



## Alan Cranston

**Party:** Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

**State:** CA

**Service:** 1969–1993

**Most recent Congress:** 102

### Biography

A Senator from California. Born in Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, Calif. , June 19, 1914. Attended the public schools in Los Altos, Calif. , Pomona College, and the University of Mexico. Graduated, Stanford University 1936. International News Service, covering England, Germany, Italy, and Ethiopia 1937-1938. Chief, foreign language division, Office of War Information 1940-1944. Enlisted in the United States Army in 1944 and served until the conclusion of the Second World War. National president, United World Federalists 1949-1952. Elected State comptroller of California in 1958, and reelected in 1962. Business career in land investment and home construction. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1968 for the term commencing January 3, 1969. Reelected in 1974, 1980, and again in 1986 and served from January 3, 1969 to January 3, 1993. Was not a candidate for reelection in 1992. Reprimanded by the Select Committee on Ethics for "improper conduct" on November 20, 1991. Democratic whip 1977-1991. Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Ninety-fifth, Ninety-sixth, One Hundredth through One Hundred Second Congresses). Unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1984. Was a resident of Los Altos, Calif. , until his death on December 31, 2000. Remains were cremated.

### Legislative Activity (1969–1993)

**Bills sponsored:** 0

**Bills cosponsored:** 0