

Charter of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), 1977

The House, like the Senate, formed a committee devoted to intelligence oversight in 1977. Note that the two committees' jurisdictions are not identical, nor is their composition. The Senate committee is bipartisan in that its composition does not reflect the overall party strengths in the Senate (the majority party has simply has one more vote), although the House committee's membership does. The HPSCI composition fully reflects the strength of each party in the House.

The emergence of SSCI and HPSCI, which brought about a more thorough oversight of intelligence, reflected a shift in congressional attitudes toward the CIA and its partner agencies. Today, more than 30 years later, the impact of both committees can be found in the accountability, efficiency, and cohesion of the American Intelligence Community.

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