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Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary  
One Hundred Twelfth Congress*



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## **The Honorable Lamar S. Smith**

Congressman Lamar Smith served as Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary in the 112th Congress from 2011–2013. The Judiciary Committee approved 33 substantive bills that became law, more than any other Committee in that Congress. Congressman Smith also served as Ranking Member of the Committee during the 110th and 111th Congresses, from 2007–2011.

Before becoming Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Congressman Smith served as Chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee, Crime Subcommittee and Intellectual Property Subcommittee.

During the 112th Congress, Congressman Smith sponsored H.R. 1249, the “America Invents Act,” which was the most significant update to our patent system in 60 years. President Barack Obama called the bill the most significant bipartisan achievement of the 112th Congress. The America Invents Act streamlines the patent approval process to ensure that better patents get approved more quickly.

In 2011, Congressman Smith was named Policymaker of the Year by POLITICO for his work on patent reform legislation. He was one of two House Members to receive this honor.

One of his top priorities as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee was to help put child pornographers out of business and behind bars. Chairman Smith worked across party lines to secure the enactment of the Child Protection Act. The bipartisan law increases penalties for child pornography, increases support for child victims/witnesses, and gives federal investigators new tools to track down fugitive sex predators.

Under Chairman Smith, the House Judiciary Committee also passed six bills to rein in federal regulations—four of which were approved by the House of Representatives—and held 15 hearings to examine how Congress can reduce the burden of regulations on small businesses.

As Chairman, Representative Smith was instrumental in enacting a 4-year extension of three expiring PATRIOT Act provisions to keep Americans safe from terrorist attacks. And he helped legislation to become law that increased penalties for economic espionage and theft of American trade secrets.

From 1995–2000, Congressman Smith served as the Chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee. In 1996, he coauthored the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, which was the most significant update to our immigration laws since 1986. As Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Rep. Smith continued to promote strong immigration enforcement, including the use of E-Verify, the government’s system to help employers verify the status of prospective employees. He also authored the STEM Jobs Act, which passed the House during the 112th Congress. The legislation eliminated the diversity visa lottery and reallocated visas to new programs for foreign graduates of U.S. universities with advanced STEM degrees.

Congressman Smith is currently Chairman of the Science Committee. He is former Chairman of the Ethics Committee and a former Member of the Budget Committee, making him the only

current Member to have chaired three Committees. During his time on the Budget Committee, Congress enacted the first balanced budget in over 20 years.

A fifth generation Texan and native of San Antonio, Congressman Smith graduated from Yale University and Southern Methodist University School of Law. Before his election to the House of Representatives, he practiced law, managed a family ranch and began his career in public service as a Texas state representative and Bexar County commissioner. He and his wife, Beth, have an adult daughter and son.

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#### ABOUT THE ARTIST

John Boyd Martin is uniquely distinguished for creating a strong, vibrant, accurate likeness, while capturing and maintaining the warmth and essence of the subjects of his portraits. This distinctive style is achieved through the use of a broad brush stroke and a palate of rich, diversified colors.

“The ability to achieve a likeness is a basic human requirement,” says Mr. Martin. “Painting the portrait of a human being also demands a considerable amount of perception, discipline and sensitivity. Above all, it should capture the personality—who the person really is.”

Mr. Martin’s portraits create a dialogue with the viewer, conveying the accomplishments of the subject, as well as a reference to the institution honoring them.

A native of Kansas and graduate of the University of Kansas School of Fine Arts, where he was an honor student and member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Mr. Martin began his career as an advertising director and illustrator, winning more than 150 awards for his work over the years. In 1986 he turned his full attention to his first love—portraiture.

Mr. Martin’s works include Members of Congress, five former secretaries of the United States Army, two former Secretaries of Agriculture, a former Secretary of Defense, Director of the National Science Foundation, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, other government officials, and numerous industry and university executives.



*Artist: John Boyd Martin*

**The Honorable Lamar S. Smith**  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, 112th Congress*



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*The Unveiling and Presentation of the Official Portrait of*

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
*Washington, DC.*

**WELCOME**

**The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary**

Mr. GOODLATTE. Order in the court. It has been a long time since we have had a good hanging in the House Judiciary Committee. [Laughter.]

And I can't think of anyone who deserves it more than my dear friend Lamar Smith.

And it is an honor for me to welcome all of you to the Committee room and to help make sure that this goes along very smoothly.

Lamar and I go back a long way, in fact, long before we even realized it. Lamar's grandfather was my parents' attorney in Springfield, Massachusetts, way back in the 1930s. We found that out when I got here to join Lamar in the Congress.

But I have no dearer friend in the House than Lamar. It is a great honor to have succeeded him as Chairman of this Committee. And it is only appropriate that he be honored with the hanging of his portrait here today.

I want to take a moment to recognize the current and former Members who are joining us tonight. So far I have seen John Conyers, Sandy Adams, Speaker Boehner is on his way, Kevin Brady, Leader Cantor is here, Jason Chaffetz, Howard Coble, Steve Cohen, Henry Cuellar, Tom Davis, Bill Flores, Bart Gordon, Kay Granger, Tom Marino, John Carter, Ralph Hall, George Holding, Darrell Issa, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Steve King, Kenny Marchant, Randy Neugebauer, Ted Poe, Dennis Ross, Adam Schiff, Steve Stockman, Mac Thornberry, Marc Veasey, Mel Watt, Roger Williams, Jim Walsh, and Howard Berman, Mike Conaway, Joe Barton, Mike Burgess, Randy Weber, Louie Gohmert, Pete Sessions, Trent Franks, Bill Delahunt, and Ted Deutch.

That is great. Thank you all for coming here.

I also want to acknowledge these groups and individuals who helped make this event a success: Thorsen French Advocacy; Altria Client Services; Dell, Incorporated; Epiphany Productions; Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America; AT&T; CBS Corporation; Express Scripts; Recording Industry Association of America; Viacom; National Beer Wholesalers Association; Texas Instruments; The Entertainment Software Association; Microsoft; Sony Pictures; Time Warner; Universal Music; the Walt Disney Company; the Nickels Group; and Cynthia Merifield Tripodi.

Thank you all for the contributions that have gone to the Capitol Historical Society and helped to pay for this beautiful portrait.

I want to say that Chairman Smith disproved the idea that the House Judiciary Committee is the most polarized, difficult place in the House of Representatives to work. And John Conyers did that before him as well.

This Committee is lawyered up very well. And we make sure that bills are gone over and debated very thoroughly. But we produce a lot of legislation in this Committee. And during Lamar's tenure, I think more bills were signed into law that originated in the House Judiciary Committee than any other Committee in the Congress, and that is a testimony to his working with Members of the Committee on both sides of the aisle, and I would like to say I have learned from both these gentlemen.

So, congratulations, Lamar. [Applause.]

Now, we are very, very fortunate to be joined this evening by the Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, who in my opinion has shown incredible leadership in this House of Representatives for these last several years. He is a man of great character. And a man for all seasons, who I and I think all of you have tremendous respect for.

Our Majority Leader, Eric Cantor. [Applause.]

## **REMARKS**

### **The Honorable Eric Cantor Majority Leader**

Mr. CANTOR. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

It is really a pleasure to be here and especially to be here for our good friend, Lamar Smith. First of all, he is one of the—if not the most—hard-working Member of Congress. Lamar has been Chairman of three Committees, the Ethics Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and now the Science Committee. With each and every one of those, not a day goes by without Lamar's imprint on some work product coming out of those Committees. I don't think any one of us takes our job

more seriously than Lamar. So it is a great honor to be able to call him “friend.”

Secondly, Lamar, ever since I came here, has been about tearing down the barriers that have been erected to innovation since he believes that this country is the cradle of innovation. That is what can propel our economy forward, that can produce the kind of jobs that we are looking for today. And Lamar believes that it is our legal structure that allows that innovation to occur, that certainty that comes with the law without unnecessary red tape in the way.

So whether it was the America Invents Act of 2011 or whether it was the STEM visa bill of 2011, Lamar is for and about innovation.

So I am here not only for those two things but also, as Bob said, he has been a dear, dear friend to me. And I want to congratulate him on his tenure as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and just wish him well.

Thank you. [Applause.]

## RESPONSE

### **The Honorable Lamar S. Smith Former Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary**

Mr. SMITH. I know the Majority Leader has to go, but I just want to thank him profusely for stopping by and sharing those comments with us today.

This can't be an easy day for him. But for him to find the time to come by and talk to you all and say those wonderfully complimentary things about me shows a great deal about how classy of an individual he is and how much character he has as well.

Now let me return the favor. There is nobody in Congress who works harder than Eric Cantor to help us set the agenda and to help us strategize. I know my Democratic friends might not like to hear all this, but he has done a great job. No one has worked harder to help set the agenda and help pass legislation that benefits all Americans. Eric is a strategist par excellence. He looks at everything from 360 degrees, and I don't know of anyone else who does it as well as he does.

And lastly, Eric really has sacrificed for all of us. When I say “all of us,” I am talking specifically about Members of Congress. He has traveled around the country. He has come to our events. He has formulated issues. And all that has really been a sacrifice. And he has made it for all of us.

So we are going to continue to think of Eric Cantor always as our Majority Leader whatever he may decide to do. But he will always be a special friend. And again, I can't think of any better leader and anyone else who has done more for us.

So, Eric, thank you very much. [Applause.]

Mr. CANTOR. Thank you.

## UNVEILING OF THE PORTRAIT

**Mrs. Beth Schaefer-Smith, Ms. Nell Smith and Mr. Tobin Smith**

Mr. GOODLATTE. Well, folks, we have some other very, very special guests here this evening who are going to help us unveil the portrait. And that is Lamar's family. So I would like to ask Beth Schaefer-Smith's and Lamar's daughter, Nell Smith, and son, Tobin Smith, to come forward. And I think there is a cord right here.

[Whereupon the portrait was unveiled.]

[Applause.]

Mr. GOODLATTE. We are expecting the Speaker to join us momentarily. But in the meantime, I think, Lamar, since the artist was not available to be here this evening, wants to tell you a little bit about this portrait.

## RESPONSE

**The Honorable Lamar S. Smith  
Former Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary**

Mr. SMITH. Before I go too far into my remarks, let me just say a couple things about Bob Goodlatte. I want to thank Bob for being a wonderful master of ceremonies for us today. It is just a privilege to have him succeed me as Chairman of the Committee. As Bob said, we are best of friends. And it is nice to hear that story Bob described about my grandfather and his parents. We literally did not know that until we were sitting next to each other one time on the House floor. We started talking about family backgrounds and so forth and discovered the connection back to Springfield, Massachusetts. And here we are representing Texas and Virginia today. And we went and had lunch and discovered a few more things that we had in common. So it was a really, really nice beginning of a friendship.

I also want to say to you all that I consider Bob Goodlatte to be an ideal Member of Congress. And I say that because he is persistent, he is knowledgeable and smart, and he also has a positive outlook.

I have seen Bob achieve incredible accomplishments and do wonderful things as a Member of Congress. But every now and then, there will be a setback, and he always has a smile. He always is willing to come back the next day to try to work things out. So when you have that combination of smart and persistent and good attitude, that is the ideal combination.

So let's give a round of applause to Bob Goodlatte. [Applause.]

I do want to tell you a little about the portrait. And I regret the artist is out of the country. We never could figure out a time when he was available and all family members were available as well.

In my view, maybe because I had low expectations, but I was very happy with the result. So it worked out well.

I know the family has been introduced. But I want to introduce them again. My wife, Beth, here on my left; daughter, Nell; son, Tobin. They will be mentioned again when we get to the portrait in a second.

I want to thank all my colleagues who are here tonight as well. Frankly, they have lots of other things to do, and I just appreciate their taking the time to be here. I know they have been recognized and introduced, and that is very, very appropriate.

The donors were also mentioned by Bob a few minutes ago, and I thank them for making this portrait possible and for doing so in such a generous way.

It is also nice to have friends here, and I have a couple of friends who actually came up from Austin, and I didn't know they were going to do that. So it is nice to have them here, too, as well as past and present staff members. We benefit greatly from their expert advice during our Committee hearings and markups and in many other ways.

The artist of this portrait is John Martin. I want to run through quickly the contents of the portrait.

And let me start with, to my left in the portrait on the credenza, a family photograph. It is actually a Christmas card. And, again, it is Beth; Tobin in the middle; and then Nell. Tobin is actually sitting down. Since he is 6'4", we don't want him to tower over everybody else. [Laughter.]

The Capitol Dome is in the background— then you have the blue skies and the white clouds. And that is actually the view you see out of my office window. So I am real fortunate to have that kind of a view and it also just continues to inspire me. I oftentimes say the time to retire is when you see the dome and you are not inspired or when you can't take the steps two at a time. But I am still inspired by what I see out my window.

On the wall to the right, and Eric Cantor mentioned this, is a framed bill called "The America Invents Act." That was a bill to reform the patent system, which hadn't been reformed in over 60 years. It took 6 long years to get that bill enacted. That is how long we worked on it. And I want to thank John Conyers for helping me across the finish line. That was a bipartisan effort; bipartisan in the House and also bipartisan in the Senate as well.

It is considered I think the major tech legislation that we passed in the last Congress and so well worth the effort.

Below that are the scales of justice. Obviously, a symbol of the Judiciary Committee.

Underneath my right hand is a biography of James Madison, who is considered the father of the Constitution. And I consider those of us on the Judiciary Committee to be the guardians of the Constitution. And you can't see it, but on my office wall to the right, I have an autograph of James Madison. And that is a regular reminder of what our

responsibilities are on the Judiciary Committee. And again, that is to defend the Constitution.

The other point to make is that I would not be here today with you all if it weren't for my constituents back home in the 21st Congressional District. It is a privilege to serve them, and wherever my constituents are, I do want to thank them for making it possible for me not only to serve in Congress but also to have been the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and now the Chairman of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

If you look a little more closely at the plaque at the bottom of the portrait, besides my name, you are going to see the names of my chiefs of staff who were chiefs of staff both when I was Ranking and Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and in my personal office. And I want to read off their names because I couldn't have done it without them, and they have helped me so much.

So would the chiefs raise their hand when I call out their name?

Joseph Gibson, Sean McLaughlin, Richard Hertling, and Jennifer Brown.

I also want to mention John Lampmann, who is here. He was chief of staff in the personal office for 18 years. Got to be some kind of a record.

And also, I want to thank Ashley Smith.

Ashley Smith oversaw the painting of the portrait and organized this event today. So special appreciation to her as well.

Okay. Well, let me finish up.

And I want to acknowledge that I actually resisted having my portrait painted, which is why it has been almost 2 years since I served as Judiciary Committee Chairman. But I was persuaded that this portrait is more than just about me. And that is why I agreed to get it done.

I hope that when my family sees the portrait, they will realize they helped me become Chairman through their love and support.

I hope that when my Republican colleagues see it, they will remember that their vote ratified my appointment as Chairman. And, thankfully, my Democratic colleagues didn't object too much.

I hope that when my friends see the portrait, they will feel they had a part in my achieving that position.

I hope that when my chief of staffs and other staff members view the portrait, they will take credit for helping me process legislation.

And I hope that those who might gaze upon the portrait, now and in the future, will recognize that a chairmanship and a Congressional Committee represent a democratic institution that forms a government of, by, and for the people.

America is exceptional, from its founding to its protection of rights and freedoms to its being a "city that is set on a hill" and a "light" for those around the world.

We can be grateful we live in such a country. And I am grateful that you all are here today. Near family, extended family and friends, you honor me by your presence, thank you. [Applause.]

Thank you. You are making it worthwhile now for me to have endured sitting for the portrait. But I do really appreciate everybody being here today. And it is just nice to see so many colleagues. That is why we are here. We enjoy each other's company. We feel like we are doing some good on both sides of the aisle.

Let's just wait for the Speaker. I think he will be here momentarily.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Ladies and gentlemen, the Speaker of the House. [Applause.]

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE PORTRAIT**

#### **The Honorable John Boehner Speaker of the House**

Speaker BOEHNER. Well, let me just say I am honored to be here with all of you. It is nice to be at someone else's hanging for a change.

Lamar, this is one of those days that you will always remember, much like your first day here. You know, as you recall, one of the first things we do when we become a Member is take the oath of office. And we really do swear to do only one thing, and there is no mention of parties or titles. We only swear to uphold the Constitution. That is it.

And I mention this for a reason. In the portrait, you will see that the same hand Lamar used to take that oath is resting on a book about James Madison, the father of our Constitution. And anyone who has served with Lamar will tell you that that is really what he is all about, a man of principle, and principle to the core. So he remembers where he came from, and we remember where we came from as a country.

Exactly what you need in a Judiciary Committee Chairman.

So I am pleased to see patent reform represented in this painting as well. It was one of the first major bipartisan accomplishments of our majority. A bill like that just doesn't happen, doesn't just come with a gavel. It takes years of work and commitment and trust to put all the pieces together to move a major piece of legislation.

Having done it, I know how hard it is to do. So that is how you create something lasting, much like this portrait, which I am honored to accept into the House collection.

I think it is proud day for Lamar, proud day for the Texans who are here. I am looking around and seeing a bunch of Texans. I spent 5 days in Texas about a month ago. For a boy from the Midwest, that is a hell of a long time to be in Texas. [Laughter.]

But it is a proud day for the Judiciary Committee and a really proud day for our friend, Lamar Smith. [Applause.]

Mr. SMITH. I very much appreciate the Speaker stopping by, and those were wonderful words to hear from him. Obviously, I would not

be Chairman of this Committee were it not for the Speaker's support. So I want to thank him publicly for that as well.

It is always my feeling that the Speaker, John Boehner, has the second toughest job in Washington. It actually may be the toughest job. Now, when you think about it, he has to get 218 votes to pass any legislation.

Speaker BOEHNER. It is 218 frogs in the wheelbarrow at the same time. [Laughter.]

Mr. SMITH. Two hundred and eighteen frogs in the wheelbarrow. But also at the same time he has 435 Members second-guessing what he does. So it is even tougher than that.

My Democratic colleagues here may or may not agree with the statement that the House is sort of a firewall that prevents bad legislation from occurring. I think that is largely an accepted view. But if that is the case, if we are the firewall that keeps bad legislation from being enacted, then Speaker Boehner is the chief fire marshal of the Nation and has done an excellent job doing just that.

We just came from a meeting of all Republicans a few minutes ago over in the Capitol. And I think our Speaker has united us in a very, very positive way. And we are looking to the future and looking to do what is right for America. And when I say "we," I include Republicans and Democrats alike.

So, John, thank you very much for accepting this portrait. Bob hasn't told me where it is going yet, but I hope it is somewhere in this room. [Laughter.]

And then I am happy if anyone wants to take photographs, we can do that as well.

But thank you, Mr. Speaker, for being here. [Applause.]

Speaker BOEHNER. Thank you.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Before we conclude, I am going to answer that question. Lamar, your portrait is going right up there. We haven't decided Jim Sensenbrenner's fate yet, however. He will be around here somewhere, too. And I am very proud to Chair a Committee that has three former Members who have been Chairmen.

So thank you all for coming. And I know Lamar would be happy to have a picture with you right here.

Mr. SMITH. Thank you. [Applause.]

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Patricia Dickson	Congratulations
Emily Sanders	Congrats Boss!
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