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Party: Republican • **Chamber:** Senate

State: SD

Service: 1997–2025 (including current term)

Most recent Congress: 119

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Biography

A Senator and a Representative from South Dakota. Born in Pierre, Hughes County, S. Dak. , January 7, 1961. Graduated from Jones County High School, S. Dak. , 1979. B. S. , Biola University, La Mirada, Calif. , 1983. M. B. A. , University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. Dak. , 1984. Executive director, South Dakota state municipal league. Board of directors, National League of Cities. Staff, United States Senator James Abdnor of South Dakota 1985-1986. South Dakota state Republican party executive director 1989-1991. Director, South Dakota state railroad division 1991-1993. Director, South Dakota state municipal league 1993-1996. Elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-January 3, 2003). Was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Eighth Congress in 2002, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate. Elected as a Republican to the U. S. Senate in 2004. Reelected in 2010, 2016, and again in 2022 for the term ending January 3, 2029. Vice-chair, Republican Conference (2009). Chair, Republican Policy Committee (2009-2012). Chair, Republican Conference (2012-2018). Republican party whip (2019-2025). Majority leader (2025-). Chair, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (One Hundred Fourteenth and One Hundred Fifteenth Congresses).

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee – Standing Member
- Aviation, Space, and Innovation Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee – Standing Member
- Commodities, Derivatives, Risk Management, and Trade Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Conservation, Forestry, Natural Resources, and Biotechnology Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Consumer Protection, Technology, and Data Privacy Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Finance Committee – Standing Member
- Health Care Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, and Food Safety Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Taxation and IRS Oversight Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member
- Telecommunications and Media Subcommittee – Subcommittee Member

Legislative Activity (1997–2025)

Bills sponsored: 482

Bills cosponsored: 2219

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SRES 664	A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consider Updated Mar 27, 2026
119 S 4152	Fertilizer Transparency Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text: CR S1369-13 Updated Mar 19, 2026
119 S 3723	Western South Dakota Water Supply Project Feasibility Study Act	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. Updated Mar 17, 2026
119 S 3725	Lewis & Clark Regional Water System Expansion Feasibility Study Act	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. Updated Mar 17, 2026
119 S 723	Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act of 2025	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Mar 4, 2026

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 3736	Dakota Mainstem Water Supply Project Feasibility Study Act	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. Updated Mar 17, 2026
119 S 2787	Grasslands Grazing Act of 2025	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably. Updated Mar 4, 2026
119 S 699	Purchased and Referred Care Improvement Act of 2025	Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Updated Feb 4, 2026
119 S 3752	SAVE America Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. Updated Jan 29, 2026
119 S 3627	Pregnant Students' Rights Act	Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 47 - 45. Reco Updated Jan 27, 2026