



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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |