



## Fred Thompson

**Party:** Republican • **Chamber:** Senate

**State:** TN

**Service:** 1994–2003

**Most recent Congress:** 107

### Biography

A Senator from Tennessee. Born in Sheffield, Ala. , on August 19, 1942. Attended the public schools in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Graduated from Memphis State University 1964. Received J. D. Degree from Vanderbilt University 1967. Admitted to the Tennessee bar in 1967 and commenced the practice of law. Assistant U. S. Attorney 1969-1972. Minority counsel, Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities ("Watergate Committee") 1973-1974. Special counsel to Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander 1980. Special counsel, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations 1980-1981. Special counsel, Senate Intelligence Committee 1982. Member, Tennessee Appellate Court Nominating Commission 1985-1987. Actor. Elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in the November 8, 1994, special election to fill the unexpired portion of the term ending January 3, 1997, left vacant by the resignation of Albert Gore, Jr. Took the oath of office on December 2, 1994. Reelected in 1996 for the term ending January 3, 2003. Not a candidate for reelection in 2002. Chair, Committee on Governmental Affairs (One Hundred Fifth and One Hundred Sixth Congresses. One Hundred Seventh Congress [January 20, 2001-June 6, 2001]). Resumed acting career. Resided in Nashville, Tenn. , until his death there November 1, 2015. Interment in Mimosa Cemetery, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

### Legislative Activity (1994–2003)

**Bills sponsored:** 23

**Bills cosponsored:** 72

### Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
107 S 3067	A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to extend certain Government information security reform for one year, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. Updated Nov 14, 2002
107 S 2530	A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Updated Nov 12, 2002
107 S 2925	A bill to provide that certain ceiling fans enter duty-free and without any quantitative limitations if the competitive need limitation had been waived with respect to the fans.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Sep 12, 2002
107 S 2682	A bill to provide for reliquidation and payment of antidumping duties on certain entries of televisions.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Jun 26, 2002
107 S 1811	Presidential Appointments Improvement Act of 2002	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 378. Updated May 16, 2002

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
107 S 3156	Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building Act	Became Public Law No: 107-316. Updated Dec 2, 2002
107 S 2983	A bill to authorize a project for navigation, Chickamauga Lock and Dam, Tennessee.	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 744. Updated Nov 4, 2002
107 SRES 354	A resolution relative to the death of Paul Wellstone, a Senator from the State of Minnesota.	Message on Senate action sent to the House. Updated Oct 31, 2002
107 SJRES 48	A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Election Commission under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to prohibited and excessive contributions.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced) Updated Oct 8, 2002
107 SRES 316	A bill designating the year beginning February 1, 2003, as the "Year of the Blues".	Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consider) Updated Sep 12, 2002