



## Byron Leslie Dorgan

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

**State:** ND

**Service:** 1981–2011

**Most recent Congress:** 111

### Biography

A Representative and a Senator from North Dakota. Born in Dickinson, Stark County, N. Dak. , May 14, 1942. Attended the public schools. B. S. , University of North Dakota, Grand Forks 1964. M. B. A. , University of Denver 1966. Tax commissioner, State of North Dakota 1969-1980. Delegate, North Dakota State Democratic conventions 1969-1981. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-seventh Congress in 1980 and to the five succeeding congresses. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1992 to the term beginning January 1993. Appointed by the Governor to begin serving on December 14, 1992, to fill the vacancy left by Senator Kent Conrad, who assumed the seat left vacant by the death of Quentin Northrop Burdick, and took the oath of office on December 15, 1992. Reelected in 1998 and again in 2004, and served from December 14, 1992, to January 3, 2011. Chair, Democratic Policy Committee (One Hundred Sixth through One Hundred Eleventh Congresses), Committee on Indian Affairs (One Hundred Tenth and One Hundred Eleventh Congresses). Was not a candidate for reelection to the Senate in 2010.

### Legislative Activity (1981–2011)

**Bills sponsored:** 192

**Bills cosponsored:** 1145

### Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
111 S 3235	HEARTH Act of 2010	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 719. Updated Dec 20, 2010
111 S 3648	Pick-Sloan Tribal Commission Act of 2010	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 680. Updated Dec 8, 2010
111 S 3997	A bill to authorize appropriations for certain Native American programs.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Updated Dec 1, 2010
111 SRES 689	A resolution recognizing National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of American Indians and Alaska Natives and the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the United States.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Updated Nov 19, 2010
111 S 3893	A bill to establish the Emergency Trade Deficit Commission, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Sep 29, 2010

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
111 S 583	Building a Stronger America Act	Star Print ordered on the reported bill. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 S 3304	Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010	By Senator Rockefeller from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 S 2889	Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009	By Senator Rockefeller from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Updated Dec 21, 2010
111 S 987	International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2010	On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 241 - Updated Dec 16, 2010
111 S 4023	Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010	Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 688. Updated Dec 13, 2010