



Edward Moore Kennedy

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: MA

Service: 1961–2009

Most recent Congress: 111

Biography

(Brother of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Robert Francis Kennedy, grandson of John Francis Fitzgerald, uncle of Joseph Patrick Kennedy II, and father of Patrick J. Kennedy), a Senator from Massachusetts. Born in Boston, Suffolk County, Mass. , February 22, 1932. Graduated, Milton Academy, Milton, Mass. , in 1950. Graduated, Harvard College 1956, the International Law School, The Hague, Holland, 1958, and the University of Virginia Law School 1959. Served in the United States Army 1951-1953. Admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1959. Appointed assistant district attorney in Suffolk County 1961. Elected in a special election on November 6, 1962, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the 1960 resignation of his brother, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, for the term ending January 3, 1965. Reelected in 1964, 1970, 1976, 1982, 1988, 1994, 2000, and 2006, and served from November 7, 1962, until his death. Unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1980. Democratic whip 1969-1971. Chair, Committee on the Judiciary (Ninety-sixth Congress), Committee on Labor and Human Resources (One Hundredth through One Hundred Third Congresses), Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (One Hundred Seventh Congress [January 3-20, 2001. June 6, 2001-January 3, 2003], One Hundred Tenth and One Hundred Eleventh Congresses). Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on August 12, 2009. Died in Hyannis Port, Mass. , on August 25, 2009. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Legislative Activity (1961–2009)

Bills sponsored: 301

Bills cosponsored: 1734

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
111 S 1405	Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site Designation Act	Became Public Law No: 111-333. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 S 1580	Protecting America's Workers Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Aug 5, 2009
111 S 540	Medical Device Safety Act of 2009	Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 111-103 Updated Aug 4, 2009
111 S 1410	Time for Innovation Matters in Education Act of 2009	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Jul 8, 2009
111 S 1411	Keeping PACE Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Jul 8, 2009

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
111 S 841	Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act of 2010	Became Public Law No: 111-373. Updated Jan 4, 2011
111 S 372	Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2010	Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 S 1102	Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 704. Updated Dec 17, 2010
111 S 987	International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2010	On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 241 - Updated Dec 16, 2010
111 S 510	FDA Food Safety Modernization Act	Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 73 - 25. Record Vote Number: 257. Updated Nov 30, 2010