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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 and 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: 628

Bills cosponsored: 4855

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SRES 544	A resolution designating December 13, 2025, as "National Wreaths Across America Day".	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. Updated Dec 11, 2025
119 S 3353	Relief for Farmers Hit with PFAS Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introduced) Updated Dec 4, 2025
119 S 3296	Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act of 2025	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sponsor introduced) Updated Dec 2, 2025
119 S 3267	ASAP Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S8) Updated Nov 20, 2025
119 SRES 502	A resolution recognizing November 2025 as "National Family Caregivers Month".	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. Updated Nov 18, 2025

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 3598	A bill to provide for the periodic issuance of up-to-date clinical guidance on addressing the health effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Jan 8, 2026
119 SRES 288	A resolution condemning the rise in ideologically motivated attacks on Jewish individuals in the United States, including the recent violent assault in Boulder, Colorado, and reaffirming the commitment of the Senate to combating antisemitism and politically motivated violence.	Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (considered) Updated Jan 7, 2026
119 S 222	Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025	Presented to President. Updated Jan 6, 2026
119 S 3564	A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institutes of Health, to take certain steps to increase clinical trial diversity, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Dec 18, 2025
119 S 3560	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of contraceptive items and services at no cost-sharing under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Dec 18, 2025