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Rice's primary loss opens up GOP vacancy on Ways and Means in 2023

House Ways and Means Committee Republicans are looking at another opening on their roster in 2023 after taxwriter Tom Rice of South Carolina lost his June 14 primary race to state Rep. Russell Fry.

Rice was elected to his first term in Congress in 2012 and joined the Ways and Means Committee in 2015. He became ranking member of the Oversight Subcommittee—his first leadership post on Ways and Means—this past January.

Rice's primary loss creates the second known GOP vacancy on the taxwriting panel when the 118th Congress convenes next January. Ranking member Kevin Brady, R-Texas, announced in April that this would be his final term in office.

Ways and Means Committee Democrats face several changes to their own line-up next year: Democratic taxwriters who have opted not to seek re-election to Congress in 2022 include Reps. Ron Kind of Wisconsin, Tom Suozzi of New York, and Stephanie Murphy of Florida.

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