



## Thomas Andrew Daschle

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

**State:** SD

**Service:** 1979–2005

**Most recent Congress:** 108

### Biography

A Representative and a Senator from South Dakota. Born in Aberdeen, S. Dak. On December 9, 1947. Attended private and public schools. Graduated South Dakota State University 1969. Served in the United States Air Force 1969-1972. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978 and reelected to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1987). Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1986. Reelected in 1992 and 1998 and served from January 3, 1987, to January 3, 2005. Co-chair, Democratic Policy Committee, Democratic Conference (1989-1999). Minority leader and Democratic caucus chairman (1995-June 6, 2001. 2003-2005). Majority leader and Democratic caucus chairman (June 6, 2001-January 3, 2003). Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 2004. Nominated by President Barack Obama to be Secretary of Health and Human Services in 2009, nomination subsequently withdrawn.

### Legislative Activity (1979–2005)

**Bills sponsored:** 171

**Bills cosponsored:** 633

### Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
108 S 1996	Oglala Sioux Tribe Angostura Irrigation Project Modernization and Development Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power. Updated Nov 30, 2004
108 S 1530	Tribal Parity Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power. Updated Nov 29, 2004
108 S 2938	A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated.	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. Updated Nov 16, 2004
108 S 2851	A bill to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to establish certain conditions under which a Farm Credit System institution can terminate its status as a System institution.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure a Updated Sep 28, 2004
108 SRES 425	A resolution honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 58th birthday.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated Sep 14, 2004

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
108 S 556	Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2004	Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12052-12055) Updated Dec 8, 2004
108 SRES 486	A resolution relative to the death of J. Stanley Kimmitt, Former Secretary of the Senate.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated Dec 8, 2004
108 S 1380	Rural Universal Service Equity Act of 2003	By Senator McCain from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Repo Updated Dec 7, 2004
108 S 2283	State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2004	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. Updated Dec 1, 2004
108 S 2866	Commodity Assessment, Protection, and Reform Act	Message on Senate action sent to the House. Updated Nov 24, 2004