

# HOUSE

# COMMERCE

# ANALYSIS

Congress	Dem	Rep	Maj. Pct.	Dem	Rep	Maj. Pct.	House	Commerce	Dif.	House	If switch	Dif.
81	263	171	60.46%	17	11	60.71%	60.46%	60.71%	0.25%	60.46%	57.14%	-3.32%
82	234	199	53.79%	17	13	56.67%	53.79%	56.67%	2.87%	53.79%	53.33%	-0.46%
83	213	221	50.80%	14	16	53.33%	50.80%	53.33%	2.53%	50.80%	50.00%	-0.80%
84	232	203	53.33%	17	14	54.84%	53.33%	54.84%	1.51%	53.33%	51.61%	-1.72%
85	234	201	53.79%	18	15	54.55%	53.79%	54.55%	0.75%	53.79%	51.52%	-2.28%
86	283	153	65.06%	21	12	63.64%	65.06%	63.64%	-1.42%	65.06%	60.61%	-4.45%
87	262	175	60.23%	20	13	60.61%	60.23%	60.61%	0.38%	60.23%	57.58%	-2.65%
88	258	176	59.31%	20	13	60.61%	59.31%	60.61%	1.30%	59.31%	57.58%	-1.73%
89	295	140	67.82%	22	11	66.67%	67.82%	66.67%	-1.15%	67.82%	63.64%	-4.18%
90	248	187	57.01%	18	14	56.25%	57.01%	56.25%	-0.76%	57.01%	53.13%	-3.89%
91	243	192	55.86%	21	16	56.76%	55.86%	56.76%	0.89%	55.86%	54.05%	-1.81%
92	255	180	58.62%	25	18	58.14%	58.62%	58.14%	-0.48%	58.62%	55.81%	-2.81%
93	242	192	55.63%	25	19	56.82%	55.63%	56.82%	1.19%	55.63%	54.55%	-1.09%
94	291	144	66.90%	30	14	68.18%	66.90%	68.18%	1.29%	66.90%	65.91%	-0.99%
95	292	143	67.13%	30	14	68.18%	67.13%	68.18%	1.06%	67.13%	65.91%	-1.22%
96	277	158	63.68%	27	15	64.29%	63.68%	64.29%	0.61%	63.68%	61.90%	-1.77%
97	242	192	55.63%	24	18	57.14%	55.63%	57.14%	1.51%	55.63%	54.76%	-0.87%
98	269	166	61.84%	26	15	63.41%	61.84%	63.41%	1.58%	61.84%	60.98%	-0.86%
99	253	182	58.16%	25	17	59.52%	58.16%	59.52%	1.36%	58.16%	57.14%	-1.02%
100	258	177	59.31%	25	17	59.52%	59.31%	59.52%	0.21%	59.31%	57.14%	-2.17%
101	260	175	59.77%	26	17	60.47%	59.77%	60.47%	0.70%	59.77%	58.14%	-1.63%
102	267	167	61.38%	27	16	62.79%	61.38%	62.79%	1.41%	61.38%	60.47%	-0.91%
103	258	176	59.31%	27	17	61.36%	59.31%	61.36%	2.05%	59.31%	59.09%	-0.22%
104	204	230	52.87%	23	27	54.00%	52.87%	54.00%	1.13%	52.87%	52.00%	-0.87%
105	207	226	51.95%	23	28	54.90%	51.95%	54.90%	2.95%	51.95%	52.94%	0.99%
106	211	223	51.26%	24	29	54.72%	51.26%	54.72%	3.45%	51.26%	52.83%	1.57%
106	211	223	51.26%	25	29	53.70%	51.26%	53.70%	2.44%	51.26%	51.85%	0.59%
106	211	223	51.26%	26	29	52.73%	51.26%	52.73%	1.46%	51.26%	50.91%	-0.36%
106	211	223	51.26%	27	29	51.79%	51.26%	51.79%	0.52%	51.26%	50.00%	-1.26%
106	211	223	51.26%	25	28	52.83%	51.26%	52.83%	1.57%	51.26%	50.94%	-0.32%

The Bottom Line: The 105th Congress had the highest differential ever between majority ratio on committee and in the House (2.95%).

The 105th Congress was also the first Congress in 50 years in which a committee seat could have been switched from Majority to Minority, and the Committee would still have a higher majority ratio than in House in general (.99%).

If Republicans have 29 seats in the 106th Congress, Democrats could have 27 seats, and the ratio would still be above the House ratio.

If the Committee were set at 53 Members, then a 28-25 ratio would still be above the House ratio.

Notes: Ratios for all Congresses do not include other parties. Committee ratios for 106th Congress assumes various scenarios.

"If switch" means what the Committee ratio would have been if a Majority seat had been switched to the Minority.

The differential column shows that in every Congress (except the 105th and 106th) the resultant Committee majority percentage would have been less than the House majority percentage.