

## Committees

Congresswoman Doris Matsui sits on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Rules.

### Energy and Commerce Committee

The Energy and Commerce Committee is the oldest standing committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Throughout its history, the Committee on Energy and Commerce has written landmark legislation greatly benefiting the American people: laws to improve the quality of the air we breathe, to clean up toxic waste sites, to provide health care to senior citizens and children, to protect the safety of our food and drugs, to promote a vibrant telecommunications industry, to prevent fraud in our financial markets, and much more.

### Rules Committee

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 Rep. Matsui a unique opportunity to be involved with every piece of legislation from start to finish.

Congresswoman Matsui sits on the Rules and the Organization of the House Subcommittee, which has general responsibility 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.