

**UPDATE, AUGUST 11, 2011**

**SUPERCOMMITTEE ON DEFICIT REDUCTION**

With Nancy Pelosi's selection of her Super Committee picks yesterday, we now know who will serve on the 12 member panel charged with determining a plan for major deficit reduction by November 23:

House Democrats

Jim Clyburn (SC)

Chris Van Hollen (MD)

Xavier Becerra (CA)

House Republicans

Fred Upton (MI)

Dave Camp (MI)

Jeb Hensarling (TX)

Senate Democrats

Max Baucus (MT)

Jon Kerry (MA)

Patty Murray (WA)

Senate Republicans

Jon Kyl (AZ)

Rob Portman (OH)

Pat Toomey (PA)

Co-Chairs: Senator Patty Murray and Rep. Jeb Hensarling

**Observations:**

- Panel is made up of four Committee Chairs:
  - House Ways and Means (Camp)
  - House Energy and Commerce (Upton)
  - Senate Finance (Baucus)
  - Senate Veterans Affairs (Murray)
- Committees most represented on the Super Committee:
  - Senate Finance (Baucus, Kyl, Kerry)
  - Senate Budget Committee (Murray, Portman, Toomey)
  - House Ways and Means (Camp and Becerra)
- Senator Murray is the only woman on the panel and chair of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee
- Reps. Clyburn and Becerra are among the more liberal members of the House Democratic Caucus

- All three are leaders in the party; Rep. Clyburn is 3rd ranking Democrat, Rep. Becerra is 5th and Rep. Van Hollen is Chair of the House Congressional Campaign Committee  
All three have led opposition to cuts in Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid .[1] .

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- Senator Toomey is a Tea-Party favorite and he has said major tax hikes “are not going to be a part” of the Super Committee agreement .[2].

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- Senator Portman is the former head of the Office of Management and Budget under President George W. Bush
- Ten of the 12 members voted for the debt ceiling agreement; Becerra and Toomey were the only two who opposed[3]

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- None were part of the Gang of Six in the Senate[1] Robert Pear and Jennifer Steinhauser, “Pelosi Appoints 3 on Her Team to Complete the Deficit Reduction Committee,” (August 11, 2011) available at

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