded in Battle Creek. Its world headquarters is still located there.
- The University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) and Michigan State University (Lansing) are located just outside the borders of the district. Many residents of the Seventh District are employed by these universities.
- An Air National Guard base and the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center, a huge Department of Defense operation, are located in the Seventh District. Combined, they employ thousands of residents of the district.

Choosing and Working in Caucuses

U.S. Congressman

Mark Steven Kirk

Proudly serving the people of the 10th District of Illinois

For Immediate Release
November 18, 2004

Kirk and Bass to Lead Republican Mainstream Tuesday Group



Washington, D.C. - A coalition of 35 Republican members of the House of Representatives elected U.S. Reps. Mark Kirk (R-IL) and Charlie Bass (R-NH) to lead the mainstream Republican Tuesday Group during the 109th Congress. Congressmen Kirk and Bass will co-chair the group and lead the mainstream agenda in the House.

The Tuesday Group, which meets most Tuesdays when the House is in session, formed in 1994 after Republicans became the majority party in the Congress. Kirk and Bass replace U.S. Reps. Fred Upton (R-MI) and Mike Castle (R-DE) who stepped down.

"We will focus our group on pro-defense, pro-personal responsibility and pro-science legislation," said Congressman Kirk. "With the addition of new Congressmen like Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania, Joe Schwarz of Michigan, and Randy Kuhl of New York, I will work with Congressman Bass and our Tuesday Group colleagues to advance our agenda in Congress."

Mainstream Republicans expressed optimism in the leadership role Kirk will fill with the Tuesday Group. "In the House and as a Commander in the Naval Reserve, Mark is a demonstrated leader who promotes a positive message and agenda to unite our party," said Deborah Pryce (R-OH), Chairwoman of the House Republican Conference. "In this position, Mark's institutional knowledge, grasp of the issues, and political skills will serve the Tuesday Group and the entire Republican Conference well."

Already a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, Kirk's election as Tuesday Group co-chair brings energy and experience to the mainstream agenda. As a member of the House Whip Organization, Kirk is skilled at working with Democrats, conservatives and the House Leadership.

"As a well-respected leader in the party, Mark will be a vital link uniting the core philosophy that all Republicans share. Through the hard work and vision of leaders like

Mark, I am confident the House majority will continue to be America's majority party," said Chief Deputy Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA).

A priority for Kirk is slowing spending in Congress. Congressman Kirk formed an alliance with the Republican Conservative Study Group for reforms making it harder for the House to pass bills with higher spending levels. Last summer, Kirk worked with moderate 'Blue Dog' Democrats on legislation to curb spending. While the legislation was not enacted, Kirk will offer changes to the House Rules in January that require a 3/5 vote for any bill that increases entitlement spending.

"Mainstream Republicans agree that we should reform our rules, making it harder to increase spending," said Kirk. "By reforming the rules of the House, we can build strong alliances across party lines to slow spending. We will help to build a bipartisan consensus to balance our budget to save Social Security and Medicare."


Other Tuesday Group priorities include encouraging stem cell research, protecting the environment and supporting America's allies overseas.

Working with the Republican Main Street Partnership and the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), Kirk will focus on developing the "Suburban Strategy" to win elections. Suburban voters far outnumber urban or rural voters in American elections. Kirk won his swing district by 64 percent of the vote in 2004. Kirk's overwhelming victories in his Chicago suburban district caught the attention of leaders in Washington.

"Congressman Kirk's ability to connect with suburban voters makes him uniquely qualified to lead the Tuesday Group and reach out to mainstream voters across the country," said NRCC Chairman Tom Reynolds.


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Rep. Jeb Hensarling
Chairman, RSC

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About RSC

RSC Chairman - Rep. Jeb Hensarling (TX-05)

The Republican Study Committee is a group of over 110 House Republicans organized for the purpose of advancing a conservative social and economic agenda in the House of Representatives. The Republican Study Committee is dedicated to:

- a limited and Constitutional role for the federal government,
- a strong national defense,
- the protection of individual and property rights,
- and the preservation of traditional family values.

The RSC reviews each piece of legislation under consideration on the House floor using six guiding principles, printed on our "Conservative Check Card" and listed below:

1. **Less Government** - Does the bill tend to reduce government regulations, size of government, or eliminate entitlements or unnecessary programs?
2. **Lower Taxes** - Does the bill promote individual responsibility in spending, or reduce taxes or fees?
3. **Personal Responsibility** - Does the bill encourage responsible behavior by individuals and families and encourage them to provide for their own health, safety, education, moral fortitude, or general welfare?
4. **Individual Freedom** - Does the bill increase opportunities for individuals or families to decide, without hindrance or coercion from government, how to conduct their own lives and make personal choices?
5. **Stronger Families** - Does the bill enhance the traditional American family and its power to rear children without excessive interference from the government?
6. **Domestic Tranquility, National Defense** - Does the bill enhance American security without unduly burdening civil liberty?



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RSC TO UNVEIL CONSERVATIVE CHECK CARD

(Washington) – Representative Sue Myrick (NC-9), chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC), and Representative Tom Feeney (FL-24) will hold a press conference this Thursday to unveil the “**Conservative Check Card**.” The wallet-size card, which will be given to all RSC members and other interested parties, features a list of six core conservative principles. Rep. Feeney created the “Conservative Check Card” so that Members can use the card to check whether legislative proposals adhere to the six principles and then act accordingly.

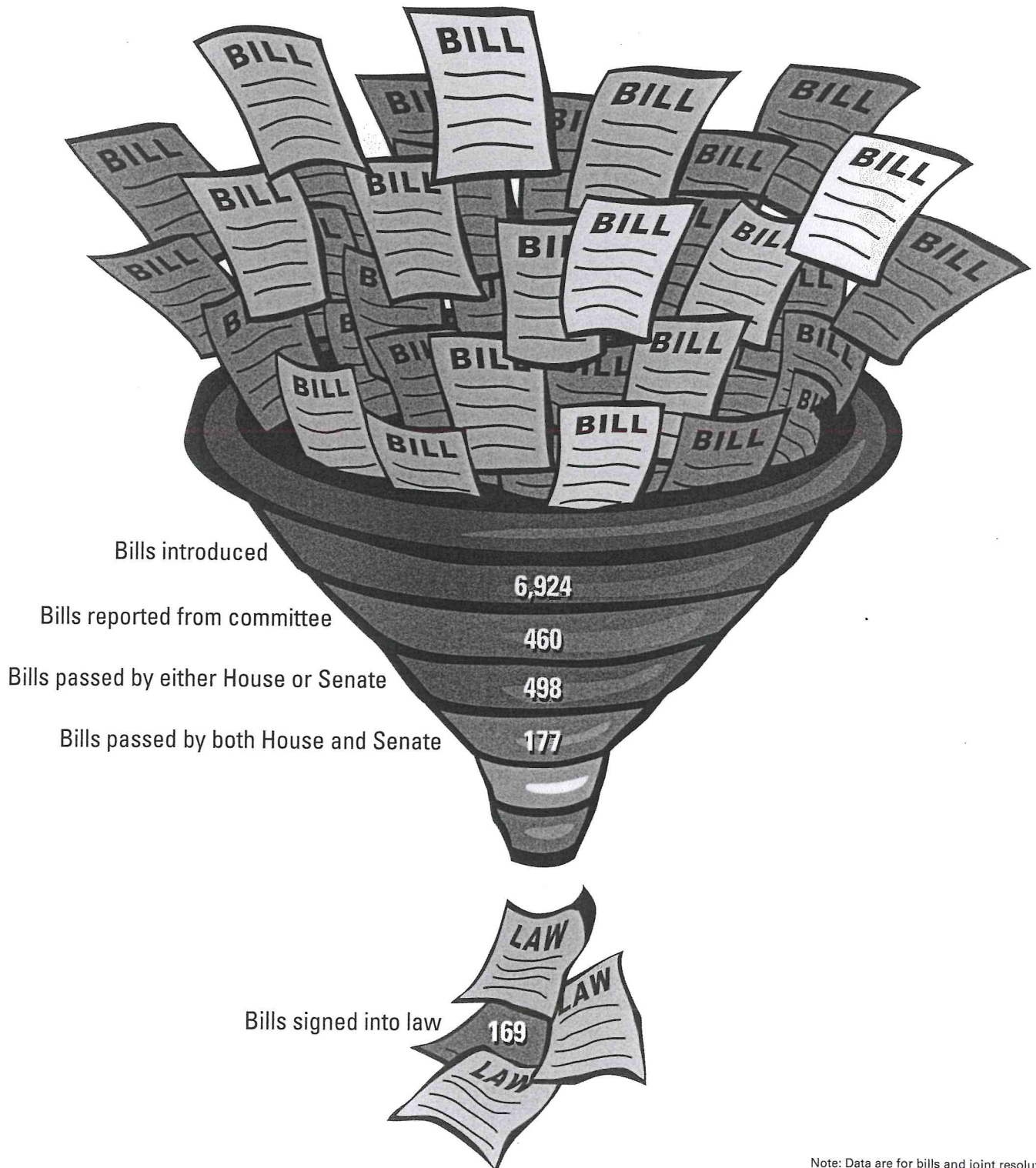
Reps. Myrick and Feeney will be joined by several RSC members at the press conference, Grover Norquist of Americans for Tax Reform, and other leading conservative activists.

Media are encouraged to attend this press conference and hear the RSC lay out its core principles.

What:	RSC's Conservative Check Card
Where:	Thursday, July 8, 2004
Time:	11:00am - 11:30am
Location:	Cannon Terrace (Cannon House Office Building)

Working on Legislation

How Many Bills Become Laws
109th Congress, First Session, 2005



Note: Data are for bills and joint resolutions.

Doing Constituent Casework

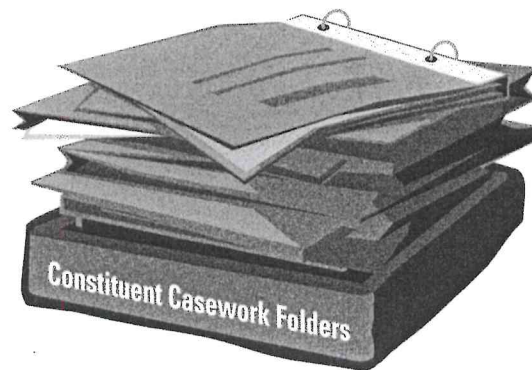
Casework Processed by Representative Jim Cooper



Average of
1,068 per week

Top Five Casework Issues of Representative Barney Frank

1. Issues with processing passports
2. Immigration issues—obtaining legal status; international adoptions
3. Issues with tax returns or Internal Revenue Service
4. Veterans' issues
5. Issues with Medicare or Social Security benefits



Average of
16 per week

Sources: Office of Representative Jim Cooper (D-TN), July 2006–July 2007. Office of Representative Barney Frank (D-MA), July 2007.

Protecting the Interests of the District

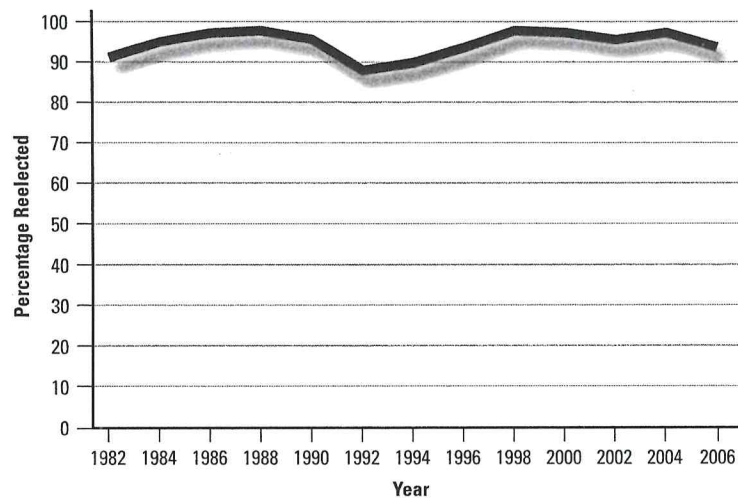


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Running for Reelection

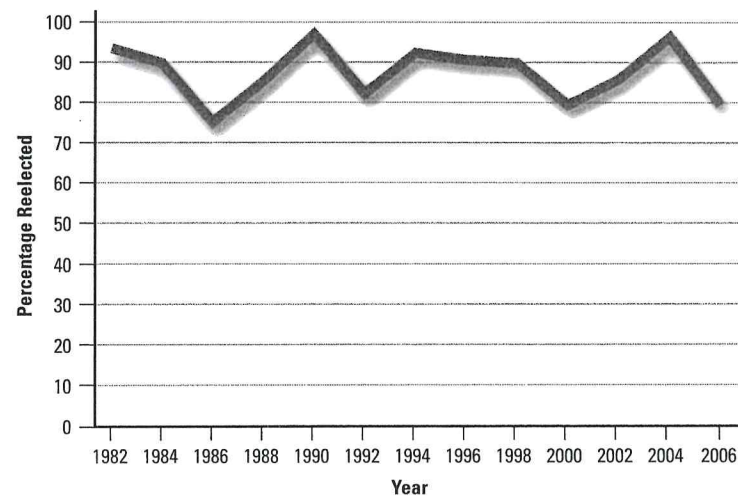
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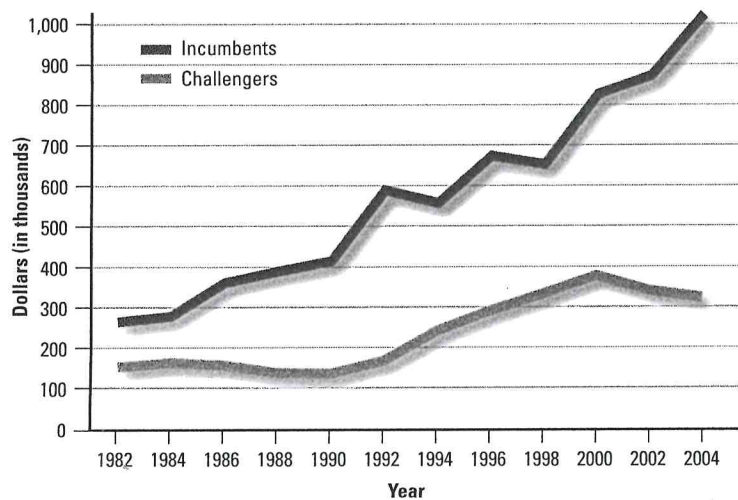
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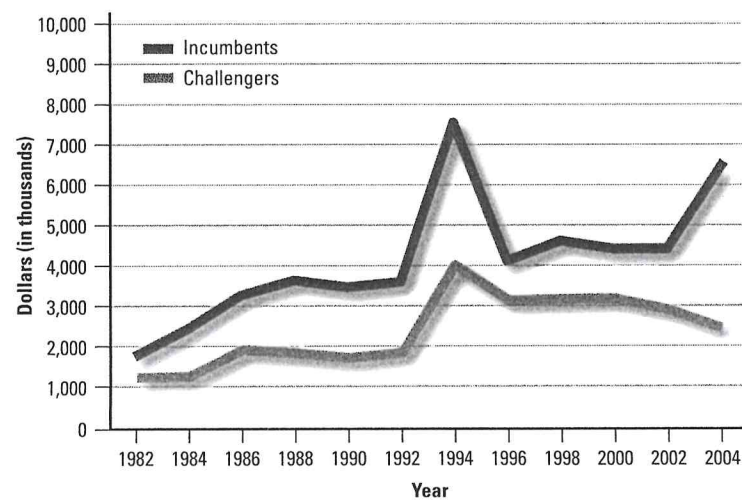
Campaign Expenditures, 1982–2004

House of Representatives



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