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Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

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Service: 1993–2025 (including current term)

Most recent Congress: 119

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Biography

A Senator from Washington. Born in Seattle, King County, Wash. , October 11, 1950. Graduated, Washington State University 1972. Education volunteer 1977-1984. Instructor, Shoreline Community College, Shoreline, Wash. , 1984-1987. Citizen lobbyist for environmental and educational issues 1983-1988. Member, board of directors, Shoreline School District 1985-1989, serving as president and legislative representative for two terms. Member, Washington state senate 1988-1992, Democratic whip 1990-1992. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1992. Reelected in 1998, 2004, 2010, 2016, and again in 2022 for the term ending January 3, 2029. President pro tempore (January 3, 2023-January 3, 2025). Chairwoman, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (2001-2003, 2011-2013). Democratic Conference secretary (2007-2017). Assistant Democratic leader (2017-2023). Chair, Committee on Veterans Affairs (One Hundred Twelfth Congress), Committee on the Budget (One Hundred Thirteenth Congress), Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (One Hundred Seventeenth Congress). Committee on Appropriations (One Hundred Eighteenth Congress).

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee
Ex Officio
- Appropriations Committee – Standing Ranking
- Budget Committee – Standing Member
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee Ex Officio
- Department of Defense Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Department of Homeland Security Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee Ex Officio
- Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Standing Member
- Education and the American Family Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee – Subcommittee Ranking
- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee – Subcommittee Ex Officio
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee – Standing Member
- Legislative Branch Subcommittee – Standing Ex Officio
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Primary Health and Retirement Security Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee – Subcommittee Ex Officio
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Veterans' Affairs Committee – Standing Member

Legislative Activity (1993–2025)

Bills sponsored: 571

Bills cosponsored: 4322

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SRES 691	A resolution supporting the designation of April 2026 as the "Month of the Military Child".	Referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (text: CR S2083) Updated Apr 28, 2026
119 SJRES 148	A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to the withdrawal of the rule relating to "Bulletin 2022-01: Medical Debt Collection and Consumer Reporting Requirements in Connection with the No Surprises Act".	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Updated Mar 26, 2026
119 S 4261	Preventing Youth Homelessness Demonstration Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Mar 26, 2026
119 S 342	Purple Heart Veterans Education Act of 2025	Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute Updated Mar 18, 2026
119 S 4081	Fair Wages for Home Care Workers Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Mar 12, 2026

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 272	Protect Infant Formula from Contamination Act	Held at the desk. Updated May 4, 2026
119 SJRES 182	A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program".	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 402. Updated Apr 30, 2026
119 SRES 716	A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding critical elements of the United States policy towards the People's Republic of China.	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text: CR S2178-2179) Updated Apr 30, 2026
119 SRES 720	A resolution recognizing the significance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Updated Apr 30, 2026
119 S 4436	A bill to nullify certain rules related to foreign assistance.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Updated Apr 29, 2026