



Ernest Jim Istook

Party: Republican • **Chamber:** House

State: OK • **District:** 5

Service: 1993–2007

Most recent Congress: 109

Biography

A Representative from Oklahoma. Born in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tex. , February 11, 1950. Graduated from Castleberry High School, Ft. Worth, Tex. , 1967. B. A. , Baylor University, Waco, Tex. , 1971. J. D. , Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, 1976. Lawyer, private practice. Journalist. Director, Oklahoma State Alcoholic and Beverage Control Board, 1977-1978. Legal counsel to Governor David L. Boren of Oklahoma, 1978. Board member, Oklahoma County, Okla. , metropolitan library system, 1982-1986, and chair, 1985-1986. Member, Warr Acres, Okla. , city council, 1982-1986. Director, Warr Acres, Okla. , chamber of commerce. Member of the Oklahoma state house of representative, 1987-1993. Elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Third and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1993-January 3, 2007). Not a candidate for reelection, but was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Oklahoma in 2006.

Legislative Activity (1993–2007)

Bills sponsored: 24

Bills cosponsored: 306

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
109 HR 3497	Loser Pays Legal Fee Fairness Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property. Updated Aug 23, 2005
109 HJRES 58	Proposing a balanced budget amendment the Constitution of the United States.	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. Updated Aug 23, 2005
109 HJRES 57	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States protecting religious freedom.	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. Updated Aug 23, 2005
109 HR 3403	To amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for inflation adjustments to the mandatory jurisdiction thresholds of the National Labor Relations Board.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. Updated Aug 10, 2005
109 HRES 184	Recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Apr 20, 2005

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
109 HR 6099	Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act of 2006	On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 250 - Updated Dec 6, 2006
109 HRES 1074	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that State and local governments should be supported for taking actions to discourage illegal immigration and that legislation should be enacted to ease the burden on State and local governments for taking such actions.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity. Updated Oct 3, 2006
109 HR 2808	Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Coin Act	Became Public Law No: 109-285. Updated Sep 27, 2006
109 HR 5092	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act of 2006	Received in the Senate. Updated Sep 27, 2006
109 HRES 1033	Condemning Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez for his anti-American remarks at the September 20, 2006, United Nations General Assembly meeting.	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. Updated Sep 25, 2006