



Mr. John Thune

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: 485

Bills cosponsored: 2227

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SRES 745	A resolution to authorize production of records to the United States Attorney.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated May 20, 2026
119 SRES 690	An executive resolution authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.	Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 46 - 45. Record Vote Number: 114. Updated May 11, 2026
119 S 723	Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act of 2025	Became Public Law No: 119-88. Updated May 4, 2026
119 S 4448	Accelerating Broadband Permits Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text: CR S2173) Updated Apr 30, 2026
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

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 SRES 755	A resolution honoring the life of the Honorable Donald W. Riegler, Jr., former Senator for the State of Michigan.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated Jun 1, 2026
119 SRES 739	A resolution honoring the life and legacy of John Seymour, the late Senator for the State of California.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated May 19, 2026
119 SRES 735	A resolution designating the week of May 10 through May 16, 2026, as "National Police Week".	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated May 14, 2026
119 SRES 723	A resolution honoring the life of Dirk Arthur Kempthorne, former United States Senator for the State of Idaho.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated May 11, 2026
119 SRES 697	A resolution welcoming Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla of the United Kingdom to the United States on the occasion of His Majesty's address to a joint meeting of Congress, and recognizing the historic global significance of the United States-United Kingdom relationship.	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimou Updated Apr 28, 2026