

James H. Cooper

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House
State: TN • **District:** 5
Service: 1983–2023
Most recent Congress: 117

Biography

A Representative from Tennessee. Born in Nashville, Davidson County, Tenn. , June 19, 1954. Graduated from Groton School, Groton, Mass. , 1972. B. A. , University of North Carolina (Morehead Scholar), Chapel Hill, N. C. , 1975. M. A. , Oxford University (Rhodes Scholar), Oxford, England, 1977. J. D. , Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Mass. , 1980. Lawyer, private practice. Adjunct professor, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-eighth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 3, 1995). Was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fourth Congress in 1994, but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate. Investment banker. Elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Eighth and to the nine succeeding Congresses (January 3, 2003-January 3, 2023). Was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress in 2022.

Legislative Activity (1983–2023)

Bills sponsored: 92
Bills cosponsored: 2496

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
117 HR 5271	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2245 Rosa L Parks Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee, as the "Thelma Harper Post Office Building".	Became Public Law No: 117-277. Updated Dec 27, 2022
117 HRES 588	Honoring the bravery and legacy of the Clinton 12.	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. Updated Nov 1, 2022
117 HRES 1178	Expressing support for the designation of the week of June 27 through July 3, 2022, as "National Tire Safety Week" in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Tire Safety Week to educate American motorists about the importance of proper tire care and maintenance.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. Updated Jun 16, 2022
117 HR 5729	GIFTS Act	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. Updated Oct 26, 2021
117 HR 5111	To amend section 6103 of title 5, United States Code, to establish Rosa Parks Day as a Federal holiday, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. Updated Aug 27, 2021

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
117 HR 2021	Environmental Justice For All Act	Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-687, Part I. Updated Dec 30, 2022
117 HR 4130	American Music Fairness Act of 2022	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 509. Updated Dec 30, 2022
117 HR 6720	To authorize the Thomas Paine Memorial Association to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 497. Updated Dec 30, 2022
117 HR 8770	Expanding the VOTE Act	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 474. Updated Dec 21, 2022
117 HR 310	To posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.	Became Public Law No: 117-256. Updated Dec 21, 2022

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