



James L. Oberstar

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: MN • **District:** 8

Service: 1975–2011

Most recent Congress: 111

Biography

A Representative from Minnesota. Born in Chisholm, St. Louis County, Minn. , September 10, 1934. Graduated from Chisholm High School, Chisholm, Minn. , 1952. B. A. , College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. , 1956. M. A. , College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium, 1957. Staff for United States Representative John Anton Blatnik of Minnesota, 1963-1974. Administrator of the Committee on Public Works, United States House of Representatives, 1971-1974. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fourth and to the seventeen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1975-January 3, 2011). Unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Twelfth Congress in 2010. Chair, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (One Hundred Tenth and One Hundred Eleventh Congresses). Died on May 3, 2014, in Potomac, Md. Interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, Md.

Legislative Activity (1975–2011)

Bills sponsored: 136

Bills cosponsored: 1517

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
111 HR 1746	Predisaster Hazard Mitigation Act of 2010	Became Public Law No: 111-351. Updated Jan 4, 2011
111 HR 6473	Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2010, Part IV	Became Public Law No: 111-329. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 HR 1174	FEMA Independence Act of 2009	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 416. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 HR 6516	To make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.	Became Public Law No: 111-330. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 HR 4915	An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections to the pension funding provisions of the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010.	Message on Senate action sent to the House. Updated Dec 20, 2010

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
111 HR 847	James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010	Became Public Law No: 111-347. Updated Jan 2, 2011
111 HR 2941	To reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.	Became Public Law No: 111-324. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 HR 1064	Youth PROMISE Act	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 417. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 HR 4678	Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act of 2010	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 413. Updated Dec 22, 2010
111 HR 2480	Truth in Fur Labeling Act of 2010	Became Public Law No: 111-313. Updated Dec 18, 2010