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A Discussion with the Legislative Branch
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Speaker Biographies



Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC)

Congressman Mark Meadows is in his third term in Congress and has been serving North Carolina's Eleventh District since January of 2013, after a 27-year career as a small business owner. During his time in Congress, he has championed fiscal responsibility, accountable government, pro-growth economic policies, pro-family and pro-life initiatives, and a strong national defense.

Congressman Meadows serves on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee where he Chairs the Subcommittee on Government Operations, which has oversight jurisdiction over federal agencies, the Executive Office of the President, the Postal Service, the Freedom of Information Act, and more. He also serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Mr. Meadows previously served as a congressional delegate to the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly and as a commissioner on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.

In November of 2016, Congressman Meadows was elected Chairman of the House Freedom Caucus, a group of roughly 40 conservative Members of Congress dedicated to giving a voice to those who feel forgotten by their government.

Meadows's leadership on Capitol Hill has been recognized by the American Conservative Union, the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), the National Rifle Association, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Taxpayer Union (NTU), Military Officers Association of America, the Nature Conservancy, the National Retail Federation, FreedomWorks and more.

In addition to fighting for conservative values, Congressman Meadows is also dedicated to providing top-notch constituent services to North Carolina's 11th Congressional District and is committed to upholding his Christian values and conservative principles while serving in Congress.

Mark and his wife, Debbie, have two adult children, Blake and Haley.

Johanna Hardy, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Johanna Hardy has served as Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure since September 2017. She joined the Subcommittee staff in 2008, serving as counsel until her appointment as Staff Director. Prior to joining the Committee staff, she was Director, Government Affairs and Regulatory Policy at Rolls Royce North America, Inc.

Earlier in her career she served as Counsel and subsequently Senior Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs (currently the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs) serving under former Chairmen Fred Thompson and Susan Collins. During that time, she actively served as the Chairman's designated alternate on the National Capital Planning Commission and was actively involved in the Commission's decisions with respect key projects, including the World War II Memorial, the redesign of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. During her career, Ms. Hardy has helped to draft and negotiate various pieces of legislation that have been enacted into law, including the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act (FASTA), the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act, portions of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 in addition to a number of other bills related to federal real property, museums, memorials, and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Hardy holds a B.S. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Elliot Doomes, Minority Council, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Elliot Doomes received a B.S. in Chemistry from Morehouse College and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. He began his career on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Assistant to Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and has been serving as Counsel for the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management on the U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee since 2007. Notable pieces of legislation worked on include, Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-396), the Old Post Office Building Redevelopment Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-

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359), Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-287) and all GSA resolutions authorizing construction, alteration and leasing projects.

His role is to advise the Ranking Member of the Committee, Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), and Ranking Member of the subcommittee, Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV), on conducting oversight and proposing legislation for federal real estate activities, emergency management, and federal economic development agencies. He also conducts legal research, interprets laws, rulings, and regulations for the subcommittee and develops strategy, arguments, and testimony in preparation for oversight of federal agencies within the subcommittee's jurisdiction which include the General Services Administration, the Architect of the Capitol, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Smithsonian Institution and several regional economic development agencies.

Walker Barrett, Legislative Director, Rep. Jeff Denham

Walker Barrett is currently the Legislative Director for Congressman Jeff Denham (CA-10) and a shared employee with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I). Previous to his current position, he served on T&I Subcommittee on Public Buildings, Emergency Management and Economic Development, T&I Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials and in the personal office of Congressman Tom Rice (SC-7). Walker was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida and is a graduate of Florida State University.

Ellen Johnson, Senior Professional Staff for the Majority, Subcommittee on Government Operations, Oversight and Government Reform, Committee on House Oversight & Government Reform

Ellen Johnson is a 12-year veteran of the House of Representatives. She currently serves as Senior Professional Staff on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform majority staff working on federal real property. Prior to joining the Oversight Committee, Ellen worked for the House Budget Committee and in the personal offices of former Representative Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA), Representative Tom Price (R-GA) and Representative Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI). During her work for these offices she focused on financial services, banking, housing and insurance issues.

Mark Stephenson, Legislative Director, Committee on House Oversight & Government Reform

Mark Stephenson is the Legislative Director for the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in the House of Representatives. He has worked for the Committee for over 20 years, where he has been responsible for a wide variety of federal management and operations issues, including acquisition, personnel, and property management policy, among others. Prior to working for the Committee, Mr. Stephenson served on the personal staff of a Member of Congress from New York State. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Dickinson College and a Master's Degree from George Washington University.

Satya Thallam, Chief Economist, Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

Satya Thallam is currently Chief Economist at the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and a senior policy aide to Chairman Ron Johnson. He is the committee's primary expert on regulatory issues, and advises the committee on various governmental affairs, oversight, and homeland security issues. He has previously been an advisor on financial services policy to private sector entities, taught about financial services policy at George Mason University, and was a doctoral student in economics at Emory University.

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