



## Clarence William Nelson

**Party:** Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

**State:** FL

**Service:** 1979–2019

**Most recent Congress:** 115

### Biography

A Senator and a Representative from Florida. Born in Miami, Dade County, Fla. , September 29, 1942. Attended the Brevard County public schools. Graduated from Melbourne High School 1960. B. A. , Yale University 1965. J. D. , University of Virginia School of Law 1968. Admitted to the Florida bar in 1968 and commenced practice in Melbourne in 1970. Served in United States Army Reserve 1965-1971. United States Army, active duty, 1968-1970, achieving rank of captain. Legislative assistant to Governor Reubin Askew 1971. Elected to Florida State house of representatives in 1972 and reelected in 1974 and 1976. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-sixth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1991). Was not a candidate for reelection in 1990 to the House of Representatives, but was a candidate for nomination for governor of Florida. Crewmember on the twenty-fourth flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia, January 12-18, 1986. Florida treasurer and insurance commissioner 1995-2000. Elected to the United States Senate in 2000. Reelected in 2006 and again in 2012, and served from January 3, 2001, to January 3, 2019. Was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Senate in 2018. Chair, Special Committee on Aging (One Hundred Thirteenth Congress). NASA Administrator, 2021-.

### Legislative Activity (1979–2019)

**Bills sponsored:** 431

**Bills cosponsored:** 2090

### Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
115 S 3456	A bill to redesignate Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge as the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.	Became Public Law No: 115-432. Updated Jan 10, 2019
115 SRES 660	A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 23 through September 29, 2018, as Rail Safety Week in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of Rail Safety Week to reduce rail-related accidents, fatalities, and injuries.	Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: Updated Sep 28, 2018
115 S 3525	A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7521 Paula Drive in Tampa, Florida, as the "Major Andreas O'Keeffe Post Office Building".	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Updated Sep 28, 2018
115 S 3510	Agricultural Trade Improvement Act of 2018	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Sep 26, 2018
115 SRES 651	A resolution marking 1 year since the landfall of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Voice Vo Updated Sep 25, 2018

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
115 S 1158	Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2018	Became Public Law No: 115-441. Updated Jan 14, 2019
115 S 2200	National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2018	Became Public Law No: 115-423. Updated Jan 7, 2019
115 S 2652	Stephen Michael Gleason Congressional Gold Medal Act	Became Public Law No: 115-415. Updated Jan 3, 2019
115 S 141	Space Weather Research and Forecasting Act	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 896. Updated Jan 3, 2019
115 S 1520	Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018	Became Public Law No: 115-405. Updated Dec 31, 2018