



## Ms. Joni Ernst

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**State:** IA

**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**
- Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Cybersecurity Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Chairman**
- Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Governmental Operations and Border Management Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee – Standing **Member**
- Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety and Security Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Personnel Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Rural Development and Energy Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Chairman**
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee – Standing **Chairman**

### Legislative Activity (2015–2025)

**Bills sponsored:** 342

**Bills cosponsored:** 1666

## Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 4059	A bill to provide requirements for Executive agency spending at the end of a fiscal year, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Updated Mar 11, 2026
119 S 1555	Made in America Manufacturing Finance Act of 2025	Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Updated Mar 11, 2026
119 S 3971	Small Business Innovation and Economic Security Act	Held at the desk. Updated Mar 4, 2026
119 S 1070	National STEM Week Act	Held at the desk. Updated Mar 3, 2026
119 S 3954	A bill to terminate the ability of eligible telecommunications carriers in certain States to use State eligibility determination processes in place of the National Verifier to determine the eligibility of consumers for Lifeline service.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Updated Feb 26, 2026

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SRES 622	A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 21 through February 28, 2026, as "National FFA Week", recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of globally conscious leaders who will change the world, and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the chartering of the State of Alaska as a State FFA Association.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Updated Feb 26, 2026
119 SRES 612	A resolution acknowledging the fourth anniversary of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, reaffirming support for the people of Ukraine, and emphasizing the importance of robust United States security guarantees within a transatlantic commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty.	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text: CR S654) Updated Feb 24, 2026
119 S 3856	SNAP Data Transparency and Oversight Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Updated Feb 12, 2026
119 SRES 606	A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its suppression of the right of Iranians to peacefully assemble.	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text: CR S582) Updated Feb 11, 2026
119 S 269	Ending Improper Payments to Deceased People Act	Became Public Law No: 119-77. Updated Feb 10, 2026