



James A. Traficant

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: OH • **District:** 17

Service: 1985–2002

Most recent Congress: 107

Biography

A Representative from Ohio. Born in Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, May 8, 1941. Graduated from Cardinal Mooney High School, Youngstown, Ohio, 1959. B. S. , University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. , 1963. M. S. , University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. , 1973. M. S. , Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, 1976. Executive director, Mahoning County, Ohio, Drug Program, Inc. , 1971-1981. Sheriff, Mahoning County, Ohio, 1981-1985. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-ninth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1985-July 24, 2002). Per H. Res. 495, expelled from the U. S. House of Representatives on July 24, 2002, for illegal gratuity, conspiracy, obstruction of justice, defrauding the government, racketeering, and tax evasion violations. Convicted on April 11, 2002, of conspiracy, bribery, and travel in interstate commerce to carry on the unlawful act of bribery. Sentenced to federal prison and was fined. Unsuccessful candidate as an Independent for the One Hundred Eighth Congress in 2002. Died on September 27, 2014, in Poland, Ohio. Remains were cremated.

Legislative Activity (1985–2002)

Bills sponsored: 33

Bills cosponsored: 162

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
107 HR 3982	Steel Workers Relief Act of 2002	Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. Updated Jun 18, 2002
107 HR 2424	To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the Federal minimum wage by \$1.62 over 3 years.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections. Updated Mar 19, 2002
107 HR 3633	Oklahoma City Victims Compensation Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims. Updated Mar 18, 2002
107 HCONRES 308	Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Attorney General should appoint an independent counsel to investigate and report on the granting of pilot's licenses to foreign nationals by the Federal Aviation Administration.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law. Updated Mar 18, 2002
107 HCONRES 307	Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Attorney General should appoint an independent counsel to investigate and report on campaign donations made to federally elected officials by Enron Corporation.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law. Updated Mar 18, 2002

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
107 HR 848	Social Security Benefits Restoration Act of 2001	Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2132) Updated Nov 22, 2002
107 HR 4755	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 204 South Broad Street in Lancaster, Ohio, as the "Clarence Miller Post Office Building".	Became Public Law No: 107-269. Updated Oct 30, 2002
107 HR 635	Homestead Steel Works National Historic Site Act	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 462. Updated Oct 11, 2002
107 HR 2037	Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 456. Updated Oct 8, 2002
107 HR 2357	Houses of Worship Political Speech Protection Act	On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 178 - Updated Oct 2, 2002