



## Thad Cochran

**Party:** Republican • **Chamber:** Senate

**State:** MS

**Service:** 1973–2018

**Most recent Congress:** 115

### Biography

A Senator and a Representative from Mississippi. Born in Pontotoc, Pontotoc County, Miss. , December 7, 1937. Educated in the public schools of Mississippi. Graduated, University of Mississippi, Oxford 1959 and the University of Mississippi Law School 1965. Studied international law and jurisprudence at Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland 1963-1964. Served in the United States Navy 1959-1961. Admitted to the Mississippi bar in 1965 and commenced practice in Jackson. Elected as a Republican to the Ninety-third Congress in 1972. Reelected to the Ninety-fourth and Ninety-fifth Congresses and served from January 3, 1973, until his resignation on December 26, 1978. Was not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives, but was elected in 1978 to the United States Senate for the term commencing January 3, 1979. Subsequently appointed by the Governor, December 27, 1978, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James O. Eastland for the term ending January 3, 1979. Reelected in 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008, and again in 2014 and served from December 27, 1978, until his resignation on April 1, 2018. Chair, Senate Republican Conference (1991-1997), Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (One Hundred Eighth Congress). Committee on Appropriations (One Hundred Ninth, One Hundred Fourteenth and One Hundred Fifteenth [January 3, 2017-April 1, 2018] Congresses). Was a resident of Oxford, Miss. , until his death on May 30, 2019. Interment in New Albany Cemetery, New Albany, Miss. </p>

### Legislative Activity (1973–2018)

**Bills sponsored:** 117

**Bills cosponsored:** 2138

### Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
115 S 1260	Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 374. Updated Apr 11, 2018
115 S 2558	Okhissa Lake Rural Economic Development Land Conveyance Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Updated Mar 15, 2018
115 SCONRES 33	A concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 195.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Jan 22, 2018
115 S 644	Medgar Evers House Study Act	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 59. Updated May 9, 2017
114 SCONRES 53	A concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 5325.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Sep 28, 2016

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
115 S 1520	Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018	Became Public Law No: 115-405. Updated Dec 31, 2018
115 S 573	National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2018	Held at the desk. Updated Dec 22, 2018
115 S 1312	Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017	Became Public Law No: 115-393. Updated Dec 21, 2018
115 S 1050	Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act	Became Public Law No: 115-337. Updated Dec 20, 2018
115 S 2101	USS Indianapolis Congressional Gold Medal Act	Became Public Law No: 115-338. Updated Dec 20, 2018