



Mr. Peter Welch

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: VT

Service: 2007–2025 (including current term)

Most recent Congress: 119

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Biography

A Senator and a Representative from Vermont. Born in Springfield, Hampden County, Mass. , May 2, 1947. Graduated from Cathedral High School, Springfield, Mass. A. B. , College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. 1969. J. D. , University of California, Berkeley, Calif. , 1973. Lawyer, private practice. Member of the Vermont state senate, 1981-1989, 2002-2007, minority leader, 1983-1985, president pro tempore, 1985-1989, 2003-2007. Unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the One Hundred First Congress in 1988. Elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Tenth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 2007-January 3, 2023). Was not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives but was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 2022 for the term ending January 3, 2029.

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee – Standing **Member**
- Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Constitution Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ranking**
- Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Finance Committee – Standing **Member**
- Health Care Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Intellectual Property Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Judiciary Committee – Standing **Member**
- Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety and Security Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Rules and Administration Committee – Standing **Member**
- Rural Development and Energy Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ranking**

Legislative Activity (2007–2025)

Bills sponsored: 436

Bills cosponsored: 5197

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 3926	A bill to promote competition in the area of digital energy management tools, enhance consumer access to electric energy and natural gas information, allow for the development and adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers, organizations, and governments manage their energy usage and improve electric grid reliability, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Updated Feb 26, 2026
119 S 3861	Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Reauthorization Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Updated Feb 12, 2026
119 S 3885	Aviation Innovation and Global Competitiveness Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Updated Feb 12, 2026
119 S 3866	A bill to provide for updates to the Federal Aviation Administration type certification process to support development of new and novel technologies, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Updated Feb 12, 2026
119 S 71	Baby Changing on Board Act	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the Updated Feb 12, 2026

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 3948	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to codify the Direct File program.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Feb 26, 2026
119 SRES 621	A resolution designating the week of February 23 through February 27, 2026, as "National Public Schools Week".	Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Updated Feb 26, 2026
119 S 3947	A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to establish a categorical exclusion for reconductoring within existing rights-of-way, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Updated Feb 26, 2026
119 S 3914	A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to establish an Office of Ethics Counsel and an Office of Investigative Counsel within the Supreme Court of the United States.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Updated Feb 25, 2026
119 S 3904	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny interest and depreciation deductions for certain taxpayers, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Feb 24, 2026