



## Vernon J. Ehlers

**Party:** Republican • **Chamber:** House

**State:** MI • **District:** 3

**Service:** 1993–2011

**Most recent Congress:** 111

### Biography

A Representative from Michigan. Born in Pipestone, Pipestone County, Minn. , February 6, 1934. Educated at home by his parents. Attended Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. , 1952-1956. A. B. , University of California, Berkeley, Calif. , 1956. Ph. D. , University of California, Berkeley, Calif. , 1960. Teaching and scientific research, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, 1956-1966. Professor of physics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. , 1966-1983. Commissioner, Kent County, Mich. , 1975-1983. Member of the Michigan state house of representatives, 1983-1985. Member of the Michigan state senate, 1985-1993. Elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Third Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Paul B. Henry, reelected to the eight succeeding Congresses (December 7, 1993-January 3, 2011). Chair, Committee on House Administration (One Hundred Ninth Congress). Was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Twelfth Congress in 2010. Died on August 15, 2017, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Interment at Oakhill Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich.

### Legislative Activity (1993–2011)

**Bills sponsored:** 92

**Bills cosponsored:** 1370

### Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
111 HRES 1560	Supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Computer Science Education Week.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Sep 23, 2010
111 HCONRES 292	Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Week, and for other purposes.	Message on Senate action sent to the House. Updated Sep 14, 2010
111 HRES 1310	Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the laser.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated May 4, 2010
111 HCONRES 272	Recognizing the many contributions made by general aviation pilots and operators to the Haiti earthquake relief efforts, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation. Updated Apr 30, 2010
111 HRES 1222	Supporting the goals and ideals of National Library Week.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. Updated Apr 30, 2010

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
111 HR 5116	America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010	Became Public Law No: 111-358. Updated Jan 4, 2011
111 HR 1064	Youth PROMISE Act	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 417. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 HRES 1600	Supporting the critical role of the physician assistant profession and supporting the goals and ideals of National Physician Assistant Week.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Dec 15, 2010
111 HR 5566	Animal Crush Video Prohibition Act of 2010	Became Public Law No: 111-294. Updated Dec 9, 2010
111 HR 6507	To designate the buildings occupied by the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, and 1201 4th Street, Southeast, in the District of Columbia as the "James L. Oberstar United States Department of Transportation Building Complex".	Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Updated Dec 8, 2010