

Committees are integral to the work of Congress in determining the policy needs of the nation and acting on them. Committees in the House have four primary powers:

- to conduct hearings and investigations;
- to consider bills and resolutions and amendments to them;
- to report legislation to the House for its possible consideration; and,
- to conduct oversight of the executive branch.

As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Arcuri currently serves on two committees consisting of subcommittees that oversee specific types of legislation.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is the largest committee with 76 members and is primarily concerned with ensuring that our nation's transportation systems and infrastructure (including roads, highways, bridges and ports) are safe and secure and that infrastructure is adequate to relieve congestion, keep America competitive, and improve the daily lives of our citizens. The committee also addresses global climate change and our nation's commitment to clean water, energy independence, and environmental stewardship.

- Subcommittee on Highways and Transit is primarily charged with responsibilities relating to the construction of roads and transit facilities and the development of national surface transportation policy, including safety and research measures.

- Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management conducts oversight of programs addressing the Federal management of emergencies and natural disasters and oversees several agencies and programs promoting economic development.

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Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials has jurisdiction over the economic and safety regulation of railroads, including Amtrak. The transportation of hazardous materials and the issue of pipeline safety also fall under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

Committee on Rules

The Rules Committee is a powerful arm of House Leadership. Every piece of legislation that goes to the House Floor first goes to the Rules Committee. The Committee governs the laws of debate for every bill, and determines what amendments will be ruled in order and brought up for a vote. Only 13 Members sit on this Committee, giving Congressman Arcuri a unique opportunity to be involved with every piece of legislation from start to finish.

- Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House is responsible for measures or matters related to process and procedures of the House, relations between the two Houses of Congress, relations between the Congress and the Judiciary, and internal operations of the House. This subcommittee has the primary responsibility for the continued examination of the committee structure and jurisdictional issues of all House Committees.