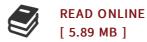# House Committee Chairs: Considerations, Decisions, and Actions as One Congress Ends and a New Congress Begins

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