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Service: 2015–2025 (including current term)

Most recent Congress: 119

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Biography

A Senator from Iowa. Born in Red Oak, Montgomery County, Iowa, July 1, 1970. B. A. , Iowa State University, 1992. M. P. A. , Columbus College (now Columbus State University), Columbus, Ga. , 1995. United States Army Reserves, 1993-2001. Iowa Army National Guard, 2001-present, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. Auditor of Montgomery County, Iowa, 2005-2011. Member of the Iowa state senate 2011-2014. Elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 2014. Reelected in 2020 for the term ending January 3, 2027. Vice-chair, Republican Conference (2019-2023). Chair, Republican Policy Committee (2023-2025). Chair, Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (One Hundred Nineteenth Congress).

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee – Standing **Member**
- Armed Services Committee – Standing **Member**
- Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Conservation, Forestry, Natural Resources, and Biotechnology Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Cybersecurity Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Disaster Management, District of Columbia, and Census Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Chairman**
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee – Standing **Member**
- Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, and Food Safety Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Personnel Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Rural Development, Energy, and Credit Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Chairman**
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee – Standing **Chairman**

Legislative Activity (2015–2025)

Bills sponsored: 351

Bills cosponsored: 1685

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 4685	A bill to prohibit the Department of Defense from contracting with consultancies providing services to certain foreign entities, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. Updated Jun 4, 2026
119 S 1555	Made in America Manufacturing Finance Act of 2025	Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Updated May 13, 2026
119 S 4505	A bill to require the United States Postal Service to designate ZIP Codes for certain communities.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Updated May 12, 2026
119 S 1199	SBA Fraud Enforcement Extension Act	Held at the desk. Updated May 4, 2026
119 SRES 722	A resolution addressing the politicization of war crimes allegations against allied special operations forces.	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text: CR S2182) Updated Apr 30, 2026

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 4681	A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to take action to improve air and missile defense acquisition, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Updated Jun 4, 2026
119 S 3583	Upward Mobility Act of 2026	Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Updated Jun 3, 2026
119 SRES 755	A resolution honoring the life of the Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr., former Senator for the State of Michigan.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated Jun 1, 2026
119 S 4632	Prevent Government Shutdowns Act of 2026	Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 424. Updated Jun 1, 2026
119 S 4628	A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an initiative to address the availability, quality, and cost of childcare in rural areas, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Updated May 21, 2026