

(POLITICAL ADVERTISING)

THE NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION IN CONGRESS

How Influence is Gained By Length of Service

The Senate

Senator F. M. Simmons 14 years
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Senator Lee S. Overman 12 years
Chairman of the Committee on Rules. Ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. Ranking member of the Appropriations Committee.

The House of Representatives

Representative John H. Small 16 years
Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Representative E. W. Pou 14 years
Chairman of the Committee on Claims. Ranking member of the Committee on Rules.

Representative Claude Kitchen 14 years
Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Committee, and will become Chairman of this Committee, as well as Floor Leader, upon the retirement of Representative Underwood on March 4th, next.

Representative Robert N. Page 12 years
Committee on Appropriations.

Representative E. Y. Webb 12 years
Ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, soon to be made Chairman.

The following editorial from The Washington Times of May the 6th tells the story:

THE OLD NORTH STATE

The shiftings of political authority which go with changes of party and personnel, bring some interesting situations. Just now North Carolina commands attention because of the probability that in the next Congress she will number in her delegation the leaders of both houses. In the past the Old North State has more than once been in commanding position, but never has her representation held so many posts of first-rate importance as it is likely to count in the next session.

In the first place, Senator Simmons is chairman of the Committee on Finance, which deals with tariff and revenue problems. It is also a committee of the very first rank. Despite that one large section of its authority was taken from it when the Committee on Banking and Currency was created, it is probably the most distinguished committee of the upper body. Simmons will continue its leader.

The corresponding committee in the House, that on Ways and Means, is now headed by Mr. Underwood. He will move to the Senate, and Mr. Kitchen of North Carolina will be leader of the majority—assuming that the Democrats retain the control, which seems altogether probable—and chairman of Ways and Means. This chairmanship carries not only the leadership and the dominating place in revenue matters, but also the function of directing the highly important business of selecting the House committees.

The present chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Mr. Clayton of Alabama, is retiring to assume a judicial post, and the succession will fall by seniority as well as by merit to Mr. Webb of North Carolina. No committee has more to do with framing legislation and determining policies, in the present era, than that on Judiciary, the great law committee, in a way the supreme court of the House. Alabama gives way at two very important points to North Carolina.

The Senate Judiciary chairman is Mr. Culberson of Texas, who is seriously ill and very possibly will not attempt to resume his duties in another session. Should he vacate the Judiciary chairmanship in the upper house, it would go by seniority to Senator Overman of North Carolina. Thus the North Carolina delegation would hold the leadership of the House, and the chairmanship of what many regard as the two most important committees in both houses. It is decidedly a notable coincidence, and it testifies anew to the wisdom of that policy which a number of States have followed, of keeping their delegations long enough in service to let them rise to commanding places.

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