



Mr. Richard J. Durbin

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: IL

Service: 1983–2025 (including current term)

Most recent Congress: 119

Phone: (202) 224-2152

Office: 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Website: durbin.senate.gov

Biography

A Senator and a Representative from Illinois. Born in East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Ill. , November 21, 1944. Graduated from Assumption High School, East St. Louis 1962. B. S. , Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC 1966. Intern in the office of Illinois Senator Paul Douglas during his senior year in college. J. D. , Georgetown University Law Center 1969. Admitted to the Illinois bar 1969, and commenced practice in Springfield. Legal counsel to Illinois Lieutenant Governor Paul Simon 1969-1972. Legal counsel, Illinois State senate judiciary committee 1972-1982. Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor of Illinois 1978. Associate professor, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield 1978-1983. Delegate, Democratic National Conventions 1984, 1988, 1992 and 1996. Chairman of Illinois state delegation in 1996. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-eighth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 2, 1997). Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1996. Reelected in 2002, 2008, 2014, and again in 2020 for the term ending January 3, 2027. Democratic party whip (2005-). Chair, Committee on the Judiciary (One Hundred Seventeenth and One Hundred Eighteenth Congresses).

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee – Standing **Member**
- Appropriations Committee – Standing **Member**
- Commodities, Derivatives, Risk Management, and Trade Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Crime and Counterterrorism Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ranking**
- Department of Defense Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Standing **Member**
- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Judiciary Committee – Standing **Ranking**
- Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, and Food Safety Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**

Legislative Activity (1983–2025)

Bills sponsored: 1090

Bills cosponsored: 6316

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SRES 799	A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate and honoring the memory of the victims on the fourth anniversary of the mass shooting at the Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Illinois, on July 4, 2022.	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S3220-3221) Updated Jun 24, 2026
119 S 1146	Cameras in the Courtroom Act	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 445. Updated Jun 23, 2026
119 SRES 756	A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 5, 2026, as "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" and June 2026 as "National Gun Violence Awareness Month".	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S2665-2666) Updated Jun 8, 2026
119 SRES 748	A resolution condemning the Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service settlement agreement in Trump v. Internal Revenue Service, under which \$1,776,000,000 in taxpayer money may be used to financially benefit individuals who assaulted law enforcement officers on January 6, 2021, and President Trump, his family, and his political allies.	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S2445-2446) Updated May 21, 2026
119 S 4608	Federal Death Penalty Prohibition Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: Updated May 20, 2026

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SRES 789	A resolution recognizing June 2026, as "LGBTQ Pride Month".	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S3215-3216) Updated Jun 24, 2026
119 S 4937	A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit mandatory pre-dispute arbitration agreements, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Updated Jun 24, 2026
119 SRES 790	A resolution recognizing and honoring the 27th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in <i>Olmstead v L.C.</i>	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S3216-3217) Updated Jun 24, 2026
119 S 4919	A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 to prevent wage theft and assist in the recovery of stolen wages, to authorize the Secretary of Labor to administer grants to prevent wage and hour violations, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Jun 24, 2026
119 S 4914	Green Ribbon Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Jun 24, 2026

LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every law — all in one place, always up to date.

legilist.com

Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

legilist.com/learn

Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

legilist.com/api

Public data belongs to the public. — legilist.com