



Thomas Richard Harkin

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: IA

Service: 1975–2015

Most recent Congress: 113

Biography

A Senator and a Representative from Iowa. Born in Cumming, Warren County, Iowa, November 19, 1939. Attended the public schools. Graduated, Iowa State University, Ames 1962. Graduated, Catholic University of America Law School, Washington, D. C. 1972. Admitted to the Iowa bar in 1972 and commenced practice in Des Moines. Served in United States Navy 1962-1967, and Naval reserve 1968-1974. Attorney for Polk County, Iowa, Legal Aid Society 1973. Member, board of directors, Iowa Consumers League. Elected in 1974 as a Democrat to the Ninety-fourth Congress. Reelected to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1975-January 3, 1985). Was not a candidate for reelection in 1984 to the House of Representatives, but was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1984. Reelected in 1990, 1996, 2002, and again in 2008, and served from January 3, 1985, to January 3, 2015. Chair, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (One Hundred Seventh Congress [January 3-20, 2001. June 6, 2001-January 3, 2003], One Hundred Tenth Congress, and One Hundred Eleventh Congress [January 3, 2009-September 9, 2009]), Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (One Hundred Eleventh [September 9, 2009-January 3, 2011] to One Hundred Thirteenth Congresses). Was not a candidate for reelection to the Senate in 2014.

Legislative Activity (1975–2015)

Bills sponsored: 369

Bills cosponsored: 1658

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
113 S 2917	Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act	Became Public Law No: 113-233. Updated Dec 16, 2014
113 S 3020	A bill to establish the composition known as America the Beautiful as the national anthem.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Updated Dec 16, 2014
113 SRES 595	A resolution recognizing Nobel Laureates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their efforts to end the financial exploitation of children and to ensure the right of all children to an education.	Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (cons Updated Dec 16, 2014
113 S 2954	Higher Education Affordability Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Nov 20, 2014
113 S 2888	Exercise and Fitness For All Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5792-5793) Updated Sep 18, 2014

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
113 S 2270	Insurance Capital Standards Clarification Act of 2014	Became Public Law No: 113-279. Updated Dec 18, 2014
113 S 2581	Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2014	By Senator Rockefeller from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Updated Dec 12, 2014
113 S 2993	Students Before Profits Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Dec 10, 2014
113 S 2235	Democracy Restoration Act of 2014	Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings Updated Dec 9, 2014
113 S 1038	End Racial Profiling Act of 2013	Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings Updated Dec 9, 2014

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