



Joseph Robinette Biden

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: DE

Service: 1973–2009

Most recent Congress: 111

Biography

A Senator from Delaware and a Vice President and 46th President of the United States. Born in Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pa. , November 20, 1942. Educated at St. Helena's School, Wilmington, Del. , and Archmere Academy, Claymont, Del. Graduated, University of Delaware, Newark, 1965, and Syracuse (N. Y.) University College of Law 1968. Admitted to the Delaware bar in 1969 and commenced practice in Wilmington. Served on the New Castle County Council 1970-1972. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1972 and reelected in 1978, 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, and again in 2008 and served from January 3, 1973, until January 15, 2009, when he resigned to become Vice President. Chair, Committee on the Judiciary (One Hundredth through One Hundred Third Congresses), Committee on Foreign Relations (One Hundred Seventh Congress [January 3-20, 2001. June 6, 2001-January 3, 2003], One Hundred Tenth Congress). Was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for president in 2008, but was elected Vice President of the United States on the Democratic ticket headed by Barack Obama in 2008. Reelected in 2012, and served from January 20, 2009, until January 20, 2017. Elected as the 46th President of the United States on November 3, 2020. And served from January 20, 2021, until January 20, 2025. Participated in the Democratic primary process for the Democratic nomination for president in 2024, but later announced that he would not seek reelection. Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on January 12, 2017.

Legislative Activity (1973–2009)

Bills sponsored: 212

Bills cosponsored: 964

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
110 S 3526	Drug Trafficking Vessel Interdiction Act of 2008	Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1116 Updated Nov 18, 2008
110 S 1738	PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008	Became Public Law No: 110-401. Updated Oct 13, 2008
110 S 3605	Criminal History Background Checks Pilot Extension Act of 2008	Became Public Law No: 110-408. Updated Oct 13, 2008
110 S 3668	Crime Victims with Disabilities Act of 2008	Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10326 Updated Oct 1, 2008
110 SRES 662	A resolution raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and designating the week of October 2, 2008, through October 4, 2008, as "Celebrate Safe Communities" week.	Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR Updated Sep 30, 2008

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
111 SRES 8	A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Claiborne de Borda Pell, former United States Senator for the State of Rhode Island.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated Jan 6, 2009
110 S 3297	Advancing America's Priorities Act	Motion to proceed to consideration of measure withdrawn in Senate. (consideration: CR S10859) Updated Dec 10, 2008
110 S 2136	Helping Families Save Their Homes in Bankruptcy Act of 2008	Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Updated Nov 19, 2008
110 S 980	Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008	By Senator Leahy from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 110-521. Updated Nov 17, 2008
110 S 906	Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008	Became Public Law No: 110-414. Updated Oct 14, 2008