



Mr. Tom Cole

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Service: 2003–2025 (including current term)

Most recent Congress: 119

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Biography

A Representative from Oklahoma. Born in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, La. , on April 28, 1949. An enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation. Graduated from Moore High School, Moore, Okla. , 1967. B. A. , Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, 1971. M. A. , Yale University, New Haven, Conn. , 1974. Ph. D. , University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla. , 1984. Consultant. Graduate assistant, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla. Faculty, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla. Staff, United States Representative Marvin (Mickey) Edwards of Oklahoma, 1982-1984. Chairman, Oklahoma Republican Party, 1985-1989. Private advocate. Member of the Oklahoma state senate, 1988-1991. Executive director, National Republican Congressional Committee, 1991-1993. Oklahoma secretary of state, 1995-1999. Chief of staff, Republican National Committee, 1999-2001. Elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Eighth and to the eleven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 2003-present). Chair, Committee on Rules (One Hundred Eighteenth Congress). Chair, Committee on Appropriations (One Hundred Eighteenth and One Hundred Nineteenth Congresses).

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Appropriations Committee – Standing Chair

Legislative Activity (2003–2025)

Bills sponsored: 200

Bills cosponsored: 3196

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 HR 6938	Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026	Closure motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (CR S119) Updated Jan 8, 2026
119 HR 5371	Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026	Became Public Law No: 119-37. Updated Nov 12, 2025
119 HRES 747	Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to request the Senate to return to the House the bill (H.R. 3426) entitled "To amend title 40, United States Code, to limit the construction of new courthouses under certain circumstances, and for other purposes."	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Sep 19, 2025
119 HR 5428	Medical Student Education Authorization Act of 2025	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Updated Sep 17, 2025
119 HR 5257	To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian Tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust.	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. Updated Sep 10, 2025

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 HRES 952	Recognizing the self-determination of Gibraltar to determine its status as a British Overseas Territory.	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Updated Dec 16, 2025
119 HR 452	Miracle on Ice Congressional Gold Medal Act	Became Public Law No: 119-53. Updated Dec 12, 2025
119 HR 3699	Energy Choice Act	Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 21. Updated Dec 3, 2025
119 HR 4398	Veteran Burial Timeliness and Death Certificate Accountability Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. Updated Dec 3, 2025
119 HR 151	Equal Representation Act	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 19. Updated Dec 2, 2025