



Jesse A. Helms

Party: Republican • **Chamber:** Senate

State: NC

Service: 1973–2003

Most recent Congress: 107

Biography

A Senator from North Carolina. Born in Monroe, Union County, N. C. , October 18, 1921. Educated in the public schools of Monroe, Wingate Junior College, and Wake Forest College. Served in the United States Navy 1942-1945. City editor, Raleigh Times. Administrative assistant to United States Senators Willis Smith 1951-1953 and Alton Lennon 1953. Executive director, North Carolina Bankers Association 1953-1960. Member, Raleigh City Council 1957-1961. Television and radio executive 1960-1972. Elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1972 and reelected in 1978, 1984, 1990 and again in 1996 and served from January 3, 1973, to January 3, 2003. Not a candidate for reelection in 2002. Chair, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry (Ninety-seventh to Ninety-ninth Congresses), Committee on Foreign Relations (One Hundred Fourth to One Hundred Sixth Congresses. One Hundred Seventh Congress [January 3, 2001. January 20, 2001-June 6, 2001]). Was a resident of Raleigh, North Carolina, until his death on July 4, 2008. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Legislative Activity (1973–2003)

Bills sponsored: 76

Bills cosponsored: 219

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
107 S 1010	A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of North Carolina.	Became Public Law No: 107-322. Updated Dec 4, 2002
107 S 3155	Language Mastery Support Act of 2002	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1 Updated Nov 13, 2002
107 S 3004	Rural Community Revitalization and Transition Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Updated Sep 25, 2002
107 S 2191	A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on petroleum sulfonic acids, sodium salts.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Apr 17, 2002
107 S 2193	A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Vanguard 75 WDG.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Apr 17, 2002

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
107 S 2712	Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002	Became Public Law No: 107-327. Updated Dec 4, 2002
107 S 1226	POW/MIA Memorial Flag Act of 2002	Became Public Law No: 107-323. Updated Dec 4, 2002
107 S 3156	Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building Act	Became Public Law No: 107-316. Updated Dec 2, 2002
107 S 14	A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to extend the farm reconstitution provision to the 2003 and 2004 crops.	Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. Updated Nov 22, 2002
107 S 2869	A bill to facilitate the ability of certain spectrum auction winners to pursue alternative measures required in the public interest to meet the needs of wireless telecommunications consumers.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. Updated Nov 22, 2002