

Burlington, VT - Today, Rep. Peter Welch was selected to serve on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, a second committee assignment for the freshman legislator.

Last month, Welch was granted a position on the powerful House Committee on Rules, typically an exclusive committee appointment.

However, this week, Speaker Nancy Pelosi opted to give Welch and other Rules members the opportunity to serve on an additional committee.

"I am grateful to Speaker Pelosi for the opportunity to serve Vermonters on this important committee," Welch said of his new appointment.

"I look forward enhancing government accountability and implementing proactive reforms as a member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform," said Welch.

Chairing the committee will be Rep. Henry Waxman (CA-30).

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the main investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives with jurisdiction to investigate any federal program and any matter with federal policy implications.

Waxman has expressed his "highest priority is to review the waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayers' money" as the new chairman.

A major priority of the committee will be accountability and oversight over the funding and contracts of the Iraq war.

Speaker Pelosi said, "Peter Welch is an experienced and skilled legislator who brings to Congress a record of effectiveness in achieving legislative reforms. We have an ambitious agenda for taking our nation in a New Direction and having a leader like Congressman Welch

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on this committee charged with government reform will help guide that change. Vermonters can be proud that Peter Welch is representing their interests on these two influential committees."