

House Science, Space, & Technology: Balancing Scientific and Political Priorities



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Personal Background

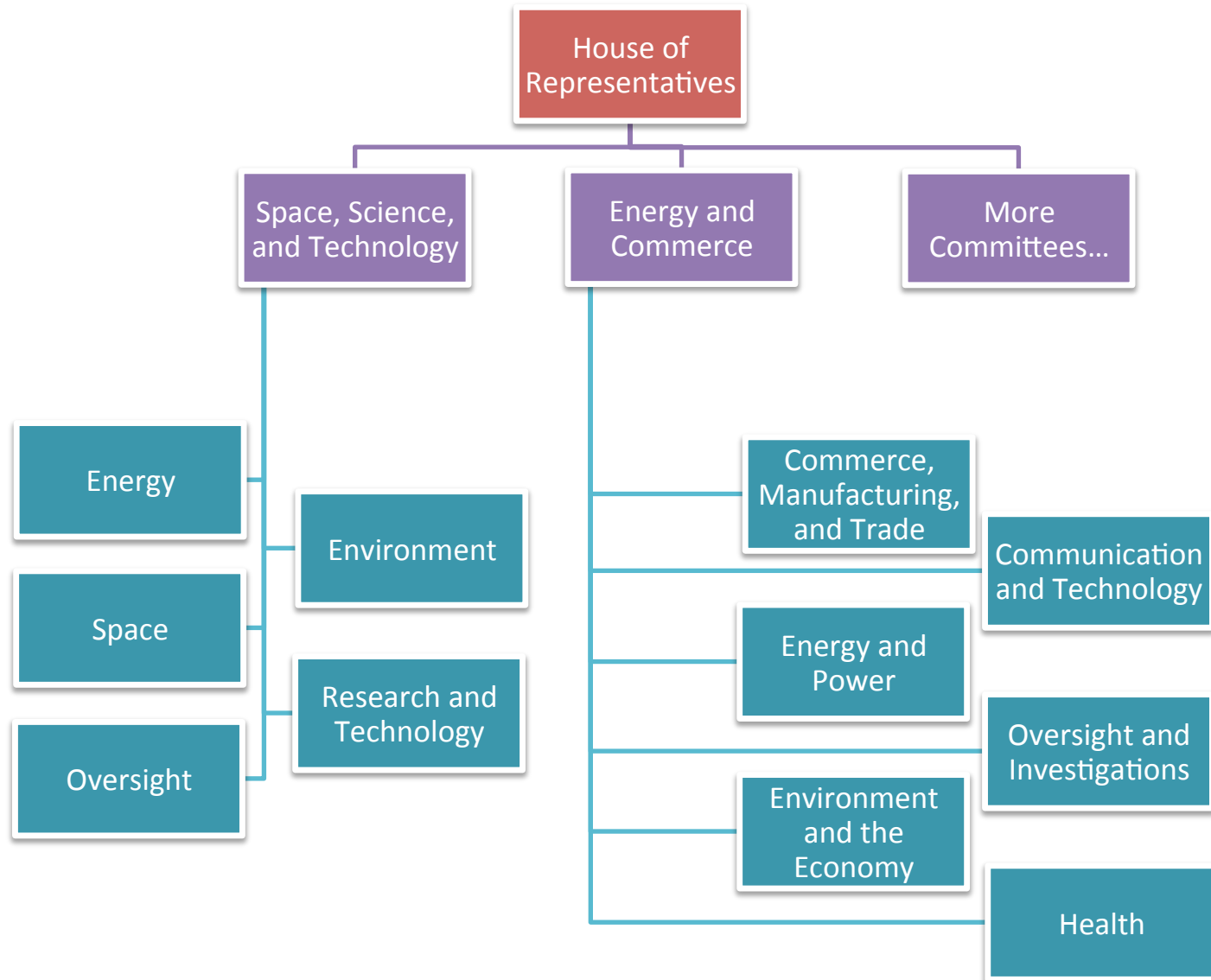


THE UNIVERSITY
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- Dual majors in Physics and Political Science
- Member of the Society of Physics Students since sophomore year
- Long-time follower of politics
- Found passion for physics in high school



Congressional Structure



My Committee

House Committee on Science,
Space, & Technology



Jurisdiction over NSF, NOAA,
DOE, NASA, EPA, NIST, etc.



In-Office Duties

- Common “intern” tasks
 - Welcoming guests
 - Managing phones
- Watching hearings and briefings
 - Provide summaries to staff
 - Learn for own interest
- Prepare hearing documents
 - Background research
 - Memo and prepared questions



Hearing Room Duties



- Prepare dais for Representatives
- Manage nameplates
- Take photos
- Perform last minute research
- Be ready to solve surprise problems

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Energy Innovation Hubs

- CASL
 - Consortium for Advanced Simulation of Light Water Reactors
- JCAP
 - Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis
- JCESR
 - Joint Center for Energy Storage Research
- CMI
 - Critical Materials Institute

