



Mr. Ben Cardin

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: MD

Service: 1987–2025

Most recent Congress: 118

Biography

A Senator and a Representative from Maryland. Born in Baltimore, Md. , October 5, 1943. Attended public schools. Graduated from Baltimore City College, Baltimore, Md. , 1961. B. A. , University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. , 1964. J. D. , University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. , 1967. Lawyer, private practice. Member of the Maryland state house of delegates, 1966-1986, speaker, 1979-1986. Elected as a Democrat to the One Hundredth and to the nine succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1987-January 3, 2007). One of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1989 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against Walter L. Nixon, judge of the United States District Court for the District Court of Mississippi. Not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives but was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 2006. Reelected in 2012, and again in 2018 and served from January 3, 2007, to January 3, 2025. Chair, Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (One Hundred Seventeenth and One Hundred Eighteenth Congresses [January 3, 2021-September 27, 2023]). Committee on Foreign Relations (One Hundred Eighteenth Congress [September 27, 2023-January 3, 2025]). Was not a candidate for reelection to the Senate in 2024.

Legislative Activity (1987–2025)

Bills sponsored: 696

Bills cosponsored: 4158

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
118 S 5581	American FATE Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Sponsor introductory remarks on meas Updated Dec 18, 2024
118 SCONRES 45	A concurrent resolution affirming the nature and importance of the support of the United States for Syria.	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text: CR S7183-7184) Updated Dec 18, 2024
118 S 5574	PULSE Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Updated Dec 17, 2024
118 S 5570	CREW Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Updated Dec 17, 2024
118 S 5491	RESOLVE Act of 2024	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Updated Dec 11, 2024

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
118 S 141	Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act	Became Public Law No: 118-210. Updated Jan 2, 2025
118 S 1723	Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act of 2024	Held at the desk. Updated Dec 24, 2024
118 S 3791	America's Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024	Became Public Law No: 118-198. Updated Dec 23, 2024
118 S 3448	Never Again Education Reauthorization Act of 2023	Became Public Law No: 118-197. Updated Dec 23, 2024
118 S 2620	Chesapeake National Recreation Area Act	Held at the desk. Updated Dec 19, 2024