



William J. Jefferson

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: LA • **District:** 2

Service: 1991–2009

Most recent Congress: 110

Biography

A Representative from Louisiana. Born in Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish, La. , March 14, 1947. G. W. Griffin High School, Lake Providence, La. B. A. , Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, Baton Rouge, La. , 1969. J. D. , Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. , 1972. United States Army, c. 1969-1975. Lawyer, private practice. Law clerk for United States District Judge Alvin B. Rubin, Eastern District of Louisiana, 1972-1973. Staff, United States Senator J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, 1973-1975. Member of the Louisiana state senate, 1979-1990. Candidate for Mayor of New Orleans in 1982 and 1986. Elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Second and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1991-January 3, 2009). Unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Eleventh Congress in 2008. Convicted on November 13, 2009, of conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, conspiracy to solicit bribes, solicitation of bribes, honest services wire fraud, money laundering, and racketeering. Sentenced to federal prison. Convictions for solicitation of bribes, honest services wire fraud, money laundering, and racketeering vacated on December 1, 2017.

Legislative Activity (1991–2009)

Bills sponsored: 82

Bills cosponsored: 1729

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
110 HR 5932	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, as the "Harry Lee Post Office Building".	Received in the Senate. Updated Sep 29, 2008
110 HR 6916	To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide assistance to individuals and households that are required to evacuate their primary residences as a result of a major disaster.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. Updated Sep 17, 2008
110 HR 6811	Duncan Plaza Homeless Disaster Relief Act of 2008	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. Updated Aug 1, 2008
110 HR 6674	Duncan Plaza Homeless Disaster Relief Act of 2008	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. Updated Jul 30, 2008
110 HRES 1090	Honoring the esteemed former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela on the occasion of his 90th birthday.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Jul 15, 2008

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
110 HR 2040	Civil Rights Act of 1964 Commemorative Coin Act	Became Public Law No: 110-451. Updated Dec 2, 2008
110 HRES 1529	Acknowledging the 40th anniversary of the election of Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm, the first African-American woman in Congress.	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. Updated Nov 19, 2008
110 HR 5802	Food Assistance to Improve Reintegration Act of 2008	Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry. Updated Nov 19, 2008
110 HR 6127	White House Conference on Food and Nutrition	Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry. Updated Nov 19, 2008
110 HR 4131	To designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway".	Became Public Law No: 110-441. Updated Oct 21, 2008