



Mr. Bernie Sanders

Party: Independent • **Chamber:** Senate

State: VT

Service: 1991–2025 (including current term)

Most recent Congress: 119

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Biography

A Senator and a Representative from Vermont. Born in Brooklyn, Kings County, N. Y. , September 8, 1941. Graduated from Madison High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. B. S. , University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. , 1964. Faculty, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. , 1989. Faculty, Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. , 1990. Carpenter. Journalist. Unsuccessful independent candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1972 and 1974. Unsuccessful independent candidate for election for governor of Vermont in 1972, 1976 and 1986. Mayor of Burlington, Vt. , 1981-1989. Unsuccessful independent candidate to the One Hundred First Congress in 1988. Elected as an independent to the One Hundred Second and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1991-January 3, 2007). Was not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives but was elected as an Independent to the United States Senate in 2006 for the term commencing January 3, 2007. Reelected in 2012, 2018, and again in 2024 for the term ending January 3, 2031. Chair, Committee on Veterans Affairs (One Hundred Thirteenth Congress), Committee on the Budget (One Hundred Seventeenth Congress), Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (One Hundred Eighteenth Congress). Was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016, and again in 2020.

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Budget Committee – Standing **Member**
- Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Innovation and Safety Subcommittee Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Education and the American Family Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ex Officio**
- Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ex Officio**
- Environment and Public Works Committee – Standing **Member**
- Finance Committee – Standing **Member**
- Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Health Care Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee – Standing **Ranking**
- Primary Health and Retirement Security Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ex Officio**
- Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ranking**
- Taxation and IRS Oversight Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Veterans' Affairs Committee – Standing **Member**

Legislative Activity (1991–2025)

Bills sponsored: 456

Bills cosponsored: 5337

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SJRES 32	A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Israel of certain defense articles and services.	Motion to discharge Senate Committee on Foreign Relations rejected by Yea-Nay Vote. 40 - 59. Record Updated Apr 15, 2026
119 SJRES 138	A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Israel of certain defense articles and services.	Motion to discharge Senate Committee on Foreign Relations rejected by Yea-Nay Vote. 36 - 63. Record Updated Apr 15, 2026
119 S 4272	Home Team Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Updated Mar 26, 2026
119 S 4214	Artificial Intelligence Data Center Moratorium Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Updated Mar 25, 2026
119 SJRES 137	A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Israel of certain defense articles and services.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Updated Mar 19, 2026

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 4330	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to revise the treatment of partnership interests received in connection with the performance of services, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Apr 16, 2026
119 S 4298	A bill to provide appropriations for the Internal Revenue Service to overhaul technology and strengthen enforcement, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Apr 15, 2026
119 S 4307	A bill to expand the scope of the Do Not Call rules under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act to include all telephone subscribers, to expand the private right of action for calls in violation of those rules, and to modify the definition of the term "automatic telephone dialing system".	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text: CR S1786) Updated Apr 15, 2026
119 S 4297	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the tax credit for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Apr 15, 2026
119 S 4311	A bill to amend section 13 of the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide for equitable relief, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Updated Apr 15, 2026