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State: ME

Service: 1997–2025 (including current term)

Most recent Congress: 119

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Biography

A Senator from Maine. Born in Caribou, Aroostook County, Maine, December 7, 1952. Graduated from St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 1975. Worked for United States Senator William S. Cohen 1975-1987, serving as staff director of the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on the Oversight of Government Management 1981-1987. Commissioner of the Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation 1987-1992. New England regional director, United States Small Business Administration 1992. Served as deputy state treasurer of Massachusetts, 1993. Won an eight-way Republican primary to become the first woman nominated for governor of Maine in 1994, but lost general election. Elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1996. Reelected in 2002, 2008, 2014, and again in 2020 for the term ending January 3, 2027. Chair, Committee on Governmental Affairs (One Hundred Eighth Congress), Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (One Hundred Ninth Congress), Special Committee on Aging (One Hundred Fourteenth through One Hundred Sixteenth Congresses), Committee on Appropriations (One Hundred Nineteenth Congress).

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Appropriations Committee – Standing **Chairman**
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Department of Defense Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Department of Homeland Security Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ex Officio**
- Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ex Officio**
- Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Standing **Ex Officio**
- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ex Officio**
- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee – Standing **Member**
- Legislative Branch Subcommittee – Standing **Ex Officio**
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Primary Health and Retirement Security Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ex Officio**
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**

Legislative Activity (1997–2025)

Bills sponsored: 639

Bills cosponsored: 4931

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 4641	Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated May 21, 2026
119 SRES 744	A resolution expressing support for designation of the month of May 2026 as "Osteoporosis Prevention and Awareness Month".	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S2420) Updated May 20, 2026
119 SRES 724	A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated May 11, 2026
119 S 4292	Improving Retirement Security for Family Caregivers Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Apr 14, 2026
119 S 4291	Catching Up Family Caregivers Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1 Updated Apr 14, 2026

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 4933	A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals who fought for or with the United States against the armed forces of Imperial Japan in the Pacific theater and became prisoners of war from December 8, 1941, to August 15, 1945.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Updated Jun 24, 2026
119 S 4911	A bill to require certain information and financial assistance under the State energy program and the weatherization assistance program to be distributed without undue delay to support State and local high-impact energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Updated Jun 24, 2026
119 S 2252	A bill to require United States foreign assistance commodities to be made available for their intended purposes before they expire.	Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitut Updated Jun 17, 2026
119 S 1547	A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 439. Updated Jun 17, 2026
119 S 3900	Iran Human Rights, Internet Freedom, and Accountability Act of 2026	Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitut Updated Jun 17, 2026

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