



Wes Watkins

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: OK • **District:** 3

Service: 1977–2003

Most recent Congress: 107

Biography

A Representative from Oklahoma. Born in DeQueen, Sevier County, Ark. , December 15, 1938. Graduated from Bennington High School, Bennington, Okla. , 1956. B. S. , Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. , 1960. M. S. , Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. , 1961. Oklahoma Air National Guard, 1960-1967. United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. , 1961-1963. Administrator, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. , 1963-1966. Business executive. Member of the Oklahoma state senate, 1975-1976. Delegate, Oklahoma State Democratic Convention, 1972. Delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1972. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fifth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1977-January 3, 1991). Was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Second Congress in 1990, but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination for Governor of Oklahoma. Unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Oklahoma in 1994. Elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-January 3, 2003). Not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Eighth Congress in 2002. Died on March 26, 2025, in Stillwater, Okla.

Legislative Activity (1977–2003)

Bills sponsored: 19

Bills cosponsored: 181

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
107 HR 5639	Texas Band of Kickapoo Act Amendments	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims. Updated Nov 12, 2002
107 HRES 398	Recognizing the devastating impact of fragile X, urging increased funding for research on fragile X, and commending the goals of National Fragile X Research Day, and for other purposes.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Updated Oct 1, 2002
107 HR 2880	Five Nations Indian Land Reform Act	Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. Updated Sep 25, 2002
107 HR 5109	To direct the Secretary of Energy to convey a parcel of land at the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma.	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Updated Sep 25, 2002
107 HR 4828	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for proration of the heavy vehicle use tax between purchasers of the same vehicle.	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. Updated May 22, 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 5611	To designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the "James V. Hansen Federal Building".	Received in the Senate. Updated Nov 15, 2002
107 HCONRES 500	Expressing the sense of Congress that the Pacific Maritime Association and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union should enter into mediation to resolve the ongoing west coast port shutdown and that other options should be taken if these negotiations fail.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. Updated Nov 14, 2002
107 HR 4851	To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6910 South Yorktown Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Robert Wayne Jenkins Station".	Became Public Law No: 107-272. Updated Oct 30, 2002
107 HR 3215	Combating Illegal Gambling Reform and Modernization Act	PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT - Ms. Ros-Lehtinen asked unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judic Updated Oct 16, 2002