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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, 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: 636

Bills cosponsored: 4901

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
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
119 S 4172	AFTER Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introduct Updated Mar 24, 2026
119 S 2699	Geriatrics Workforce Improvement Act	Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. Updated Mar 19, 2026
119 S 4051	National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Coin Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Sponsor introducto Updated Mar 11, 2026

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SRES 686	A resolution recognizing the significance of Community College Month in April as a celebration of more than 1,000 institutions throughout the United States supporting access to higher education, workforce training, and more broadly sustaining and advancing the economic prosperity of the United States.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated Apr 22, 2026
119 SRES 679	A resolution recognizing April 14, 2026, as "World Quantum Day", and commemorating and supporting the goals of World Quantum Day.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated Apr 16, 2026
119 SRES 627	A resolution designating March 5, 2026, as "National Slam the Scam Day" to raise awareness about pervasive scams and to prevent government imposter scams and other types of scams by promoting education about such scams.	Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consider Updated Apr 15, 2026
119 S 4283	Public Health and Bio-Preparedness Workforce Loan Repayment Reauthorization Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Apr 14, 2026
119 S 3791	Regional Ocean Partnerships Reauthorization Act of 2026	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the Updated Apr 14, 2026