



## Mr. Richard C. Shelby

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

**State:** AL

**Service:** 1979–2023

**Most recent Congress:** 117

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### Biography

A Senator and a Representative from Alabama. Born in Birmingham, Ala. , May 6, 1934. Attended the public schools. Graduated, University of Alabama 1957. Graduated, University of Alabama School of Law 1963. Admitted to the Alabama bar in 1961 and commenced practice in Tuscaloosa. City prosecutor, Tuscaloosa 1963-1971. United States Commissioner, Northern District of Alabama 1966-1970. Member, Alabama State senate 1970-1978. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978. Reelected to the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1987. Was not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives in 1986, but was elected to the United States Senate. Reelected in 1992, 1998, 2004, 2010, and again in 2016, and served from January 3, 1987, to January 3, 2023. Changed from the Democratic to the Republican Party in 1994. Chair, Select Committee on Intelligence (One Hundred Fifth and One Hundred Sixth Congresses, One Hundred Seventh Congress [January 20, 2001-June 6, 2001]), Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs (One Hundred Eighth and One Hundred Ninth Congresses, One Hundred Fourteenth Congress), Committee on Rules and Administration (One Hundred Fifteenth Congress [January 20, 2017-April 10, 2018]), Committee on Appropriations (One Hundred Fifteenth [April 10, 2018-January 3, 2019] and One Hundred Sixteenth Congresses). Was not a candidate for reelection to the Senate in 2022.

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### Legislative Activity (1979–2023)

**Bills sponsored:** 105

**Bills cosponsored:** 714

## Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
117 S 3443	MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians Recognition Act	Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-360. Updated Mar 23, 2022
117 SRES 471	A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Alabama Farmers Federation and celebrating the long history of the Alabama Farmers Federation serving as the voice for Alabama agriculture and forestry.	Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consider Updated Jan 20, 2022
117 S 1643	Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area Act	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. Updated Oct 6, 2021
117 S 2789	Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act	Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 135. Updated Sep 22, 2021
117 S 2312	A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Updated Jul 12, 2021

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
117 S 4359	Senator Johnny Isakson VA Regional Office Act of 2022	Became Public Law No: 117-227. Updated Dec 9, 2022
117 SRES 861	A resolution remembering the December 6, 2019, terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola and commemorating those who lost their lives, and those who were injured, in the line of duty.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. Updated Dec 6, 2022
117 S 4673	National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022	Held at the desk. Updated Sep 28, 2022
117 SJRES 55	A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Council on Environmental Quality relating to "National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions".	Star Print ordered on the joint resolution. Updated Sep 21, 2022
117 SRES 762	A resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of Queen Elizabeth II and expressing condolences to her family and the United Kingdom on her passing.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. Updated Sep 13, 2022