



Jim Leach

Party: Republican • **Chamber:** House

State: IA • **District:** 2

Service: 1977–2007

Most recent Congress: 109

Biography

A Representative from Iowa. Born in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, October 15, 1942. Graduated from Davenport High School, Davenport, Iowa, 1960. B. A. , Princeton University, Princeton. N. J. , 1964. M. A. , School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D. C. , 1966. London School of Economics, 1966-1968. Staff, United States Representative Donald Rumsfeld of Illinois, 1965-1966. Foreign service officer, United States Department of State, 1968-1969. Special assistant to director, Office of Economic Opportunity, 1969-1970. Member, Delegation to Geneva Disarmament Conference and United Nations General Assembly, 1971-1972. Business executive. United Nations Conference on Natural Resources, 1975. Member, United States Advisory Commission on International Education and Cultural Affairs, 1975. Director, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, 1975-1976. Delegate, Iowa State Republican conventions 1974, 1976. Elected as a Republican to the Ninety-fifth and to the fourteen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1977-January 3, 2007). Chair, Committee on Banking and Financial Services (One Hundred Fourth through One Hundred Sixth Congresses). Unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Tenth Congress in 2006. Chair, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2009-2013. Died on December 11, 2024, in Iowa City, Iowa.

Legislative Activity (1977–2007)

Bills sponsored: 51

Bills cosponsored: 788

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
109 HRES 954	Urging the President to appoint a Special Envoy for Middle East Peace.	Referred to the House Committee on International Relations. Updated Jul 26, 2006
109 HR 4411	Internet Gambling Prohibition and Enforcement Act	Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 519. Updated Jul 13, 2006
109 HCONRES 409	Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Jun 22, 2006
109 HR 5281	Campaign Reform Act of 2006	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. Updated May 3, 2006
109 HR 4819	PAC Elimination Act	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. Updated Feb 28, 2006

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
109 HR 1245	Johanna's Law	Became Public Law No: 109-475. Updated Jan 12, 2007
109 HR 4510	To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in the rotunda of the Capitol.	Became Public Law No: 109-427. Updated Dec 20, 2006
109 HR 5472	National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2006	Received in the Senate. Updated Dec 9, 2006
109 HRES 1051	Expressing support for democracy in Nepal that will require the full participation of the people of Nepal in the political process to hold elections for a constituent assembly and draft a new constitution and calling upon the Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist to adhere to commitments it has made and to respect human rights.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Dec 6, 2006
109 HRES 1087	Designating Room H-139 of the Capitol as the "Henry J. Hyde Room".	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Dec 5, 2006