

Mr. Joseph Manchin

Party: Independent • **Chamber:** Senate
State: WV
Service: 2010–2025
Most recent Congress: 118

Biography

A Senator from West Virginia. Born August 24, 1947, in Farmington, Marion County, West Virginia. Graduated Farmington High School, Farmington, WV, 1965. B. A. , West Virginia University, 1970. Businessman. Member of the West Virginia house of delegates 1982-1986. Member of the West Virginia state senate 1986-1996. Unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1996. Secretary of State, West Virginia 2000-2004. Elected governor of West Virginia in 2004 and reelected in 2008. Chairman of the National Governors Association 2010. Elected as a Democrat to the U. S. Senate in a special election on November 2, 2010, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert C. Byrd, a seat subsequently held by appointed senator Carte Goodwin, and took the oath of office on November 15, 2010. Reelected in 2012, and again in 2018, and served from November 15, 2010, to January 3, 2025. Switched to Independent party status effective May 31, 2024. Vice-chair, Democratic Policy and Communications Committee (2017-2021, 2023-2025). Chair, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (One Hundred Seventeenth and One Hundred Eighteenth Congresses). Was not a candidate for reelection to the Senate in 2024.

Legislative Activity (2010–2025)

Bills sponsored: 274
Bills cosponsored: 1565

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
118 S 4753	Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 756. Updated Dec 19, 2024
118 S 5575	A bill to designate the Patsye Crites Forest.	Held at the desk. Updated Dec 18, 2024
118 S 5455	Hershel ‘Woody’ Williams State Committal Shelter Act of 2024	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Updated Dec 9, 2024
118 SRES 920	A resolution designating November 2024 as "National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month".	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated Dec 3, 2024
118 S 5400	Improving Access to Emergency Medical Services Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Nov 21, 2024

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
118 S 5644	Heartland Visa Act of 2024	Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Updated Dec 20, 2024
118 S 4511	Guarding Readiness Resources Act	Held at the desk. Updated Dec 19, 2024
118 S 3502	Homebuyers Privacy Protection Act	Held at the desk. Updated Dec 18, 2024
118 S 2781	Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024	Became Public Law No: 118-155. Updated Dec 17, 2024
118 S 5563	Prescription Drug Monitoring Act of 2024	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Dec 17, 2024

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