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BA/BS	BA, political science and communications, Wesminster Coll., Fulton, Missouri
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Carrière :

1969-71 : US Army.

Director of Campaign Services and Party Organization for the Democratic National Committee, Central States Coordinator for the McGovern Presidential Campaign, a bill

¹ n'est pas une formation mais un programme pour entrer dans l'armée

drafter for the Missouri Legislature and a field coordinator for the 1968 Tom Eagleton Senate Campaign.

Début 1970s : commence sa carrière à la House : executive director to the joint economic committee and chief of staff to congressman David Obey of Wisconsin (73-94), Executive Director of the Democratic Study Group (aussi juste avant 94), an organization within the House of Representatives that advocated Congressional reform and provided research and other services to a significant number of House Republicans as well nearly all House Democrats. Mr. Lilly has been consistently included in the twice yearly listing of the fifty most influential Congressional staff members by the Capitol Hill newspaper, Roll Call, since the 1980.

1994 : House Com. On Appro, clerk and staff director

1995 – 2004 : House Com. On Appro, minority staff director Est considéré comme un « politique » démocrate, contrairement aux staffers jusque là très techniques et apolitiques de ce comité (cf source.) ; de plus est un extérieur (outsider).

2005 - : lobbyist

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Newly elected House Appropriations Committee Chairman David R. Obey, D-Wis., already has begun putting his mark on the tradition-bound panel by accepting the resignation of the committee's veteran staff director and bringing in a longtime aide from outside the panel to replace him. Scott Lilly, 47, will work side by side with current committee clerk and staff director Frederick G. Mohrman, 61, until Mohrman's official retirement Aug. 15. Lilly, whose appointment was announced April 13, will become only the 10th staff director in the committee's 129-year history. Lilly, who left his job as executive director of the House's Democratic Study Group to take the Appropriations post, has worked for Obey in a variety of jobs since 1973, serving for 11 years as Obey's associate staff member for appropriations and budget matters before moving to become executive director of the Joint Economic Committee when Obey became that panel's chairman.

The sharp contrast between Lilly and Mohrman was interpreted by some as a sign that Obey might be steering the committee in a more partisan, political direction. Since his election by the House Democratic Caucus as acting chairman March 23 and the death of Chairman William H. Natcher, D-Ky., March 29, Obey has appeared to walk a fine line between imposing his own style on the panel and unsettling members of the politically low-key committee. (1993 Weekly Report, p. 713) Although Lilly has a substantial background in fiscal matters, he has spent the past seven years directing the aggressively partisan study group, which has taken a lead role in drawing distinctions between Democrats and Republicans, particularly on economic policy. By contrast, Mohrman, who has been an Appropriations aide since 1975 and staff director since 1985, is widely regarded as an exemplar of the committee's businesslike professional staff, deeply knowledgeable about the complexities of

the appropriations process but unused to carrying a political agenda. The committee traditionally has been one of the least political and most bipartisan in Congress, largely because of the belief that partisanship would make it difficult for the panel to get through its huge annual workload of at least 13 spending bills.

'Nobody Knows . . . What It Means'

Republicans sounded worried that Lilly's appointment might mark a politicization of what one of them called an "almost civil-service-style" staff. "It's disquieting because nobody knows exactly what it means," one member said. But Obey said others were reading far too much into Lilly's appointment. He said Mohrman repeatedly had tried to resign over the past two years but that former Chairmen Jamie L. Whitten, D-Miss., and William H. Natcher, D-Ky., both had persuaded him to stay through the long, difficult transitions when first Whitten and then Natcher lost their chairmanships due to illness. Upon Obey's ascension to the post, Mohrman again tried to resign, but Obey prevailed upon him to stay on until the beginning of the August recess and wants him to work part time after that. "It doesn't mean a damn thing except that Fred's retiring," Obey said of the change. "People should quit looking for meaning when there isn't any." Lilly's appointment also caused ripples in the insular world of appropriations because he was brought in from the outside, something that rarely happens in a committee where top staff usually rise from within and new staff come from federal agencies through a rigorous screening process conducted by the current staff. "I personally favor the staff picking the staff," said Defense Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John P. Murtha, D- Pa., who was a chief backer of Obey's opponent - Neal Smith, D- Iowa - in the election in which Obey won the chairmanship. While Lilly agreed that the committee has a tradition of promoting from within, he said his appointment was hardly unprecedented. Two of the panel's more recent staff directors (though not Mohrman) came straight from their jobs as the chairman's administrative assistants, he said.

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