

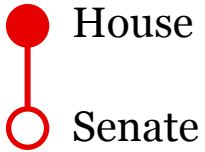


116th Congressional Directory

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Roadmap





Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL-3)



Background

Rogers is a fifth-generation resident of Calhoun County. At the age of 28 in 1986, he was the first Republican elected to the county commission. In 1994, he won a seat in the Alabama House, and in his second term, he became minority leader. In 2002, Rogers was elected to Alabama’s 3rd district. During the election, Rogers touted his working-class values, support from the National Rifle Association, opposition to abortion rights and support for a constitutional amendment permitting prayer in public schools. On the Armed Services Committee, Rogers became chairman of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee in 2015. He seeks to protect Anniston Army Depot as well as Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base and Fort Benning in nearby Georgia. Like other Alabama Republicans, he has supported having the power to earmark spending bills to protect those and other state interests. He has been highly critical of the Transportation Security Administration, saying in May 2012 that the aviation security agency must become “smarter, leaner, and tougher.” In general, Rogers harbors a conservative’s distrust of federal agencies, saying in a 2011 radio interview, “Who says the federal government has to have an EPA?” He is occasionally centrist on economic issues, but has been a reliable Republican vote since the GOP regained the majority in 2011.

District Profile

State: Alabama

District: 3rd

East Alabama: Auburn

Cook PVI: R+16

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2184

Phone Number: (202) 225-3261

Facebook: @CongressmanMikeDRogers

Instagram: @repmikerothersal

Twitter: @RepMikeRogersAL

Biography

First Elected: 11/5/2002

Party: Republican

Birth date: 7/16/1958

Education: JD, Birmingham School of Law, 1991; MPA, Jacksonville State U., 1984; BA, Political Science, Jacksonville State U., 1981

Family: Spouse: Beth, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

Mike Rogers (R) 64%

Mallory Hagan (D) 36%

Committees

- Armed Services
- Homeland Security

Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL-5)



Background

In 2010, Mo Brooks became the first Republican to be elected as Alabama's 5th District congressman since 1868. Having moved to Huntsville, AL, as a young child, he went on to study Economics and Political Science at Duke University. Brooks received his J.D. from Alabama University and then returned to Huntsville to pursue a circuit court clerkship. He ran for the Alabama House in 1982 and was reelected three times, gaining status for his efforts fighting tax increases. In 1991, Brooks was appointed Madison County district attorney, and he maintained the position for two years. Returning to public office in 1996, Brooks was elected to the Madison County Commission and left to win a US House seat following hard-fought primary and general election battles in 2010. When tornados struck AL, Brooks gained headlines for his work to obtain disaster funds, as well as subsequent remarks that his party was “a part of the war on whites that’s being launched by the Democratic Party.” Terri Sewell (AL-7) claimed that his comments "do not represent the views of the state of Alabama", but Brooks was unapologetic. In 2017, he ran unsuccessfully for the US Senate seat vacated by Jeff Sessions. Recently, the Lugar Center measured Brooks to have the lowest Bipartisan Index in the House.

District Profile

State: Alabama

District: 5th

North Alabama: Huntsville

Cook PVI: R+18

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Republican

Birth date: 4/29/1954

Education: JD, U. of Alabama, 1978; BA, Economics/Political Science, Duke, 1975

Family: Spouse: Martha Jenkins, 4 children ; 3 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Mo Brooks (R) 61%

Peter Joffrion (D) 39%

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2246

Phone Number: (202) 225-4801

Facebook: @RepMoBrooks

Instagram:

Twitter: @RepMoBrooks

Committees

- Armed Services
- Science, Space, and Technology



Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-7)



Background

Democrat Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) is the first black woman to serve her district and one of the first women elected to Congress from Alabama. Born and raised in the Deep South after the peak of the civil rights movement, Sewell came from a modest background. Her mother was a librarian and her dad was a high school teacher. Sewell graduated from Princeton, received a scholarship to attend Oxford, attended Harvard Law, and eventually worked at a high-profile firm in New York City. Along the way, she developed close friendships with influential young women, including Michelle Robinson, who was Sewell’s mentor at Princeton and who would later become first lady. Sewell is also close friends with former US Ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. Before she pursued politics, Congresswoman Sewell became the first black woman to become a partner at Maynard, Cooper & Gale’s Birmingham law office. She was first elected to the House in 2010 and became freshman class president in the 112th Congress. She serves currently as Chief Deputy Whip. Sewell is up for reelection in the November 2018, but faces no opposition.

District Profile

State: Alabama

District: 7th

Parts of Birmingham, Montgomery

Cook PVI: D+20

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2201

Phone Number: (202) 225-2665

Facebook: @RepSewell

Instagram: @repterrisewell

Twitter: @repterrisewell

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 1/1/1965

Education: JD, Harvard, 1989-1992; MA, Literature, Oxford, 1986-1988; BA, Politics, Princeton, 1982-1986

Family: Divorced

Election Results

2018 General

Terri Sewell (D) N/A

NO OPPONENT N/A

Committees

- Ways and Means
- Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR-4)



Background

Republican Bruce Westerman, with strong social-conservative credentials and a pledge to reduce the size and scope of government, was elected to the House in 2014. Born in Hot Springs, Westerman earned his B.S. in biological and agricultural engineering at the University of Arkansas, where he played for the Arkansas Razorbacks football team. He completed his master's in forestry at Yale. His professional experience includes working as a plant engineer for Riceland Foods and as an engineer/forester for Mid-South Engineering. Westerman was elected to the Arkansas House in 2010 and reelected in 2012, the year the GOP took control of both chambers of the state Legislature for the first time since Reconstruction. In the Arkansas House, Westerman had a solid record as a social and fiscal conservative, voting to override a gubernatorial veto of a voter ID law and for a law banning abortions after 20 weeks. He supported a wide array of legislation expanding gun rights; a measure setting dress codes in public schools; and a bill to require that tests for driver's licenses be offered only in English. He was an architect of the "SIMPLE Plan" to reduce taxes and cut government regulation, a GOP agenda that Westerman says helped win a Republican majority in the 2012 elections. He opposes the so-called Private Option, Arkansas's expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

District Profile

State: Arkansas

District: 4th

Southern Arkansas: Pine Bluff

Cook PVI: R+17

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Cannon

Room Number: 209

Phone Number: (202) 225-3772

Facebook: @RepWesterman

Instagram: @repwesterman

Twitter: @bruce_westerman

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 11/18/1967

Education: MF, Forestry, Yale, 2000-2001; BSBAE, Biological/Agricultural Engineering, U. of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 1986-1990

Family: Spouse: Sharon French, 4 children

Election Results

2018 General

Bruce Westerman (R) 67%

Hayden Shamel (D) 31%

Committees

- Natural Resources
- Transportation and Infrastructure

Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44)



Background

Nanette Barragán was born in Harbor City, California, the daughter of Mexican immigrants. She has a B.A. from UCLA and a J.D. from USC. During the Clinton administration, Barragán worked in the Office of Public Liaison doing African-American outreach. In 1999, Barragán worked at the NAACP's Washington bureau on health policy. During college and until 2003, Barragán was the executive director of the Gillian S. Fuller Foundation, where she was in charge of funding worthy nonprofits. In 2003 she externed for Justice Carlos Moreno at the California Supreme Court and in 2004 for the Los Angeles Legal Aid Foundation. She then worked at the United States Attorney's office, Central District of California in the Organized Crime and Terror section. Barragán was a lawyer at Latham & Watkins, LLP, where she successfully led an immigration asylum case for a child and mother from Guatemala. She also provided pro bono assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina. In 2012 Barragán worked on Obama's reelection campaign. She ran for Hermosa Beach City Council where she helped balance the budget, approved funding for infrastructure in South Park and increased street paving budgets by 20%. In her 2016 campaign for Congress she received several major endorsements including Emily's List, the California League of Conservation Voters, many members of Congress, and the Latino Victory Project.

District Profile

State: California

District: 44th

Southern L.A. County: Compton

Cook PVI: D+35

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Longworth

Room Number: 1030

Phone Number: (202) 225-8220

Facebook: @CongresswomanBarragan

Instagram:

Twitter: @nanette4ca

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 9/15/1976

Education: JD, Law, U. of Southern California Gould School of Law, 2005; BA, Political Science/Public Policy, UC, Los Angeles, 1996-2000

Family: Single

Election Results

2018 General

Nanette Barragán (D) 69%

Aja Brown (R) 31%

Committees

- Energy and Commerce
- Homeland Security



Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE-AL)



Background

Lisa Blunt Rochester was born in 1962 in Philadelphia, but her family moved to Wilmington, Delaware in 1969. Her father was a former Democratic president of the Wilmington Council, and her sister was an aide in Joe Biden’s Senate office and state director for the Obama-Biden campaign. Blunt Rochester graduated in 1985 from Fairleigh Dickinson University with her bachelor’s in international relations and received her master’s in urban affairs and public policy from the University of Delaware. Her political career began in 1987 when she interned for Congressman Tom Carper, then went to the governor’s office with him as a policy advisor and ended up in the governor’s cabinet as state secretary of labor from 1998 to 2001. When Carper was elected as senator in 2000, Blunt Rochester stayed in new Democratic Governor Ruth Ann Minner’s cabinet as the personnel director. She was recruited to be the CEO of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, a public policy think-tank, where she met her husband Charles Rochester, an engineer working in China. She moved to Shanghai after they married in 2006, and came back to the US when he was transferred to Boston. She returned to Delaware after he passed away in 2014 and decided to run for the open House seat, defeating Republican challenger Hans Reigle 56-41%. She is the first woman and person of color to represent Delaware in Congress.

District Profile

State: Delaware
District: At Large
Entire state
Cook PVI: D+6

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Longworth
Room Number: 1519
Phone Number: (202) 225-4165
Facebook: @LisaBluntRochester
Instagram: @rep.lisabluntrochester
Twitter: @RepBRochester

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016
Party: Democrat
Birth date: 2/10/1962
Education: Masters, Urban Affairs/ Public Policy, U. of Delaware, 1999; Attended, International Relations, Fairleigh Dickinson U., 1982-1985
Family: Widow, 2 children

Election Results

2018 General

Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)	65%
Scott Walker (R)	36%

Committees

- Energy and Commerce



Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL-2)



Background

Neal Dunn, a Republican and a surgeon, has represented Florida's 2nd congressional district since 2017. In office, he has prioritized repairing the healthcare system and the economy, creating jobs, and rebuilding the military. Dunn was born in Boston in 1953 to a military family. Growing up, he was an Eagle Scout and active in rifle competitions along with his twin brother Alan. Dunn received a US Army ROTC scholarship to Washington & Lee University, where he received his bachelor's degree before earning his medical degree from George Washington University. He completed his urological residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and served as an attending urologist in the US Army for 11 years, before moving to Panama City and working as a urologist there for over 20 years. After retiring, he assumed an administrative role as the chief medical officer for the Advanced Urology Institute in North Florida. In 2014, Dunn was appointed by Florida Senate President Don Gaetz to serve as the Senate's representative on the Enterprise Florida Board of Directors. Dunn also has served as the founding chairman of Summit Bank, which focuses on custom commercial lending, since 2008.

District Profile

State: Florida

District: 2nd

Panhandle: Tallahassee

Cook PVI: R+18

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Cannon

Room Number: 316

Phone Number: (202) 225-5235

Facebook: @DrNealDunnFL2

Instagram:

Twitter: @drnealdunnfl2

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016

Party: Republican

Birth date: 2/16/1953

Education: BS, Washington and Lee U.; MD, Urology, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, George Washington U.

Family: Spouse: Leah, 3 children ; 3 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Neal Dunn (R) 67%

Bob Ragleff (D) 33%

Committees

- Agriculture
- Science, Space, and Technology
- Veterans' Affairs

Rep. Alfred Lawson (D-FL-5)



Background

Alfred Lawson, a fourth-generation Floridian, was born in Midway, Florida in 1948. Lawson received his bachelor's of science in political science from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and then earned his master's of science in public administration from Florida State University. Lawson was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1982 as an underdog candidate, serving for 18 years before being elected as a state senator in 2000. He served as the chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, authoring the Preservation 2000 environmental law, which created the largest state-funded land acquisition program in the country. In 2005, Lawson sponsored and passed legislation creating the First Generation Matching Grant scholarship program. Lawson ran twice for the Democratic nomination in Florida's 2nd district, losing narrowly in the 2010 primary to seven-term incumbent Allen Boyd and in the 2012 general election against incumbent Steve Southerland. After redistricting, Lawson defeated Corrine Brown in the 5th district's Democratic primary and won the general election in 2016 against Republican Glo Smith with 64% of the vote.

District Profile

State: Florida

District: 5th

Parts of Jacksonville, Orlando, Gainesville

Cook PVI: D+12

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Longworth

Room Number: 1406

Phone Number: (202) 225-0123

Facebook: @RepAllLawsonJr

Instagram:

Twitter: @RepAllLawsonJr

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 9/21/1948

Education: MS, Public Administration, Florida State U., 1973; BS, Political Science, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical (A&M) U., 1970

Family: Spouse: Delores J. Brooks, 2 children ; 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Al Lawson (D) 67%

Virginia Fuller (R) 33%

Committees

- Agriculture
- Financial Services

Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1)



Background

After surviving a fierce battle with a tea-party candidate in 2014, Republican Earl "Buddy" Carter crushed his Democratic rival, Brian Reese, to represent Georgia's 1st District. He succeeded GOP Rep. Jack Kingston, who gave up his seat for an unsuccessful Senate bid, to represent a stretch of coastal Georgia that runs from Savannah to the Florida border. A successful pharmacy owner, Carter was spurred by his interest in local business issues to run for mayor of the town of Pooler in 1996, where he served for eight years. He then won election to the state House in 2004 and moved to the state Senate in 2008. In 2014, Carter won the election to represent Georgia's 1st District. Carter underscored his legislative and private-sector record, highlighting endorsements from the Chamber of Commerce and local business groups while diving into the wonkier details of issues such as flood insurance and port dredging. But he also tried to shore up his right flank by calling for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act and highlighting his endorsement from the National Rifle Association. Carter won reelection in 2016 with 100% of the vote. During the first week of the new Congress in 2017, the House passed Carter's bill to enhance the tools of the congressional watchdog, the Government Accountability Office, to oversee federal programs.

District Profile

State: Georgia

District: 1st

Southeast: Savannah

Cook PVI: R+9

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 9/6/1957

Education: BS, Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, U. of Georgia, 1980; AS, Young Harris College, 1977

Family: Spouse: Amy Coppage, 3 children ; 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Buddy Carter (R) 58%

Lisa Ring (D) 42%

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2432

Phone Number: (202) 225-5831

Facebook: @CongressmanBuddyCarter

Instagram: @repbuddycarter

Twitter: @repBuddyCarter

Committees

- Energy and Commerce

Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA-2)



Background

Bishop grew up in Mobile, Alabama, where his father was a college president. He went to Morehouse College in Atlanta and later attended Emory Law School. Following law school, he served in the Army. He was elected to the state legislature in 1976 and was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1990. In 1992, he ran for the US House and won the general election 64%-36% over Republican Jim Dudley. Bishop’s voting record is among the most conservative in the Congressional Black Caucus. Over the years, Bishop has supported a balanced budget, school prayer, a ban on flag burning and a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit same-sex marriage. He strongly backed the health care overhaul law, describing it as “a piece of legislation whose time has come.” In January 2013, Bishop joined the “Problem Solvers” coalition of lawmakers who agreed to meet monthly to promote bipartisanship. With a seat on the Appropriations Committee since 2003, Bishop has worked to safeguard and deliver funds to the district’s military facilities, and looks out for Georgia’s peanut farmers. On the 2008 farm bill, he helped design the peanut-rotation program. Bishop gained seats on the Agriculture, Defense, and Military Construction subcommittees at Appropriations in 2006. In 2016, Bishop won reelection with 61% of the vote.

District Profile

State: Georgia

District: 2nd

Macon, Columbus, Albany

Cook PVI: D+6

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2407

Phone Number: (202) 225-3631

Facebook: @sanfordbishop

Instagram: @repsanfordbishop

Twitter: @sanfordbishop

Biography

First Elected: 11/3/1992

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 2/4/1947

Education: JD, Emory U., 1971; BA, Political Science, Morehouse College, 1968

Family: Spouse: Vivian (Creighton), 1 child ; 1 grandchild

Election Results

2018 General

Sanford Bishop (D) 60%

Herman West (R) 40%

Committees

- Appropriations

Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL-1)



Background

Once a Black Panther and prison inmate, Democrat Bobby Rush was elected in 1992 and is now an elder liberal statesman of Chicago's sharp-edged political scene. He also likely will go down in history as the only politician ever to beat Barack Obama in an election. Rush grew up on the North Side, a Boy Scout whose mother was a Republican precinct captain. While in the Army, he became involved in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the South, then became disillusioned with the military and went AWOL in 1968. That year, he founded the Illinois Black Panthers and recruited Fred Hampton, who became chairman of the organization but was later killed by police in a 1969 raid. In 1983, he was elected the 2nd Ward alderman on the Chicago City Council and became a strong supporter of Harold Washington, who became mayor. As he built a career in politics, Rush went back to school and earned master's degrees in political science and theological studies. In 1992, he challenged Democratic US Rep. Charles Hayes, an older-generation politician with a union background. Rush won 42%-39%. In the House, Rush has a liberal voting record. His rhetoric has softened over the years, and his more deliberate style contrasts sharply with his days as a Panther.

District Profile

State: Illinois

District: 1st

Chicago's South Side, Southwest Suburbs

Cook PVI: D+27

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2188

Phone Number: (202) 225-4372

Facebook: @congressmanbobbyrush

Instagram:

Twitter: @RepBobbyRush

Biography

First Elected: 11/3/1992

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 11/23/1946

Education: MA, Theological Studies, McCormick Theological Seminary, 1998; MA, Political Science, U. of Illinois, Chicago, 1994; BA, General Studies, Roosevelt U., 1973

Family: Spouse: Paulette Holloway-Rush, 7 children (1 deceased)

Election Results

2018 General

Bobby Rush (D) 73%

Jimmy Tillman (R) 20%

Committees

- Energy and Commerce

Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY-6)



Background

Two years after losing to Democratic Rep. Ben Chandler by just 647 votes, Republican attorney Andy Barr got his revenge by winning Kentucky’s 6th District in 2012, even after boundary changes made the district slightly more Democratic. Barr grew up in Lexington and graduated from the University of Virginia with a bachelor’s degree in government and philosophy. After two years as a legislative assistant for then Rep. Jim Talent, R-Mo., Barr returned to his hometown to earn a law degree from the University of Kentucky. Since then, he has practiced law as well as taught constitutional law and administrative law as a part-time instructor at Morehead State University. Barr also served as a deputy general counsel to former Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher. The race against Chandler in 2010 went down to the wire, and although Barr hoped a recheck of voting machines would narrow the gap, he decided against a recount and conceded to Chandler 10 days after the election. Barr got an earlier start in his 2012 rematch and attacked President Barack Obama’s policies—especially on coal, an important issue to the district—and aggressively went after his rival. Polls showed the race tightening, and Barr got fundraising help from GOP Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and outside Republican groups that helped put him over the top. He won, 51% to 47%.

District Profile

State: Kentucky

District: 6th

Central Kentucky: Lexington

Cook PVI: R+9

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2430

Phone Number: (202) 225-4706

Facebook: @RepAndyBarr

Instagram:

Twitter: @RepAndyBarr

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2012

Party: Republican

Birth date: 7/24/1973

Education: Graduated, Leadership Lexington, 2007; JD, Law, U. of Kentucky College of Law, 1998-2001; BA, Government/Philosophy, UVA, 1992-1996

Family: Spouse: Eleanor Carol Leavell, 2 children

Election Results

2018 General

Andy Barr (R) 51%

Amy McGrath (D) 48%

Committees

- Financial Services
- Veterans' Affairs

Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA-2)



Background

Democrat Cedric Richmond, elected in 2010, has formed tight alliances with key Congressional Black Caucus members and worked successfully with Louisiana Republicans on obtaining money for the state. Richmond grew up in eastern New Orleans. His father died when he was 7 years old, and he was raised by his mother. He graduated from Atlanta’s Morehouse College and earned a law degree from Tulane University. Richmond was elected in 2000 to the state House at age 26, becoming the youngest lawmaker in Baton Rouge. He pushed redevelopment tax credit for weather-damaged areas, funding for playgrounds, and a ban on assault weapons. In his first campaign, Richmond’s central message was that he would be more a dependable supporter of Obama’s agenda than the previous representative. In the House, Richmond has been a loyal Democrat, on rare occasions departing from the party line in deference to his state’s needs. He belongs to the business-friendly New Democrat Coalition. He supported a transportation bill in April 2012 that a majority of Democrats opposed because it included an extension of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline. Richmond has worked extensively on curbing youth violence and in 2013 was given a seat on the Judiciary Committee. When the House is in session, he regularly eats dinner with fellow black Democrats James Clyburn of South Carolina, the assistant minority leader.

District Profile

State: Louisiana

District: 2nd

New Orleans, Part of Baton Rouge

Cook PVI: D+25

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Cannon

Room Number: 506

Phone Number: (202) 225-6636

Facebook: @RepRichmond

Instagram:

Twitter: @RepRichmond

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 9/13/1973

Education: JD, Tulane U. School of Law, 1998; BA, Morehouse College, 1995; Graduate, Executive Education Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard

Family: Spouse: Raquel Greenup, 1 child

Election Results

2018 General

Cedric Richmond (D) N/A

NO OPPONENT N/A

Committees

- Homeland Security
- Judiciary

Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA-4)



Background

Republican Mike Johnson was born on January 30, 1972 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He is the oldest of four siblings and his father was a firefighter who was critically burned and disabled in the line of duty. He received an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, at which he was a member of the Order of Omega honor society and Kappa Sigma fraternity. He earned a J.D. from Louisiana State University Law Center. Johnson has also worked as a talk radio host and conservative columnist. He has debated on NPR, The O'Reilly Factor, Fox and Friends and other nationally broadcast shows. He first took office as a Republican member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, representing the state's 8th district. He was the only candidate running in a special election set for February 21, 2015. He served on the civil law and procedure committee, the house and government affairs committee and the judiciary committee. In 2016 he ran for and won the open seat representing Louisiana's 4th district in the House after incumbent John Fleming decided to run for the Senate.

District Profile

State: Louisiana

District: 4th

Northwest: Shreveport

Cook PVI: R+13

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Cannon

Room Number: 418

Phone Number: (202) 225-2777

Facebook: @repmikejohnson

Instagram: @RepMikeJohnson

Twitter: @RepMikeJohnson

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016

Party: Republican

Birth date: 1/30/1972

Education: JD, Paul M. Herbert Law Center, Louisiana State U., 1998; BS, Business Administration, Louisiana State U., 1995

Family: Spouse: Kelly Lary, 4 children

Election Results

2018 General

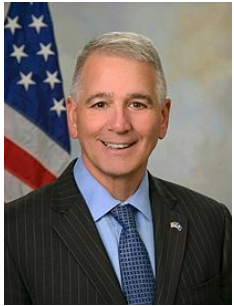
Mike Johnson (R) 64%

Ryan Trundle (D) 34%

Committees

- Judiciary
- Natural Resources

Rep. Ralph Abraham (R-LA-5)



Background

Republican Ralph Abraham, a rural doctor and humanitarian pilot, was elected in 2014. Abraham originally trained to be a veterinarian but changed careers in his late 30s to become a physician. He likes to boast he "can treat anything on four legs." He serves in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and works as a volunteer pilot with Pilots for Patients, a Monroe, La., group providing free air transportation to people needing medical assistance who live far from hospitals or doctors. Abraham, who had considered a run for Congress for several years, started his campaign in 2014 after loaning his campaign at least \$200,000 of his own money. In the November all-candidate election, Abraham finished with 23 percent of the vote, just ahead of Dasher's 22 percent and well ahead of McAllister's 11 percent. Abraham then faced a competition with the leading vote-getter in the nine-candidate race—Democrat Jamie Mayo, the mayor of Monroe. Abraham beat Mayo by nearly 30 points. In 2016, he ran for reelection and beat his only opponent handily.

District Profile

State: Louisiana

District: 5th

Northeast: Monroe, Alexandria

Cook PVI: R+15

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Cannon

Room Number: 417

Phone Number: (202) 225-8490

Facebook: @CongressmanRalphAbraham

Instagram: @repabraham

Twitter: @RepAbraham

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 9/16/1954

Education: MD, Louisiana State U. School of Medicine, 1990-1994; Bachelors, Louisiana State U., Baton Rouge, 1972-1980; DVM, Louisiana State U. School of Veterinary Medicine, 1976-1980

Family: Spouse: Dianne, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

Ralph Abraham (R) 67%

Jessee Fleenor (D) 30%

Committees

- Agriculture
- Armed Services

Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-1)



Background

Andy Harris, who defeated freshman Democrat Frank Kratovil in 2010, is the lone Republican in Maryland’s congressional delegation. He juggles working with his Terrapin State colleagues on local matters with agitating for his fervently conservative views. Harris, a Johns Hopkins University anesthesiologist and professor, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., to immigrants from Eastern Europe. His father, a Hungarian anti-communist activist, had been jailed in a Siberian gulag for over a year for his political views before meeting Harris’ mother, who had fled Ukraine, at a displaced persons camp in Austria. Harris credits his parents’ escape from communism and the spirited dinner-table conversations they encouraged among their four sons with fostering his fiercely held beliefs in the ills of big government and the sanctity of the private sector. After Harris completed his medical studies at Johns Hopkins, he began to practice and teach there. He and his wife, Sylvia, have five children and live in a suburb north of Baltimore. Harris was elected to the state Senate to represent Baltimore County in 1998. In Annapolis, he was one of the most conservative members, and he served as the chamber’s minority whip from 2003 to 2007. He picked up a reputation for his artful filibusters—during a fight against a stem cell research bill, he read from a biology textbook on DNA.

District Profile

State: Maryland

District: 1st

Eastern Shore, North Baltimore Suburbs

Cook PVI: R+14

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2334

Phone Number: (202) 225-5311

Facebook: @AndyHarrisMD

Instagram:

Twitter: @repandyharrismd

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Republican

Birth date: 1/25/1957

Education: MHS, Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins U., 1995; MD, Johns Hopkins U., 1980; BS, Human Biology, Johns Hopkins U., 1977

Family: Widower, 5 children ; 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Andy Harris (R) 61%

Jesse Colvin (D) 38%

Committees

- Appropriations

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD-5)



Background

Democrat Steny Hoyer is the House majority leader, the number two Democrat in the House, and the longest-serving member of the House from Maryland. He was born in New York City to a Danish-immigrant father, but grew up in Maryland, just outside of DC. After graduating college he worked for former U.S. Senator Daniel Brewster alongside current Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Hoyer was first elected to the Maryland state senate in 1966, and became the youngest person to hold the office of president of the state senate at age 35. In 1981, Hoyer joined the House through a special election after Rep. Gladys Noon Spellman's seat became vacant due to illness. He won his first leadership post in 1989 as chairman of the Democratic Caucus. He has served as majority leader and minority whip, depending on the House majority, since 2003.

District Profile

State: Maryland

District: 5th

Southern Maryland

Cook PVI: D+16

Official Contact Info

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Biography

First Elected: 11/3/1981

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 6/14/1939

Education: JD, Georgetown Law Center, 1966; BS, Political Science, U. of Maryland, 1963

Family: Widower, 3 children ; 3 grandchildren ; 2 great-grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Steny Hoyer (D) 70%

William Devine (R) 27%

Committees

- Majority Leader

Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2)



Background

Rep. Bennie Thompson was born and raised in Bolton, Mississippi. After receiving his M.S. in educational administration from Jackson State University in 1973, he first served as an alderman, and later as mayor of Bolton. He went on to win election to the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County, where Bolton is located. In 1993, he won a special election to Mississippi's 2nd Congressional District. During his tenure as a member of the US House, he has been outspoken on issues such as homeland security, civil rights, cybersecurity and health care reform. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, he pushed for greater accountability for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He is currently the chair of the Committee on Homeland Security and is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the Congressional Rural Caucus.

District Profile

State: Mississippi

District: 2nd

Mississippi Delta; Jackson

Cook PVI: D+14

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2466

Phone Number: (202) 225-5876

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Twitter: @BennieGThompson

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/1993

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 1/28/1948

Education: MS, Education, Jackson State U., 1972;
BA, Political Science, Tougaloo College, 1968

Family: Spouse: London Johnson, 1 child ; 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Bennie Thompson (D) N/A

NO OPPONENT N/A

Committees

- Homeland Security (Chair)

Rep. Lacy Clay (D-MO-1)



Background

Democrat William Lacy Clay was first elected in 2000 to the seat that his father, Bill Clay, held for 32 years. In the 2012 election, he trounced fellow Democratic Rep. Russ Carnahan after redistricting threw them together in a contentious primary. Born in St. Louis, Clay moved to the Washington, D.C., area at age 12 after his father's election to the House in 1968. He had started law classes at Howard University in 1983, when a special election for the state House drew him back to St. Louis. Party leaders appointed him the Democratic nominee. Eight years later, he was again chosen by party leaders to run in a special election for a safely Democratic state Senate seat. Clay wanted to take his father's place when he announced his retirement in 1999, but he had a serious primary contest. He won the primary 61%-28% and the general election 75%-22%. Since then he has won reelection by comparable margins. In the House, Clay has a mostly liberal voting record. He is a member of the House Democrats' whip organization and is active in the Congressional Black Caucus. Clay is usually low-key and can be diplomatic in resolving differences among other lawmakers. But nothing raised Clay's profile like the riots that followed the police shooting of an unarmed black youth in Ferguson, a city in his district, in August 2014. He criticized police for a "heavy-handed" approach to peaceful demonstrations and said that law enforcement organizations needed more diversity in their ranks.

District Profile

State: Missouri

District: 1st

St. Louis and Suburbs

Cook PVI: D+29

Biography

First Elected: 11/7/2000

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 7/27/1956

Education: BS, Government/Politics, U. of Maryland, 1983

Family: Divorced, 2 children

Election Results

2018 General

Lacy Clay (D) 80%

Robert Vroman (R) 17%

Official Contact Info

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Room Number: 2428

Phone Number: (202) 225-2406

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Committees

- Financial Services
- Natural Resources
- Oversight and Reform

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-3)



Background

Republican Blaine Luetkemeyer has a firm political grip on much of suburban and rural Missouri. Luetkemeyer grew up in St. Elizabeth, where his father worked as an insurance agent and then owned a bank. He also worked in the banking business and remains a conservative protector of the industry as a member of the Financial Services Committee. He graduated from Lincoln University, a historically black college in Jefferson City, with a degree in political science. Luetkemeyer was elected in 1999 to the Missouri House of Representatives. In 2007, Luetkemeyer was appointed director of the Missouri Division of Tourism. A year later, the 9th District House seat came open when Republican Rep. Kenny Hulshof decided to run for governor to succeed retiring Republican Gov. Matt Blunt. In the general election, Luetkemeyer faced state Rep. Judy Baker, a health care consultant from Columbia. In the election, Baker managed to carry populous Boone County, but Luetkemeyer prevailed in the rural counties and those west of St. Louis. He won 50%-47.5%. In the House, Luetkemeyer joined the Tea Party Caucus and established himself as a devout social and fiscal conservative. He successfully amended a House-passed bill in February 2011 barring the United States from contributing to the United Nation’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which he said engaged in “dubious science.”

District Profile

State: Missouri

District: 3rd

St. Louis Exurbs, Jefferson City

Cook PVI: R+18

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2008

Party: Republican

Birth date: 5/7/1952

Education: BA, Political Science, Lincoln U., 1974

Family: Spouse: Jackie, 3 children ; 4 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Blaine Luetkemeyer (R) 65%

Katy Geppert (D) 33%

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

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Committees

- Financial Services

Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY-5)



Background

Democrat Gregory Meeks, first elected in 1998, is a liberal who has more of a pro-business orientation than other New York City Democrats. Meeks grew up in public housing projects in Harlem. After graduating from college and law school, Meeks moved to Far Rockaway. He became an assistant district attorney in 1978 and a workers' compensation judge in 1985. He was elected to the New York state Assembly in 1992 and became an ally of Democratic Rep. Floyd Flake, a minister whose Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church congregation grew from 1,400 members in 1976 to 12,000 in 2000. When Flake retired, Meeks won a majority of Democratic committee members at a January 1998 endorsement meeting and thus became the party's nominee. Meeks has a liberal voting record, but he is a member of the commerce-oriented New Democrat Coalition. In 2008, Meeks became chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus's political action committee. But his personal life has caused him some political problems. The Federal Election Commission in 2006 reprimanded him for using more than \$6,000 in 2004 campaign funds for a personal trainer and other expenses. Meeks' financial ethics have become fodder for New York's major dailies in recent years. Meeks blamed the negative attention on conservative groups out to undermine Democrats.

District Profile

State: New York

District: 5th

Southeast Queens: Jamaica, Rockaway

Cook PVI: D+37

Biography

First Elected: 11/3/1998

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 9/25/1953

Education: JD, Howard U. Law School, 1975-1978;
BA, History/Political Science, Adelphi U., 1975

Family: Spouse: Simone-Marie, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

Gregory Meeks (D) N/A

NO OPPONENT N/A

Official Contact Info

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Twitter: @GregoryMeeks

Committees

- Financial Services
- Foreign Affairs



Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY-9)



Background

Democrat Yvette Clarke, elected in 2006, is a liberal who concentrates on immigration and other issues important to her diverse constituency. She is active in the Congressional Black Caucus and is now one of its senior leaders. As a young girl, she tagged along to political meetings and events with her mother, Una Clarke, who in 1991 became the first Jamaican elected to the New York City Council. Prior to her political career she helped train child care workers, worked as a state legislative aide and served as business development director for the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp. In 2001, Clarke defeated four other candidates for a spot on the city council. In the House, Clarke has had a solidly liberal voting record and tied for most-liberal member in National Journal's 2012 rankings. Clarke's district was numbered the 11th district from 2007 to 2013, and redistricted as the 9th district in 2013 covering much of central Brooklyn

District Profile

State: New York

District: 9th

Brooklyn: Flatbush, Crown Heights

Cook PVI: D+34

Official Contact Info

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Room Number: 2058

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Biography

First Elected: 11/7/2006

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 11/21/1964

Education: Graduated, Public Policy/Political Science, Oberlin College, 1982-1986; Attended, Medgar Evers College, The City U. of New York

Family: Single

Election Results

2018 General

Yvette Clarke (D) 89%

Lutchi Gayot (R) 10%

Committees

- Energy and Commerce
- Homeland Security



Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC-1)



Background

Democrat G.K. Butterfield, has served in Congress since winning a July 2004 special election. From 2015 until early 2017 he served as the chairman of the influential Black Caucus. A lifelong North Carolinian, Butterfield grew up in Wilson County and got his bachelor's and law degrees from North Carolina Central University. He also served in the US Army from 1968-1970. A civil rights lawyer, Butterfield took on many voting rights cases before being elected an NC Superior Court judge. As a judge he handled thousands of civil and criminal cases in 46 counties until February 2001, when Democratic Gov. Michael Easley appointed him to the state Supreme Court. After Butterfield lost election in 2002 to a full term, Easley appointed him as a special Superior Court judge. In the House, Butterfield has a liberal voting record, particularly on economic matters. One of his issues was settling claims of up to 74,000 African-American farmers who were unfairly discriminated against when applying for Agriculture Department loans and programs between 1983 and 2010. He lobbied to include an exhibit in the new Capitol Visitor Center on the slave labor that was employed in building the Capitol and on the careers of the 22 African-Americans who served in Congress during and after Reconstruction.

District Profile

State: North Carolina

District: 1st

Northeast, Durham

Cook PVI: D+17

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

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Instagram:

Twitter: @gkbutterfield

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2004

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 4/27/1947

Education: JD, North Carolina Central U. School of Law, 1974; BA, Political Science, North Carolina Central U., 1971; BA, Sociology, North Carolina Central U., 1971

Family: Divorced, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

G.K. Butterfield (D)	70%
Roger Allison (R)	30%

Committees

- Energy and Commerce
- House Administration

Rep. Gregory Murphy (R-NC-3)



Background

Republican Greg Murphy was born in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1963. He attended Davidson College, where he graduated in 1985 magna cum laude. He then attended UNC School of Medicine, and did his residency at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Murphy served as the President of Eastern Urological Associates in Greenville and Chief of the Division of Urology at the ECU School of Medicine. He performed surgery at the Vidant Medical Center, a level 1 Trauma Center, and has served on several medical boards. Murphy entered politics in 2015 when he won election to the 9th district of North Carolina’s House of Representatives, where he served as Chair on the Committee of Health and Chair of Appropriations and Health and Human Services. In 2019, Murphy was elected to North Carolina’s 3rd congressional district to replace Walter Jones, who died in office. Murphy is married with three children.

District Profile

State: North Carolina

District: 3rd

Coastal

Cook PVI: R+12

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2333

Phone Number: (202) 225-3415

Facebook: 0

Instagram: @RepGregMurphy

Twitter: @RepGregMurphy

Biography

First Elected: 9/10/2019

Party: Republican

Birth date: 3/5/1963

Education: Attended, University of Kentucky, 1994;
MD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,
1989;
BS, Pre-Medical Studies/Religion/Economics,
Davidson College, 1985

Family: Spouse: Wendy, 3 children

Election Results

2019 Special Election

Gregory Murphy (R) 60%

Joan Perry 40%

Committees

- Science, Space & Technology
- Education and Labor

Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5)



Background

Republican Virginia Foxx, first elected in 2004, is one of Congress' most vocal conservatives and earned a position in the leadership ranks by becoming House Republican Conference secretary in 2012. Foxx grew up in the hardscrabble hollows of Western North Carolina. She graduated from UNC and had a diverse professional and political background before winning election to Congress at age 61. She owned a nursery and landscape company, and she taught sociology and was assistant dean of the General College at Appalachian State University. Later, she was president of Maryland Community College. She served 12 years on the Board of Education of Watauga County. In 1994, Foxx was elected to the state Senate, where she sponsored a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage and a bill to deny Social Security benefits to illegal aliens. She actively supported gun rights and home schooling, and she opposed abortion rights. In the House, Foxx has a solidly conservative voting record and is close to GOP leaders. On the Education and the Workforce Committee, Foxx chairs the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. She has said she believes that the federal Education Department puts overly burdensome regulations on colleges. Foxx is an advocate of for-profit colleges and community colleges and staunchly opposed the 2010 House-passed bill that put the federal government directly in charge of student lending.

District Profile

State: North Carolina

District: 5th

Northwest, Winston-Salem Suburbs

Cook PVI: R+10

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2462

Phone Number: (202) 225-2071

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Twitter: @virginiafoxx

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2004

Party: Republican

Birth date: 6/29/1943

Education: EdD, Curriculum/Higher Education/Teaching, UNC, Greensboro, 1985; Graduated, Sociology, UNC, Chapel Hill, 1972; BA, English, UNC, Chapel Hill, 1968

Family: Spouse: Thomas A. Foxx, 1 child ; 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Virginia Foxx (R) 57%

Denise Adams (D) 43%

Committees

- Education and Labor
- Oversight and Reform

Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC-6)



Background

Republican Mark Walker, an ordained minister running as a Washington outsider, easily defeated Democrat Laura Fjeld in 2014 to succeed retiring GOP Rep. Howard Coble. Walker has cited Ronald Reagan as a chief inspiration, especially on foreign policy, and framed his campaign in religious terms. Most of Walker's professional career has been serving churches in the region, most recently at Lawndale Baptist Church. But he also devoted time to helping local and state Republicans on campaigns as well as engaging in civic affairs in Greensboro. Walker's 2014 race was unusual in that he aimed to get the edge on the ground rather than seek support of national Tea Party groups, and he openly pledged to decline PAC money.

District Profile

State: North Carolina

District: 6th

Parts of Greensboro and High Point

Cook PVI: R+9

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Longworth

Room Number: 1725

Phone Number: (202) 225-3065

Facebook: @RepMarkWalker

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Twitter: @RepMarkWalker

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 5/20/1969

Education: BA, Biblical Studies, Piedmont International U., 1999; Attended, Houston Community College, 1990; Attended, Trinity Baptist College, 1988

Family: Spouse: Kelly, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

Mark Walker (R)	57%
Ryan Watts (D)	43%

Committees

- Education and Labor
- Homeland Security
- House Administration

Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC-8)



Background

Republican Richard Hudson, a veteran congressional staffer, captured the 8th District seat in 2012 by knocking off Democratic Rep. Larry Kissell, who had ousted Hudson's former boss, Rep. Robin Hayes, in 2008. Hudson grew up in the Charlotte area, helping his grandfather campaign in the northeastern part of the state for the Roanoke Rapids City Council, where he served for 30 years. After college, Hudson continued to work behind-the-scenes in politics. In Washington, he served as chief of staff to GOP Reps. Mike Conaway and John Carter of Texas and Virginia Foxx of North Carolina. Republicans made Kissell's seat a top 2012 takeover target after the favorable work of GOP map-makers. Although Hayes passed on a bid, the race drew four other Republican candidates in addition to Hudson. Hudson captured first place on the primary ballot with 32%, setting up a runoff with former Iredell County Commissioner Scott Keadle. When Keadle tried to portray Hudson as a Washington insider out of touch with the needs of the district, Hudson maintained that his experience on Capitol Hill created connections that would allow him to be more effective than most freshmen. He also got endorsements from former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum. Hudson cruised to a runoff win, 64% to 36%.

District Profile

State: North Carolina

District: 8th

Southern: Concord

Cook PVI: R+8

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2012

Party: Republican

Birth date: 11/4/1971

Education: BA, History, UNC, Charlotte, 1996; BA, Political Science, UNC, Charlotte, 1996

Family: Spouse: Renee, 1 child

Election Results

2018 General

Richard Hudson (R) 55%

Frank McNeill (D) 45%

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Committees

- Energy and Commerce

Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH-10)



Background

Mike Turner, a Republican first elected in 2002, is a former Dayton mayor who has shown a stronger interest in urban issues than most House Republicans. He takes more of a party-line approach on defense, an area in which his influence has steadily increased. Turner grew up in Dayton and served two terms as mayor before being elected to the US House. In 2013, he became chairman of the Armed Services Committee’s Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee, enabling him to protect Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the Lima Army Tank Plant against defense cuts. He has worked to make Dayton into a center for unmanned aerial vehicle research and testing, and he has been strongly critical of the Obama administration’s funding cuts for missile defense. Turner and has worked across the aisle to address military sexual assault claims. He also formed a caucus of former mayors serving in Congress to focus on urban issues. He has worked on House-passed legislation to accelerate the cleanup of polluted brownfields by making it easier for communities to apply for federal grants.

District Profile

State: Ohio
 District: 10th
 Dayton
 Cook PVI: R+4

Biography

First Elected: 11/5/2002
 Party: Republican
 Birth date: 1/11/1960
 Education: MBA, U. of Dayton, 1992; JD, Case Western U. School of Law, 1985; BA, Political Science, Ohio Northern U., 1982
 Family: Divorced, 2 children (2 from previous marriage)

Election Results

2018 General

Mike Turner (R)	56%
Theresa Gasper (D)	42%

Official Contact Info

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Committees

- Armed Services
- Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK-3)



Background

Republican Frank Lucas, a farmer, won his seat in a 1994 special election. As chairman of the Agriculture Committee until 2015, he sought to unite deal-oriented lawmakers from farm states and budget-conscious conservatives. Lucas' family roots in western Oklahoma extend more than 100 years; he owns a 480-acre farm and cattle ranch in Roger Mills County. He studied agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University. He was elected to the Oklahoma House in 1988 at age 28 after losing two races. Since then, he has been reelected by wide margins. Lucas' voting record is mostly conservative, but less so on cultural issues. He also increasingly has broken from conservative orthodoxy on economic matters. His main focus is the pragmatic work of the Agriculture Committee, where he became the ranking Republican in the 111th Congress (2009-10) and rose to chairman in 2011 when Republicans took majority control of the House. He found himself leading a committee full of freshmen and new members who did not share his bipartisan leanings. Also with an eye on his district, Lucas helped to write the final provisions in the 2005 energy bill governing rural grants and biodiesel tax credits. He remains a proponent of government support for alternative fuels, particularly switchgrass. On the Financial Services Committee, Lucas has been a reliable supporter of the banking and insurance industries.

District Profile

State: Oklahoma

District: 3rd

West: Panhandle

Cook PVI: R+27

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/1994

Party: Republican

Birth date: 1/6/1960

Education: BS, Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State U., 1982

Family: Spouse: Lynda L. Bradshaw, 3 children ; 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Frank Lucas (R) 74%

Frankie Robbins (D) 26%

Official Contact Info

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Twitter: @RepFrankLucas

Committees

- Financial Services
- Science, Space, and Technology

Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA-7)



Background

Wild is a former private lawyer and city solicitor from Allentown, in eastern Pennsylvania. Wild received a BA in political science and psychology from American University and a JD from George Washington University. She has been selected as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer every year since 2010 and was named to the list of Top 50 Women Lawyers in Pennsylvania in 2013. Wild was endorsed by both former President Obama and former Vice President Joe Biden, as well as by EMILY's List, the Human Rights Campaign, and the League of Conservation Voters. She campaigned on a platform supporting US participation in the Paris Climate Agreement, protecting Medicare and Social Security, and providing a path to citizenship for Dreamers.

District Profile

State: Pennsylvania

District: 7th

Lehigh Valley: Allentown, Bethlehem

Cook PVI: D+1

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Longworth

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Phone Number: (202) 225-6411

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Instagram: @RepSusanWild

Twitter: @RepSusanWild

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 6/1/1957

Education: JD, George Washington U., 1979-1982;
BA, Political Science/Psychology, American U.,
1974-1978

Family: Divorced; 2 Children: Clay, Aggie

Election Results

2018 General

Susan Wild (D) 53%

Martin Nothstein (R) 44%

Committees

- Education and Labor
- Foreign Affairs
- Ethics

Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA-16)



Background

Republican Mike Kelly, who won his seat in 2010, is an ex-college football player who is known for his fiery pep talks to colleagues behind closed doors. But he is mostly loyal to his party and supported former House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio. On issues, he promised to cut government spending and curtail government interference with small business. In the House, Kelly has been conservative, particularly on foreign policy, but not as far to the right on economic matters as some of his Class of 2010 colleagues. He has a strong pro-business bent, and voted against a 2012 amendment to eliminate the Economic Development Administration. Republicans laud his passion. He gave an August 2012 floor speech comparing a regulation requiring insurers to provide women birth control without a copayment to the September 11 terrorist attacks and to the attack on Pearl Harbor, which drew sharp criticism from Democrats.

District Profile

State: Pennsylvania

District: 16th

Northwest: Erie, Butler

Cook PVI: R+8

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Longworth

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Instagram:

Twitter: @MikeKellyPA

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Republican

Birth date: 5/10/1948

Education: BA, U. of Notre Dame, 1970

Family: Spouse: Victoria, 4 children ; 10 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Mike Kelly (R) 52%

Ron DiNicola (D) 47%

Committees

- Ways and Means

Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC-6)



Background

James Clyburn is the House majority whip and the representative from South Carolina’s 6th Congressional District. The son of a minister, Clyburn grew up in Sumter, South Carolina and was educated at a private, historically black boarding school. As a young man, he joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was one of seven people who organized the state’s first sit-ins. Prior to entering politics, Clyburn worked as a teacher, as an employment counselor, and in government antipoverty programs. In 1970, he ran for the South Carolina House and lost narrowly. Democratic Gov. John West appointed Clyburn as state human affairs commissioner, and he served 18 years under two Democratic and two Republican governors. After the majority-black 6th district was created in 1992, he ran and became the first black congressman to represent South Carolina since 1897. He quickly rose to House leadership and has chaired the Congressional Black Caucus. Clyburn also served as the whip when the Democrats were last in the majority from 2007 to 2010, and as the assistant Democratic leader – the number three Democrat in the House of Representatives – from 2011 until Democrats took back control of the House in 2019.

District Profile

State: South Carolina
 District: 6th
 Central: Parts of Charleston and Columbia
 Cook PVI: D+20

Official Contact Info

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Biography

First Elected: 11/3/1992
 Party: Democrat
 Birth date: 7/21/1940
 Education: BA, History, South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, 1962
 Family: Spouse: Emily England, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

Jim Clyburn (D)	70%
Gerhard Gressmann (R)	28%

Committees

- Majority Whip

Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN-5)



Background

Jim Cooper, a Democrat elected in 2002 who also served from 1983 to 1994, is a brainy moderate with a tart tongue—especially when it comes to his own party’s leadership. Despite the polarized political climate, he persistently seeks bipartisanship on fiscal matters. In his first stint in Congress, he spoke out against tobacco use and opposed the National Rifle Association in a state where both were popular. In recent years, Cooper has focused on being a leader of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and a consensus-builder within the national Democratic Party. New York Times columnist Joe Nocera, in a 2011 column titled “The Last Moderate,” praised Cooper as “the House’s conscience, a lonely voice for civility in this ugly era.” He has introduced numerous measures with GOP support. A longtime proponent of increased government oversight, his bill to strengthen the independence of federal inspectors passed Congress and, despite a veto threat from President George W. Bush, became law in 2008. During the health care debate, Cooper was among the Blue Dogs who worked with Waxman, the Energy and Commerce chairman, to moderate some provisions that conservative Democrats considered government overreach.

District Profile

State: Tennessee

District: 5th

Nashville

Cook PVI: D+7

Biography

First Elected: 11/5/2002

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 6/19/1954

Education: JD, Harvard, 1980; MA, Oxford, 1977;
BA, History, UNC, 1975; BA, Economics, UNC, 1975

Family: Spouse: Martha Hays, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

Jim Cooper (D) 68%

Jody Ball (R) 32%

Official Contact Info

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Phone Number: (202) 225-4311

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Instagram: @repjimcooper

Twitter: @repjimcooper

Committees

- Armed Services
- Oversight and Reform
- Budget

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX-10)



Background

Republican Michael McCaul was first elected in 2004. McCaul grew up in Dallas and worked as a federal prosecutor and then moved to Austin in 1999 to be a deputy to then-Attorney General Cornyn. In 2002, he joined the US attorney's office and was Chief of the Terrorism and National Security Section for West Texas. In the House, McCaul has a conservative voting record, but supported requiring insurers to treat mental illness the same as other health conditions in 2008 and allowing the FDA to regulate tobacco products in 2009. Since 2011, however, he has grown more conservative, particularly on fiscal matters. Taking over as Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security in 2013, he blasted a Homeland Security decision in February 2013 to release hundreds of immigrants from around the country for budgetary reasons as "indicative of the department's weak stance on national security. In March 2011, he introduced legislation to have six Mexican drug cartels designated as foreign terrorist organizations, which could lead to much stiffer penalties for drug traffickers. Later, he pressed Obama administration officials over the lack of a definition of "spill-over violence" from the drug wars in Mexico. McCaul co-sponsored a cyber security bill with Rep. Daniel Lipinski, D-Ill, that would develop standards for dealing with cyber threats; it passed the House in 2012 but fell in the Senate.

District Profile

State: Texas

District: 10th

Suburbs of Houston and Austin

Cook PVI: R+9

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Rayburn

Room Number: 2001

Phone Number: (202) 225-2401

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Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2004

Party: Republican

Birth date: 1/14/1962

Education: JD, School of Law, Saint Mary's U., 1987; BA, Business/History, Trinity U., 1984; Graduate, Senior Executive Fellows Program, School of Government, Harvard

Family: Spouse: Linda Mays, 5 children (triplets)

Election Results

2018 General

Michael McCaul (R) 51%

Mike Siegel (D) 47%

Committees

- Foreign Affairs
- Homeland Security

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)



Background

Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat first elected in 1994, is known as one of Congress’s most difficult members. A native of Queens, N.Y., Jackson Lee was educated at Yale University and the University of Virginia’s law school. She practiced law in Houston, where she was a local judge and won two terms as an at-large member of the Houston City Council. After a local term-limits law took effect in 1994, she ran for Congress. The incumbent was Democratic Rep. Craig Washington, a talented but iconoclastic legislator who voted against funding for the space station, a source of many local jobs, and against the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement, which was a boon to Houston’s port traffic. Jackson Lee supported NAFTA and raised a lot of money from business interests that favored it. She won the primary, 63%-37%, and she prevailed in the general election. In the House, Jackson Lee has a liberal voting record, although she has leaned toward the center on economic issues. She is prolific in proposing bills and offering amendments on the floor. Typically, her measures call for studies on one topic or another, add small amounts to spending bills, or are non-controversial, such as one that called on Afghanistan to prohibit the use of children as soldiers. Her more substantive proposals usually have been defeated.

District Profile

State: Texas

District: 18th

Downtown Houston

Cook PVI: D+27

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/1994

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 1/12/1950

Education: JD, School of Law, UVA, 1975; BA, Political Science, Yale, 1972

Family: Spouse: Elwyn C. Lee, 2 children

Election Results

2018 General

Sheila Jackson Lee (D) 75%

Ava Pate (R) 21%

Official Contact Info

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Twitter: @JacksonLeeTX18

Committees

- Budget
- Homeland Security
- Judiciary

Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA-3)



Background

Bobby Scott, a Democrat first elected in 1992, is an influential civil libertarian, an intellectual force in the Congressional Black Caucus, and an important figure in Virginia state politics. He became the Education and Workforce Committee's top Democrat in 2015. Scott grew up in Newport News, and later attended Harvard University and Boston College's law school. After serving in the National Guard and Army Reserves, he practiced law. In 1977, he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, and in 1983, to the state Senate, representing a multi-racial district. In 1992, with his base on the Peninsula, Scott became the first African-American elected from Virginia since 1891. He has been reelected by overwhelming margins. Scott has a solidly liberal voting record, with occasional exceptions on economic and defense issues, and he is one of the House's most outspoken civil libertarians. Scott has had a longtime interest in K-12 education, with a special focus on equity. He introduced a bill in 2014 to officially authorize the Obama administration's "Promise Neighborhood" program, augmenting K-12 classes with health and arts programs. Scott hosts an annual Labor Day picnic that has become a required stop for Democratic candidates for state and federal office.

District Profile

State: Virginia

District: 3rd

Richmond, Parts of Hampton Roads

Cook PVI: D+16

Official Contact Info

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Room Number: 1201

Phone Number: (202) 225-8351

Facebook: @RepBobbyScott

Instagram: @repbobbyscott

Twitter: @bobbyscott

Biography

First Elected: 11/3/1992

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 4/30/1947

Education: JD, Boston College School of Law, 1973; BA, Political Science, Harvard College, 1969

Family: Divorced

Election Results

2018 General

Bobby Scott (D)	N/A
NO OPPONENT	N/A

Committees

- Education and Labor (Chair)
- Budget

Rep. A. Donald McEachin (D-VA-4)



Background

Donald McEachin was born in 1961 in Nuremberg, Germany, to an Army veteran and a public school teacher and grew up in Richmond, Virginia. McEachin graduated from American University with a bachelor's degree in political science and government, then studied at University of Virginia School of Law for his J.D. From 1996 to 2002 and 2006 to 2008, McEachin served in the Virginia House of Delegates, the lower house of Virginia's state legislature. From 2008 to 2016, McEachin was a member of the Virginia Senate, representing the state's 9th District. While in the state Senate, he served on the Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, Courts of Justice Committee, Privileges and Elections Committee, Commerce and Labor Committee, and General Laws and Technology Committee. McEachin defeated his opponent in the race to represent Virginia's 4th congressional district, Mike Wade, in November 2016, winning by 57% to 43%. In the House, McEachin got a seat on the Armed Services Committee, where he promoted "quality of life" issues for the military and veterans. He joined the Natural Resources Committee and became ranking minority member on the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, where he said that he would "spotlight the consequences of shortsighted policies that promote climate change, threaten public health, or reduce Americans' access to public lands."

District Profile

State: Virginia

District: 4th

Southeast: Chesapeake, Richmond Suburbs

Cook PVI: D+10

Official Contact Info

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Room Number: 314

Phone Number: (202) 225-6365

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Instagram: @repmceachin

Twitter: @donald_mceachin

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 10/10/1961

Education: MDiv, Virginia Union U. Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, 2005-2008; JD, UVA School of Law, 1983-1986; BS, Political Science, American U., 1979-1982

Family: Spouse: Colette Wallace, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

Donald McEachin (D) 63%

Ryan McAdams (R) 36%

Committees

- Energy and Commerce
- Natural Resources

Del. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI-AL)



Background

Democrat Stacey Plaskett represents the United States Virgin Islands' at-large congressional district. She is a graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall, and earned her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and her Juris Doctorate from American University. Prior to serving as the delegate for USVI, Plaskett was a U.S. Justice Department official, general counsel for United Health Group and then worked for the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority. Plaskett currently serves on the House Committee on Agriculture, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. She is also a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, the New Democrat Coalition and the Congressional Caribbean Caucus. As a member of the Committee on Agriculture, Plaskett advocates for funding for programs aimed at rural development and supplemental assistance to constituents in the Virgin Islands and other rural communities. As a member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, Plaskett employs her skills as a former prosecutor to fight for accountability and transparency both within government and private sector entities whose operations impact the Virgin Islands community. She won the election to represent the Virgin Islands in 2014, when she defeated Republican Vince Danet 91% to 9%.

State Profile

Territory: Virgin Islands

Status: Delegate

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 5/13/1966

Education: Bachelor's, Georgetown., J.D.,
American University

Family: Spouse: Jonathan Buckney-Small, 5
children

Election Results

2018 General

Stacey Plaskett (D) 98%

OTHER 2%

Official Contact Info

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Twitter: @StaceyPlaskett

Committees

- Agriculture
- Oversight and Reform
- Transportation and Infrastructure



Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV-2)



Background

Republican Alex Mooney, a onetime Marylander, found a receptive home in West Virginia in 2014 when veteran GOP Rep. Shelley Moore Capito decided to run for the Senate. Mooney, who has run for office in three states, beat Democrat Nick Casey in West Virginia's sprawling 2nd District. Mooney was born in Washington, D.C., to a Cuban refugee mother and a father who hailed from an Irish immigrant family. He received his B.A. from Dartmouth College; during his time there, he ran for the New Hampshire House of Representatives, finishing last, with just 8 percent of the vote. After college, he was an aide to GOP Rep. Roscoe Bartlett of Maryland. In 1998 he won a Maryland Senate seat, and was made Maryland Republican Party chairman in 2010. He set his sights on Bartlett's House seat and started raising money for a potential run in 2011. But he abandoned the effort after Bartlett announced he would run for reelection. Mooney kept the money on hand, saying he would run in 2014, and went back to work for Bartlett part-time in 2012. Mooney renounced his Maryland candidacy because House ethics rules bar people from working for a congressman they aim to succeed in office. He then moved to West Virginia, won a seven-way GOP primary with 36% of the vote and then the second district 47%-44%.

District Profile

State: West Virginia

District: 2nd

Central: Charleston, Martinsburg

Cook PVI: R+17

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 6/5/1971

Education: BA, Philosophy, Dartmouth College, 1993

Family: Spouse: Grace Gonzalez, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

Alex Mooney (R) 54%

Talley Sergent (D) 43%

Official Contact Info

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Committees

- Financial Services

Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV-3)



Background

Miller was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1950, and she graduated from Columbia College in South Carolina with a degree in history and political science. Beginning in 1985, she worked as a self-employed real estate manager, and she has owned the Swann Ridge Bison Farm since 1994. In 2004, Miller ran for the West Virginia House of Delegates (District 15) and placed in the four-way, three-selectee Republican primary, but she lost the general election to the race's incumbents. In 2006, she ran for the position again, this time successfully unseating the incumbent Democrat Margarette Leach. She held the position before being redistricted to District 16 in 2012. In 2018, she served as the majority whip in the House of Delegates. Miller has emphasized President Trump's endorsement, and avidly supports the President. She has called herself an America-first conservative. She has advocated for making English America's national language and supports Trump's proposal to build a wall on the southern border.

District Profile

State: West Virginia

District: 3rd

Southern: Huntington

Cook PVI: R+23

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Republican

Birth date: 11/4/1950

Education: BS, Political Science/History, Columbia College, 1972

Family: Spouse: Matt; 2 Children: Chris, Sam

Election Results

2018 General

Carol Miller (R) 56%

Richard Ojeda (D) 44%

Official Contact Info

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Twitter: @RepCarolMiller

Committees

- Oversight and Reform
- Transportation and Infrastructure

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-AL)



Background

Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Democrat who was first elected delegate from the District of Columbia in 1990, grew up in Washington. She worked for the American Civil Liberties Union and the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and was head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the Carter administration. Afterward, she taught law at Georgetown University. When the delegate seat came open in 1990, she edged past Council Member Betty Anne Kane, 39%-33%, but easily won in the general. In her early terms in the House, she had the difficult and sometimes vexing task of responding to the fiscal collapse of the District government just as Republicans took over Congress in 1995. She established good relations with Republicans active on District matters. She led the drive to give the D.C. delegate and the four territorial delegates to the House—all of whom were then Democrats—votes on most legislation in the House. She has also worked with Republicans on a variety of matters including fiscal management of the district and the allocation of tax breaks to several downtown areas in DC. Throughout her decades in the House, Norton has sought to move the District toward statehood, to secure full representation in Congress and to prevent Congress from overriding decisions of the District government.

District Profile

State: District of Columbia

District: At Large

Entire state

Cook PVI: D+41

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/1990

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 6/13/1937

Education: Antioch Col., B.A. 1960, Yale, M.A. 1963, LL.B. 1964

Family: Divorced, 2 children

Election Results

2018 General

Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) 87%

Nelson Rimensnyder (R) 4%

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Committees

- Oversight and Reform
- Transportation and Infrastructure



Roadmap



Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)



Background

Alabama senior Sen. Richard Shelby has held the top Republican slot on committees dealing with banking and spying, and in 2015 returned as chairman of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. But the issue for which he remains best known at home is spending. Adept at securing federal money for his state, he has five buildings at Alabama's public universities named for him. Shelby grew up in Birmingham, the son of a steelworker. After earning two degrees from the University of Alabama, he stayed in Tuscaloosa and practiced law with Walter Flowers, who was later a conservative Democratic congressman. Shelby, a Democrat at that time, was elected to the state Senate in 1970 at age 36. When Flowers ran, unsuccessfully, for the US Senate in 1978, Shelby ran for his House seat. In the House, Shelby had a conservative voting record, opposing the Voting Rights Act extension and the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. He ran for the Senate in 1986 and won the Democratic primary with 51% of the vote after then-Secretary of State (and later governor) Don Siegelman withdrew. On domestic issues, Shelby has compiled a conservative record. But he is not a free market purist. Despite his party switch, he has remained friendly with trial lawyers, who usually support Democrats in Alabama.

State Profile

State: Alabama

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Doug Jones (D)

Cook PVI: R+14

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Twitter: @SenShelby

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/1986

Party: Republican

Birth date: 5/6/1934

Education: U. of AL, B.A. 1957, LL.B. 1963

Family: Spouse: Annette Nevin, 2 children ; 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2016 General

Richard Shelby (R) 64%

Ron Crumpton (D) 36%

Committees

- Appropriations (Chair)
- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Environment and Public Works
- Rules and Administration

Sen. Doug Jones (D-AL)



Background

Doug Jones was born in Fairfield, Alabama. His father worked for US Steel and Jones worked a union job in the steel mill during high school. After graduating from Fairfield High School, Jones studied government at the University of Alabama. He then studied law at Stamford University. After law school, Jones served as staff counsel to the US Senate Judiciary Committee for Sen. Howell Heflin. Years later Jones became an assistant US attorney in Birmingham and became the US attorney for the North District of Alabama in 1997. His biggest case was investigating the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church and he was able to convict two former Klansmen for the murders of the four children that died in the incident. Doug Jones lives with his wife Louise and his three children are attending college.

State Profile

State: Alabama

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Richard Shelby (R)

Cook PVI: R+14

Official Contact Info

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Instagram:

Twitter: @gdouglasjones

Biography

First Elected: 12/12/2017

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 5/4/1954

Education: U. of AL, B.S., 1976; Samford U., J.D., 1979

Family: Spouse: Louise, 3 children ; 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2017 Special Election

Doug Jones (D) 50%

Roy Moore (R) 48%

Committees

- Armed Services
- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
- Aging

Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)



Background

Republican John Boozman is Arkansas' senior senator, having ousted two-term Democrat Blanche Lincoln in 2010 by one of the largest majorities of any Senate challenger over a defeated incumbent. An amiable conservative, he has continued the pattern he began in the House of working comfortably across the aisle. Boozman (BOZ-man) was born in Shreveport, La., but grew up in Fort Smith, Ark., the state's second-largest city. His father was Air Force Master Sgt. Fay Boozman, Jr. Boozman played football at the University of Arkansas but left after completing his pre-optometry requirements. He went on to graduate from the Southern College of Optometry in 1977. He then opened the Boozman Eye Clinic in Rogers, Ark., with his brother, Fay Boozman, an ophthalmologist. The brothers merged with another eye clinic in 1981 to form the Boozman-Hof Regional Eye Clinic. Fay was an Arkansas State Senator before becoming Director of the State Health Department under Gov. Mike Huckabee. He died in 2005 in a barn collapse. In the Senate, Boozman's voting record has been consistently conservative. One of the first bills he introduced in 2011 was a measure requiring parents be notified at least four days before their minor daughter could have an abortion.

State Profile

State: Arkansas

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Tom Cotton (R)

Cook PVI: R+15

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Republican

Birth date: 12/10/1950

Education: U. of AR, 1969-72; Southern Col. of Optometry, O.D. 1977

Family: Spouse: Cathy Marley, 3 children ; 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2016 General

John Boozman (R) 60%

Conner Eldridge (D) 36%

Official Contact Info

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Committees

- Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
- Appropriations
- Environment and Public Works
- Veterans' Affairs

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)



Background

Republican Tom Cotton has risen quickly since entering Congress in 2013. Raised on a farm in Arkansas, Cotton attended Harvard for both his undergraduate and law degrees. After some time in private practice, Cotton joined the military in 2005, rising to the rank of captain and serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Arlington Cemetery. In 2010, he transferred to the Reserves and worked as a consultant for McKinsey & Co. His first election was to the US House for Arkansas' 4th district. Close to the Tea Party, Cotton was strongly conservative, voting against the 2014 Farm Bill, calling for cuts to SNAP and working to derail the Gang of Eight immigration deal. After only one term, Cotton challenged Sen. Pryor (D-AR) for his Senate seat. Polls showed a tight race for months, but he ultimately won 57-40. In the Senate, Cotton consistently opposed former President Obama's policies, especially the Affordable Care Act and Iran nuclear deal. He was one of 47 Republican senators who sent a letter to Iran's leaders warning them that any deal would be reversed by a new president. In the Trump era, Cotton has promoted reforms to health and immigration policy. He was a member of the drafting group for the failed Senate health bill and also proposed the Trump-backed RAISE Act, which would halve green cards numbers and create a point-based system.

State Profile

State: Arkansas

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: John Boozman (R)

Cook PVI: R+15

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 5/13/1977

Education: Harvard, B.A., 1999; J.D., 2002

Family: Spouse: Anna, 2 children

Election Results

2014 General

Tom Cotton (R) 57%

Mark Pryor (D) 40%

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Twitter: @tomcottonar

Committees

- Armed Services
- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Intelligence

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)



Background

Dianne Feinstein, California's senior senator, is a Democrat first elected in 1992. In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale seriously considered Feinstein for vice president. She presided that year over the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. In the Senate, Feinstein kept a distance from the Clinton administration, negotiating for changes before voting for its 1993 budget, voting against the North American Free Trade Agreement, and withdrawing her support of the Clinton health care plan. Feinstein's tough-on-crime background led her to sponsor a ban on assault weapons in 1994. Feinstein has had a moderate to liberal voting record and has differed on some issues from her colleague and Bay Area neighbor, Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer. Feinstein supported the GOP's Medicare prescription drug bill in 2003. With Republican Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, she co-sponsored a bill to bar entry to the United States for people from nations that sponsor terrorism, which became law in 2002. In recent years, Feinstein has become an outspoken proponent of gay rights. In February 2011, she introduced a bill to repeal the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which established that US law recognizes only heterosexual marriages and prevented gay couples from receiving federal benefits.

State Profile

State: California

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Kamala Harris (D)

Cook PVI: D+12

Official Contact Info

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Phone Number: (202) 224-3841

Facebook: @SenFeinstein

Instagram:

Twitter: @SenFeinstein

Biography

First Elected: 11/3/1992

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 6/22/1933

Education: BA, History, Stanford, 1955

Family: Spouse: Richard C. Blum, 1 child; 3 stepchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Dianne Feinstein (D) 54%

Kevin de Leon (D) 46%

Committees

- Appropriations
- Rules and Administration
- Judiciary
- Intelligence

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)



Background

Kamala Harris was born in Oakland, California in 1964. Her mother, an immigrant from India, was a breast cancer specialist, while her father was a Jamaican-American economics professor at Stanford. Harris was raised in Berkeley and Oakland, California and Montreal, Canada. Harris attended Howard University and then the University of California Hastings College of the Law. After earning her law degree in 1989, Harris joined the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, where she worked until 1998. She was then made managing attorney of the Career Criminal Unit in the San Francisco DA's Office and then in 2000, chief of the Community and Neighborhood Division for the City Attorney of San Francisco. From 2003 to 2010, Harris served as DA of the City and County of San Francisco. She won the 2010 race for California attorney general and held that position until 2017, focusing on issues such as transnational gangs, human trafficking, online privacy, reducing recidivism and the national foreclosure crisis. Harris won the general election over fellow Democrat Loretta Sanchez for the Senate seat, after both defeated 32 other candidates in the primary. She is the first African-American to represent the Golden State and only the second African-American woman ever to serve in the Senate.

State Profile

State: California

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Dianne Feinstein (D)

Cook PVI: D+12

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Instagram:

Twitter: @KamalaHarris

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 10/20/1964

Education: Howard U., B.A., 1986; UC Hastings, J.D., 1989

Family: Spouse: Douglas (Doug) Emhoff

Election Results

2016 General

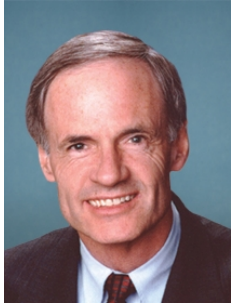
Kamala Harris (D) 62%

Loretta Sanchez (D) 38%

Committees

- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- Budget
- Judiciary
- Intelligence

Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE)



Background

Democrat Thomas Carper, first elected in 2000 and now Delaware’s senior senator, is a centrist consensus-builder who is well-liked on both sides of the aisle. Carper grew up in Southside Virginia and Ohio and graduated from Ohio State University. He first came to Delaware as an ensign in the Navy, then returned to get his M.B.A. at the University of Delaware. In 1976, he was elected state treasurer, at age 29. He ran for the US House in 1982 and beat a scandal-tarred incumbent. In office, Carper established a moderate voting record and worked to let banks into the securities business and to prevent ocean sludge-dumping, both causes supported by Delaware constituencies. In 1992, Carper ran for governor and won the general election with 65% of the vote. Barred from a third term, he ran in 2000 for the US Senate seat held by Republican William Roth since 1970. In the Senate, Carper has one of the more moderate voting records among Democrats. He is often at the center of efforts to build bipartisan coalitions, such as efforts to pass a health care overhaul bill in 2009 and 2010. He has pushed for changes in the filibuster and other Senate rules that have delayed the pace of legislation, as well as a presidential line-item veto.

State Profile

State: Delaware

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Christopher Coons (D)

Cook PVI: D+6

Biography

First Elected: 11/7/2000

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 1/23/1947

Education: MBA, U. of Delaware, 1975; BA, Economics, Ohio State U., 1968

Family: Spouse: Martha Ann Stacy, 2 children

Election Results

2018 General

Tom Carper (D) 60%

Robert Arlett (R) 38%

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Committees

- Environment and Public Works
- Finance
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Sen. Christopher Coons (D-DE)



Background

Christopher Coons defeated the Tea Party-backed Christine O'Donnell in 2010 to become Delaware's junior senator, then easily won a full term on his own in 2014. He is a Republican-friendly, business-friendly Democrat in the mold of Virginia's Mark Warner and his home-state colleague, Tom Carper. Coons was born in Greenwich, Conn. His mother was a schoolteacher; his father held a variety of jobs, including managing a cannery and manufacturing kitchen furniture. After the family moved to Delaware in Coons' early childhood, bankruptcy wiped out much of his father's business success. His parents later divorced. In high school, Coons considered himself a Republican like his parents and volunteered for Ronald Reagan's 1980 campaign. His conversion to the Democratic Party came while he was a student at Amherst College. Visiting Kenya for a semester in 1984, Coons said that observing his host family changed the way he thought about poverty and free markets. His first foray into politics came in 2000, when he ran for the New Castle County Council. After four years, he was elected county executive. Despite promising not to increase taxes, Coons wound up raising taxes to close a budget gap. When Biden was chosen to join Barack Obama's 2008 presidential ticket, Coons got the attention of the national media and an immediate double-digit lead over his opponent.

State Profile

State: Delaware

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Tom Carper (D)

Cook PVI: D+6

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 9/9/1963

Education: Amherst Col., B.A. 1985; Yale, J.D. 1992; Yale Divinity Schl., M.A. 1992.

Family: Spouse: Annie Lingenfelter, 3 children

Election Results

2014 General

Christopher Coons (D) 56%

Kevin Wade (R) 29%

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Committees

- Appropriations
- Foreign Relations
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Judiciary
- Ethics (Vice Chairman)

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)



Background

Marco Rubio, the junior senator from Florida, won a riveting contest in 2010 and is regarded as one of the Republicans with the best chance to reshape the GOP for the 21st century. He is a Latino in a party that is desperate to make inroads with that demographic group, an eloquent and telegenic public speaker with a compelling biography, and a consistent conservative with a deep interest in policy. Rubio got his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and then studied law at the University of Miami. In his last year of law school, he ran the Dade County operation for Sen. Bob Dole’s presidential campaign in 1996. At age 26, he ran for city commissioner in West Miami, and beat an incumbent. Two years later, he won an open state House seat. In 2007, he became speaker of the Florida House, making him the youngest person and the first Hispanic to achieve that position. In 2010, he ran for the Senate with tea party backing against Gov. Charlie Crist, winning 49%-29%. Rubio declined to join the Senate Tea Party Caucus, but his voting record has been reliably conservative. He was vetted as a potential running-mate for Mitt Romney in 2012, elevating his national profile. Rubio made an unsuccessful run for GOP nominee in 2016, dropping out after losing Florida to Donald Trump, and has since refocused on the Foreign Relations Committee.

State Profile

State: Florida

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Rick Scott (R)

Cook PVI: R+2

Official Contact Info

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Phone Number: (202) 224-3041

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Twitter: @SenRubioPress

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Republican

Birth date: 5/28/1971

Education: U. of FL, B.A. 1993; U. of Miami, J.D. 1996.

Family: Spouse: Jeannette Dousdebos, 4 children

Election Results

2016 General

Marco Rubio (R)	52%
Patrick Murphy (D)	44%

Committees

- Appropriations
- Foreign Relations
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Chair)
- Intelligence
- Aging

Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)



Background

Scott enlisted in the US Navy after graduating high school, then attended college using the GI Bill. He had a 30-year career in business, first in the healthcare industry and then as a venture capitalist. After being elected governor in 2010, Scott focused primarily on the economy and jobs, with a campaign promise to create 700,000 jobs in the state. During his race for Senate against incumbent Bill Nelson, Scott made his record on job creation and tax cuts a key part of his platform. His 2018 senate run garnered national attention, as the race was too close to call up until the day of the election.

State Profile

State: Florida

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Marco Rubio (R)

Cook PVI: R+2

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Twitter: @SenRickScott

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Republican

Birth date: 12/1/1952

Education: BS, Business Administration, U. of Missouri-Kansas City; JD, Southern Methodist U.

Family: Spouse: Ann; 2 Children: Allison, Jordan

Election Results

2018 General

Rick Scott (R) 50%

Bill Nelson (D) 50%

Committees

- Armed Services
- Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- Budget
- Aging

Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA)



Background

Johnny Isakson, a Republican elected in 2004, is Georgia's senior senator. The GOP takeover in 2015 handed him the chairmanship of two committees: Veterans' Affairs and Ethics. Isakson graduated from the University of Georgia and served in the Air National Guard. He went to work for Northside Realty in 1967 and eventually became president of the firm. He served in the state House and later state Senate between '76 and '96. In 1998, Isakson won Newt Gingrich's house seat when he stepped down as speaker of the House. In the House, Isakson served on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where he pushed for a rapid transit line for the overburdened Georgia 400 corridor. On the Education and the Workforce Committee, he took a leading role in negotiations on the No Child Left Behind Act, which tied federal funds for schools to test performance. Isakson ran for Senate in 2004, winning 58%-40%. Isakson has a conservative voting record in the Senate, though his folksy pragmatism makes him markedly less edgy than other Republicans in Georgia's congressional delegation. He said his experience selling homes taught him the virtues of negotiation and compromise. True to his word, Isakson has been willing to compromise during high-stakes fiscal battles.

State Profile

State: Georgia

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: David Perdue (R)

Cook PVI: R+5

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2004

Party: Republican

Birth date: 12/28/1944

Education: U. of GA, B.B.A. 1966

Family: Spouse: Dianne Davison, 3 children ; 9 grandchildren

Election Results

2016 General

Johnny Isakson (R) 55%

Jim Barksdale (D) 41%

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Twitter: @SenatorIsakson

Committees

- Finance
- Foreign Relations
- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
- Veterans' Affairs (Chair)
- Ethics (Chair)

Sen. David Perdue (R-GA)



Background

Republican David Perdue is Georgia's junior senator. He defeated Democrat Michelle Nunn in 2014 to succeed retiring Sen. Saxby Chambliss, edging out a surprise win in a contest that had been expected to go to a runoff. His win came on the heels of a tough primary in which he faced four other Republicans, and it marks his first post in an elected office. Perdue was born in Macon and grew up in Warner Robins in a family of schoolteachers. After studying industrial engineering and operations research, he launched a career in management consulting, followed by senior roles at Sara Lee, Hagggar Clothing, Reebok, and Pillowtex. In 2003, he took over as CEO of Dollar General, where he streamlined operations and closed stores before selling the chain in 2007. After a stint with an Indian chemicals company, he started an Atlanta-based trading firm in 2011. He established a reputation as a turnaround expert for troubled companies. Touting his business credentials, Perdue plunged into politics when Chambliss announced his retirement in 2013, hoping that he would get a boost from the family name – his cousin, Sonny Perdue, is a former governor. Both the primary and the general election were close, but the state's GOP lean and Obama's unpopularity gave Perdue a lift, and he won 53 percent to his opponent's 45 percent. Perdue received a seat on the Agriculture Committee, maintaining a decades-long Georgia tradition.

State Profile

State: Georgia

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Johnny Isakson (R)

Cook PVI: R+5

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 12/10/1949

Education: Georgia Tech, B.A., 1972; M.A., 1975

Family: Spouse: Bonnie Dunn, 2 children

Election Results

2014 General

David Perdue (R) 53%

Michelle Nunn (D) 45%

Official Contact Info

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Room Number: 455

Phone Number: (202) 224-3521

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Instagram: @sendavidperdue

Twitter: @Perduesenate

Committees

- Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
- Armed Services
- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Budget

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)



Background

Democrat Dick Durbin is the Senate Minority Whip. Originally from East St. Louis, Illinois, he earned a B.S. from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in 1966 and later received a J.D. from Georgetown in 1969. After graduating, Durbin started a law practice in Springfield, Illinois, and later became the legal counsel to the Illinois State Senate Judiciary Committee until 1982. From 1978 until 1983, Durbin also taught at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Durbin was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1982 to represent a largely rural district and won a seat on the House Committee on Agriculture. He then ran a successful campaign as a senator for Illinois in 1996. After then Democratic Leader Tom Daschle's defeat in 2004 and the elevation of Harry Reid as minority leader, Durbin became minority whip. Durbin has served as the Senate Democratic whip since 2005, the second-highest position in Democratic leadership in the Senate. Durbin is married to his wife, Loretta, and they have three children together.

State Profile

State: Illinois

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Tammy Duckworth (D)

Cook PVI: D+7

Official Contact Info

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Instagram:

Twitter: @SenatorDurbin

Biography

First Elected: 11/5/1996

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 11/21/1944

Education: Georgetown, B.S. 1966, J.D. 1969

Family: Spouse: Loretta Schaefer, 3 children (1 deceased); 3 grandchildren

Election Results

2014 General

Dick Durbin (D) 54%

Jim Oberweis (R) 43%

Committees

- Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
- Appropriations
- Rules and Administration
- Judiciary



Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)



Background

Tammy Duckworth was born in 1968 in Bangkok, Thailand. The daughter of a Vietnam War veteran father and a Thai mother, Duckworth spent much of her early life abroad. Duckworth obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Hawaii and then a master's degree at George Washington University. During her time at GW, Duckworth joined the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps. In 1992, she became a commissioned officer in the US Army Reserve. Four years later, Duckworth joined the Illinois Army National Guard. While pursuing doctoral work at Northern Illinois University, she was deployed to Iraq in 2004. That November, Duckworth co-piloted an UH-60 Black Hawk that was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade fired by Iraqi insurgents. As a result, she lost both of her legs and sustained serious damage to her right arm. She received a Purple Heart later that year and continued to serve as lieutenant colonel in the Illinois Army Guard. In 2012, she was elected to the House Representative for Illinois's 8th district, becoming the first member of Congress born in Thailand and the first disabled woman to be elected to the House. She was reelected in 2014. In the 2016 Senate race, Duckworth defeated incumbent Mark Kirk. In the Senate her committees include Commerce, Science and Transportation; Environment and Public Works; and Energy and Natural Resources.

State Profile

State: Illinois

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Dick Durbin (D)

Cook PVI: D+7

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 3/12/1968

Education: U of Hawaii, B.A., 1989; George Washington Univ., M.A., 1992

Family: Spouse: Major Bryan Bowsbey, 2 children

Election Results

2016 General

Tammy Duckworth (D) 55%

Mark Kirk (R) 40%

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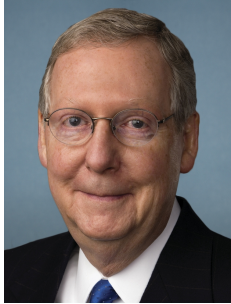
Instagram: @SenDuckworth

Twitter: @tammyforIL

Committees

- Armed Services
- Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Environment and Public Works
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)



Background

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell grew up in Alabama, where he overcame polio before moving to Louisville, Kentucky at age 13. Soon after graduating from law school, he became chief legislative assistant to Kentucky Sen. Marlow Cook. He served in the Ford administration, ultimately becoming the acting US assistant attorney general for the Office of Legislative Affairs, before moving back to Louisville and beginning his political career. He has served in the Senate since 1984 and is married to Elaine Chao, a senior official in both Bush administrations and current secretary of transportation under President Trump. After Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) announced his retirement, and Republicans lost Senate control in 2006, McConnell was elected Senate minority leader. He frequently blocked Obama nominees through filibusters, which led Democrats to use a "nuclear option" to change Senate rules and allow for confirmation all nominees (except Supreme Court) with a simple majority; McConnell used the nuclear option in 2017 to allow for Supreme Court justices to be confirmed with a simple majority. McConnell was elected majority leader after Republicans won the Senate in 2014, but has never had a filibuster-proof majority, forcing him to often negotiate compromises and use legislative tactics, such as reconciliation bills to move forward Republican reforms.

State Profile

State: Kentucky

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Rand Paul (R)

Cook PVI: R+15

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/1984

Party: Republican

Birth date: 2/20/1942

Education: U. of Louisville, B.A. 1964, U. of KY, J.D. 1967

Family: Spouse: Elaine Chao, 3 children from previous marriage

Election Results

2014 General

Mitch McConnell (R) 56%

Alison Lundergan Grimes (D) 41%

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Committees

- Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
- Appropriations
- Rules and Administration
- Intelligence

Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)



Background

Republican Sen. Rand Paul, elected in 2010 as Kentucky’s junior senator, is the son of former Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, a libertarian and a presidential candidate in 2008 and 2012. The younger Paul is poised to preside over his father’s devoted following among strict adherents of limited government. He attended Baylor University, where he was an active member of the Young Conservatives of Texas. Although he failed to get an undergraduate degree at Baylor, Paul was admitted to Duke University, where he got his medical degree. Post residency, Paul moved to Bowling Green, Ky., near his wife’s home town, and opened an ophthalmology practice. After he gave a speech on tax day in 2009 to a Tea Party group, he decided to run for the Senate. Though Sen. Majority leader McConnell supported Paul’s opponent, Paul won the primary 59-35%. He went on to win the general election 56-44%. His victory was counted as one of the major triumphs for the Tea Party movement. Paul offered a large number of bills for a freshman, and he was perfectly willing to use his power to block anything he viewed as government overreach. When the budget blueprint from Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., which included his controversial plan to revamp Medicare, came to a vote in the Senate in May 2011, Paul was one of five Republicans who joined Democrats in voting it down, arguing it did not go far enough.

State Profile

State: Kentucky

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Mitch McConnell (R)

Cook PVI: R+15

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Republican

Birth date: 1/7/1963

Education: Baylor U., attended 1981-84; Duke, M.D. 1988.

Family: Spouse: Kelley Ashby, 3 children

Election Results

2016 General

Rand Paul (R) 57%

Jim Gray (D) 43%

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Committees

- Foreign Relations
- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)



Background

Bill Cassidy was one of only five Republicans to defeat a House Democratic incumbent in 2008, and six years later he avoided the mistakes that had doomed incumbent Senator Mary Landrieu's previous opponents while relentlessly tying her to former President Obama, a widely disliked figure in Louisiana. In the House, Cassidy was a reliable conservative vote and was made a part of the GOP leadership's whip team. Like his fellow physician and Louisiana GOP colleague Charles Boustany, he was given a plum seat on the Energy and Commerce Committee and called on to publicly criticize the Obama administration on health care. Like the rest of his state's delegation, Cassidy has been an ardent advocate of the oil and gas industry. Cassidy's impressive reelection margins and legislative work led Louisiana Republicans and political pundits to deem him the most formidable potential challenger to Landrieu, the last remaining Senate Democrat from the Deep South. But Obama's job-approval rating in the state was measured at just 39 percent in November, giving Cassidy an obvious theme. Outside conservative groups, taking no chances, poured an estimated \$5.65 million in ads on his behalf during the runoff.

State Profile

State: Louisiana

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: John Kennedy (R)

Cook PVI: R+11

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 9/28/1957

Education: Louisiana State U., B.S., 1979; M.D., 1983

Family: Spouse: Laura Layden, 3 children

Election Results

2014 General

Bill Cassidy (R) 56%

Mary Landrieu (D) 44%

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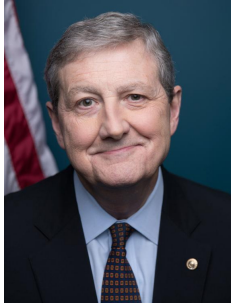
Instagram: @bill_cassidy

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Committees

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Finance
- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
- Veterans' Affairs

Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)



Background

Republican John Kennedy was born on November 21, 1951 in southwestern Mississippi. Kennedy graduated magna cum laude in political science, philosophy and economics from Vanderbilt; was president of his senior class; and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia and his B.C.L. degree from Oxford University in England. He is an adjunct professor at LSU Law School and is a volunteer substitute teacher for East Baton Rouge Parish public schools. Kennedy served as special counsel to Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer from 1988-1992 and as secretary in the governor’s cabinet from 1990-1992. He also worked as secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue from 1996-1999. He was sworn in as Louisiana state treasurer in 2000 after winning the 1999 general election as a Democrat. He was re-elected three times, most recently in 2011. In August 2007, Kennedy changed his party affiliation to Republican and was re-elected to a third term, unopposed in November of that year. In that role Kennedy oversaw the state's \$10.6 billion investment portfolio, as well as local and state bond issues and returned unclaimed property. In 2016, Kennedy ran in the Republican jungle primary for incumbent David Vitter’s open seat following his decision to retire.

State Profile

State: Louisiana

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Bill Cassidy (R)

Cook PVI: R+11

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016

Party: Republican

Birth date: 11/21/1951

Education: Vanderbilt U., 1973; U. of VA , J.D., 1977

Family: Spouse: Rebecca (Becky) Ann Stulb, 1 child

Election Results

2016 General

John Kennedy (R) 61%

Foster Campbell (D) 39%

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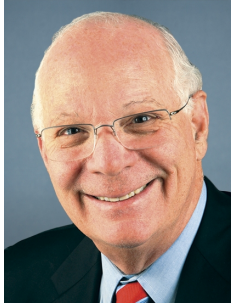
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Twitter: @JohnKennedyLA

Committees

- Appropriations
- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Budget
- Judiciary

Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)



Background

Ben Cardin, Maryland’s senior senator, is from northwest Baltimore, the son and nephew of state legislators. He was elected to the state House at the age of 23 – as soon as he was eligible to run. After serving four years as Ways and Means chairman in Annapolis, he became House speaker in 1979, at age 35. He had an interest in running for governor; but when Barbara Mikulski, now Maryland’s senior senator, left her 3rd District House seat to run for the Senate in 1986, Cardin jumped into that race and was easily elected. Maryland Senate seats don’t come open very often, so when one did, Cardin and 17 other Democrats filed to run. An experienced campaigner and fundraiser, Cardin began as the front-runner even though his earnest, somewhat bland demeanor raised questions about his viability as a statewide candidate. The Republican nominee was Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, the first African-American statewide officeholder in Maryland and a candidate exceptionally well-positioned to exploit Cardin’s weaknesses. Cardin won 54%-44%. A rock-solid Democrat, Cardin regularly is among the top 10 liberal senators in National Journal’s annual vote rankings. However, he is able to work effectively with Republicans because he shuns partisan sound bites and has a fondness for policymaking. In his half-century career as an elected official, he has never lost an election.

State Profile

State: Maryland

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Chris Van Hollen (D)

Cook PVI: D+12

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Biography

First Elected: 11/7/2006

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 10/5/1943

Education: JD, U. of Maryland, 1967; BA, Economics, U. of Pittsburgh, 1964; Graduated, Baltimore City College, 1961

Family: Spouse: Myrna Edelman, 2 children (1 deceased); 2 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Ben Cardin (D) 64%

Tony Campbell (R) 31%

Committees

- Environment and Public Works
- Finance
- Foreign Relations
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)



Background

Chris Van Hollen was born in 1959 in Karachi, Pakistan, where his father worked as a foreign service officer. His mother worked for the CIA and the State Department. In addition to Pakistan, Van Hollen spent his early years in Turkey, India and Sri Lanka. Van Hollen graduated from Swarthmore College with a BA in philosophy and then went on to do an MPP at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. From 1985 to 1987, he worked as a legislative assistant for defense and foreign policy to Senator Charles Mathias (R) from Maryland. In addition, he also spent time as a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and was a legislative advisor to Governor William Donald Schaefer of Maryland. In 1990, he earned his JD from Georgetown. After being admitted to the Maryland state bar, Van Hollen joined the law firm of Arent Fox. From 1991 to 2003, he served in the Maryland General Assembly, working on efforts to raise the tobacco tax, increase funding for education and prohibit oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay. In 2003, Van Hollen became the US representative for Maryland's 8th congressional district. He ran for Senate in 2016, and six weeks before he was sworn in as Maryland's new junior senator in January 2017, Chris Van Hollen already was a member of his party's Senate leadership – named to head the DSCC, the Senate's Democrats' campaign arm.

State Profile

State: Maryland

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Ben Cardin (D)

Cook PVI: D+12

Official Contact Info

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Room Number: 110

Phone Number: (202) 224-4654

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Biography

First Elected: 11/8/2016

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 1/10/1959

Education: Swarthmore Col., B.A. 1982, Harvard, M.P.P. 1985, Georgetown, J.D. 1990

Family: Spouse: Katherine A. Wilkens, 3 children

Election Results

2016 General

Chris Van Hollen (D) 61%

Kathy Szeliga (R) 36%

Committees

- Appropriations
- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Environment and Public Works
- Budget

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)



Background

Republican Roy Blunt was elected in 2010 as Missouri’s junior senator to replace retiring Sen. Christopher (Kit) Bond, also a Republican. A former House majority whip and majority leader with a smooth manner and solid contacts in the lobbying world, Blunt swiftly entered the Senate’s GOP leadership ranks, becoming vice chairman of the Republican Conference. He took over the chairmanship of the Rules and Administration Committee in 2015. Blunt grew up on a dairy farm near Springfield, Mo. Blunt graduated from Southwest Baptist University, 25 miles north of Springfield. He later taught history and government at the high school and college levels. He got his start in politics in 1972, when he volunteered for Republican John Ashcroft’s unsuccessful campaign for Congress. In 1973, then GOP Gov. Bond named the 23-year-old Blunt to be Greene County clerk. Blunt’s voting record is conservative, but he differs from the tea party-oriented Republicans who take a dim view of government spending. After a tornado in May 2011 devastated the town of Joplin, Mo., and killed 159 people, Blunt pushed for a strong federal relief effort to help the battered community. Blunt’s most prominent legislative move during his first two years was his sponsorship in February 2012 of an amendment that would allow employers to exclude any insurance benefit that they deem immoral.

State Profile

State: Missouri

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Josh Hawley (R)

Cook PVI: R+9

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Room Number: 260

Phone Number: (202) 224-5721

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Instagram: @royblunt

Twitter: @RoyBlunt

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Republican

Birth date: 1/10/1950

Education: SW Baptist U., B.A. 1970, SW MO St. U., M.A. 1972

Family: Spouse: Abigail Perlman, 4 children ; 6 grandchildren

Election Results

2016 General

Roy Blunt (R)	49%
Jason Kander (D)	46%

Committees

- Appropriations
- Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Rules and Administration (Chair)
- Intelligence

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO)



Background

Hawley was born in Lexington, Missouri and attended high school in Kansas City. He went on to attend Stanford University and Yale Law School. Following law school, Hawley clerked for the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and then the US Supreme Court. In 2008, Hawley joined Hogan Lovells, LLC as an attorney, and worked there for three years. As a litigator, Hawley argued before the Supreme Court as one of the lead attorneys in the Hobby Lobby case. He later went on to become an associate professor at the University of Missouri School of Law, where he has continued to teach. Hawley is also the founder and president of the Missouri Liberty Project, an organization that aims to defend the US Constitution and fight government overreach. In 2017, Hawley became the attorney general of Missouri.

State Profile

State: Missouri

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Roy Blunt (R)

Cook PVI: R+9

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Republican

Birth date: 12/31/1979

Education: JD, Yale Law School, 2003-2006; AB, History, Stanford, 1998-2002

Family: Spouse: Erin; 2 Children: Elijah, Blaise

Election Results

2018 General

Josh Hawley (R) 52%

Claire McCaskill (D) 46%

Official Contact Info

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Committees

- Armed Services
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Judiciary
- Aging

Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)



Background

Wicker grew up in Pontotoc, Mississippi, where his father was a state senator and a circuit judge. As a teenager, he became interested in Republican politics. He was a page in the US House and campaigned door-to-door for Sen. Thad Cochran in his first race for Congress. After receiving his law degree, Wicker served for four years in the Air Force, remaining in the Reserve until 2004. In 1980, he worked for Sen. Trent Lott on the House Rules Committee. In 1982, Wicker set up a law practice in Mississippi and was the county public defender in Tupelo. In 1987, he was elected to the state Senate, where he helped draft the state's strict abortion law and was also a leading advocate of government-sponsored vouchers for private school tuition. In 1994, Wicker ran for and won a seat in the House, where he compiled a solidly conservative voting record. He was appointed in 2007 as Mississippi's junior senator, won a special election to the seat in 2008 and then won a full six-year term in 2012. Wicker became chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee in 2015. Wicker took over the Armed Services Committee's seapower subcommittee and became chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee's panel on technology and the Internet, focusing on getting more broadband access in rural areas.

State Profile

State: Mississippi

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Cindy Hyde-Smith (R)

Cook PVI: R+9

Official Contact Info

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Twitter: @SenatorWicker

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2007

Party: Republican

Birth date: 7/5/1951

Education: JD, U. of Mississippi, 1975; BA, Political Science, U. of Mississippi, 1973; BA, Journalism, U. of Mississippi, 1973; Graduated, Air Force Reserve Office Training Corps

Family: Spouse: Gayle Long, 3 children ; 4 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Roger Wicker (R) 59%

David Baria (D) 39%

Committees

- Armed Services
- Commerce, Science & Transportation (Chair)
- Environment and Public Works
- Rules and Administration

Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)



Background

Cindy Hyde-Smith, a Republican, is a former member of the Mississippi State Senate. She made Mississippi history by being the first woman elected to the statewide position in 1999. Hyde-Smith built a reputation as a dedicated advocate of farmers and ranchers in Mississippi, authoring legislation to protect the agriculture industry by defending property rights, endorsing right to farm legislation, and working to increase country-of-origin labeling requirements. In 2010, during her tenure in the state Senate, Hyde-Smith switched parties from Democratic to Republican; nonetheless, she received the highest grade for a strong pro-business and fiscally conservative voting record from the Business and Industry Political Education Committee. After serving as senator, Hyde-Smith was elected Mississippi commissioner of agriculture and commerce in 2011 and took office in January 2012. Hyde-Smith was appointed to the US Senate by Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant to succeed Republican Thad Cochran, who stepped down from his Senate seat on April 1, 2018 due to health issues. She has been honored several times for her work as a legislator and agricultural advocate. Some of the awards she earned include the Agriculture Legislator of the Year from the Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts and the Ambassador Award from the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

State Profile

State: Mississippi

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Roger Wicker (R)

Cook PVI: R+9

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Republican

Birth date: 5/10/1959

Education: U. of Southern MS, B.A.

Family: Spouse: Michael (Mike) L. Smith, 1 child

Election Results

2018 General

Cindy Hyde-Smith (R) 54%

Mike Espy (D) 46%

Official Contact Info

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Twitter: @cindyhydesmith

Committees

- Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
- Appropriations
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Rules and Administration

Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC)



Background

Republican Richard Burr, North Carolina's senior senator, was first elected to the Senate in 2004 after serving 10 years in the House. In the House, Burr had a mostly conservative voting record. On the Energy and Commerce Committee, his early cause was streamlining the Food and Drug Administration's drug and medical device approval process, which he argued would speed lifesaving products to the market. With broad bipartisan support, his FDA Modernization Act became law in 1997. He helped to set up the National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering at the NIH. After the September 11 attacks, he sponsored laws to improve defenses against bioterrorism. He sought a crackdown on illegal textile imports but backed President George W. Bush's call for trade promotion authority after securing promises that the local textile industry would have a seat at the table. In the Senate, Burr has leaned conservative on cultural issues and initially toward the center on foreign policy, although he has moved further to the right in that area since Democrat Barack Obama became president. His ascension to the chairmanship of the Senate Intelligence Committee in 2015 offered him a chance to prominently shape debates over surveillance and terrorism.

State Profile

State: North Carolina

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Thom Tillis (R)

Cook PVI: R+3

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2004

Party: Republican

Birth date: 11/30/1955

Education: Wake Forest U., B.A. 1978

Family: Spouse: Brooke Fauth, 2 children

Election Results

2016 General

Richard Burr (R) 51%

Deborah Ross (D) 45%

Official Contact Info

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Committees

- Finance
- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
- Intelligence (Chair)
- Aging

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)



Background

Tillis was born in Jacksonville, Fla., but by the time he was 17 had moved with his family 20 times as his father took new jobs. He became interested in technology and, after earning a degree at the University of Maryland, worked for the now-defunct Wang Laboratories before joining the international accounting and consulting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers. He remained there when IBM took it over, advising banks and other corporations. Tillis moved to Cornelius, a Charlotte suburb, in 1998 and served as a town commissioner. He was elected to the state House in 2006 and rose quickly through the ranks. In 2011, colleagues elected him the fifth Republican speaker in state history. He helped enact laws that included a restructuring of North Carolina's tax code that entailed reductions in personal and business income taxes, elimination of the estate tax, and a cap on the gasoline tax. Democrats contended those moves came at the expense of education improvements in the state—a charge that became a prominent feature in his competitor's ads. Tillis's defeat of Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan in 2014 affirmed the rightward shift in North Carolina that had contributed to the election of Gov. Pat McCrory in 2012. It also affirmed the preference of state government over federal government among North Carolinians: As state House speaker, Tillis presided over a Legislature that pleased conservatives but angered Democrats and independents.

State Profile

State: North Carolina

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Richard Burr (R)

Cook PVI: R+3

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Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 8/30/1960

Education: U. of Maryland U. College, B.S., 1997

Family: Spouse: Susan, 2 children

Election Results

2014 General

Thom Tillis (R)	49%
Kay Hagan (D)	47%

Committees

- Armed Services
- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Judiciary
- Veterans' Affairs

Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY)



Background

Democrat Charles "Chuck" Schumer is the Senate minority leader and one of the Democratic Party's most influential figures. Born in Brooklyn, Schumer graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, but never practiced law. With his law degree fresh in hand in 1974, he won an open New York Assembly seat. At 23, he was the state's youngest member of the Assembly since Theodore Roosevelt was elected in the early 1880s. Schumer then went on to serve in the US House from 1981 to 1999, when he defeated three-term incumbent Sen. Al D'Amato, the last Republican senator from New York. Schumer quickly began his rise in the leadership, and as chair of the DSCC, he helped engineer the Democrat's Senate majority win in the 2006 election. He reprised the DSCC role in the 2008 election campaign, then ascended to the No. 3 slot in the leadership and later assumed responsibility for Senate Democrats' policy and political messaging as the Chair of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee. He became Chair of the Senate Rules Committee in 2009 and served in that role until 2015. When Harry Reid of Nevada, the Senate Democratic leader since 2004, announced his retirement in February 2015, he anointed Schumer over another would-be successor, Democratic Whip Richard Durbin of Illinois, and Schumer has served as Senate minority leader since then.

State Profile

State: New York

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Kirsten Gillibrand (D)

Cook PVI: D+12

Biography

First Elected: 11/3/1998

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 11/23/1950

Education: Harvard, B.A. 1971, J.D. 1974

Family: Spouse: Iris Weinshall, 2 children

Election Results

2016 General

Charles Schumer (D) 71%

Wendy Long (R) 27%

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Committees

- Rules and Administration
- Intelligence

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)



Background

Democrat Kirsten Gillibrand, New York’s junior senator, had been in the House for just one term when Gov. David Paterson in 2009 appointed her to the Senate seat vacated by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Gillibrand graduated from Dartmouth College, where she majored in Asian studies. After law school at the University of California, Los Angeles, Gillibrand clerked for a judge and then joined a major New York law firm. In 2005, she launched a campaign against four-term US Rep. John Sweeney who had never faced a serious re-election challenge. Gillibrand won the seat. When she arrived in the House, she got the committee seats she wanted, on Agriculture and Armed Services. The reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act in 2010 included a number of her proposals, such as banning junk food from schools. The issue that initially brought Gillibrand the most attention was her call for repeal of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy barring openly gay military service members. Like most future presidential hopefuls, Gillibrand is coy about such ambitions, but she has taken many of the steps followed by members seeking to raise their national profiles, including a memoir and a leadership PAC. And, in early 2017, she was embraced by the party’s left wing as she voted against and spoke out in opposition to all but a couple of the President Donald Trump’s top appointees.

State Profile

State: New York

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Charles Schumer (D)

Cook PVI: D+12

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Biography

First Elected: 11/3/2009

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 12/9/1966

Education: JD, UC, Los Angeles, 1991; BA, Dartmouth College, 1988

Family: Spouse: Jonathan Gillibrand, 2 children

Election Results

2018 General

Kirsten Gillibrand (D) 67%

Chele Farley (R) 34%

Committees

- Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
- Armed Services
- Environment and Public Works
- Aging



Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)



Background

Democrat Sherrod Brown, Ohio’s senior senator, was first elected to the House in 1992 and to the Senate in 2006. He is an Ivy League graduate with two master’s degrees, but he is one of Congress’ most ardent defenders of the working class, in addition to being an adept campaigner who has twice beaten well-funded Republicans. Brown grew up in Mansfield, the son of a doctor, graduated from Yale in 1974, and won a seat in the state House later that year. He has spent more than half his life in public office. In 1982, when he was 29, he was elected Ohio secretary of state and worked to increase voter registration and turnout. In 1992, Brown ran for the open 13th District House seat. For many years, Brown wore a self-designed lapel pin of a canary in a cage, to commemorate underground miners who were at risk back in the days before labor unions and government safety inspections. He had a consistently liberal voting record in the House. On trade, he was one of the most voluble pro-labor and “fair-trade” members from the Great Lakes area, attacking the string of free trade agreements and policies that followed NAFTA in 1993. He became the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee's top-ranking Democrat in 2015.

State Profile

State: Ohio

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Rob Portman (R)

Cook PVI: R+3

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Biography

First Elected: 11/7/2006

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 11/9/1952

Education: MA, Education, Ohio State U., 1981; MPA, Ohio State U., 1979; BA, Russian Studies, Yale, 1974

Family: Spouse: Connie Schultz, 2 children ; 2 stepchildren ; 6 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

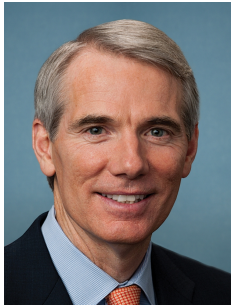
Sherrod Brown (D) 53%

Jim Renacci (R) 47%

Committees

- Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Finance
- Veterans' Affairs

Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)



Background

Republican Rob Portman is Ohio's junior senator, elected in 2010 to succeed the retiring George Voinovich, also a Republican. After graduating Dartmouth, he worked for Republican George H.W. Bush's 1980 presidential campaign. He earned a law degree at the University of Michigan and then worked for law firms in Washington and Cincinnati. After Bush was elected president in 1988, Portman went to the White House as a presidential counsel and then was promoted to head the Office of Legislative Affairs. In January 1993, when Gradison resigned his 2nd District House seat, Portman ran to fill the vacancy, he won easily. In the House, Portman became a member of the Ways and Means and Budget committees and became known for his fiscal conservatism and his ability to work across the aisle. In 2005, President George W. Bush appointed Portman as the US trade representative, in charge of negotiating free trade agreements and representing US interests in global talks on reducing trade barriers. Portman won Voinovich's senate seat in 2010, 57%-39%.

State Profile

State: Ohio

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Sherrod Brown (D)

Cook PVI: R+3

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Republican

Birth date: 12/19/1955

Education: Dartmouth Col., B.A. 1979; U. of MI, J.D. 1984.

Family: Spouse: Jane Dudley, 3 children

Election Results

2016 General

Rob Portman (R) 58%

Ted Strickland (D) 37%

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Committees

- Finance
- Foreign Relations
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK)



Background

Republican James Inhofe, Oklahoma’s senior senator, was first elected to the House in 1986 and to the Senate in 1994. Inhofe grew up in Tulsa, served in the Army, and worked in real estate and insurance. He was elected to the Oklahoma House in 1966, at age 31, and to the Oklahoma Senate in 1969. He won the heavily Republican 1st District House seat in 1986, when Jim Jones ran unsuccessfully for the Senate. Inhofe’s greatest achievement in the House was reforming the arcane discharge petition rule in 1993. One of the first bills to benefit from the new rules was an aviation liability reform bill, co-sponsored by flying buff Inhofe. Inhofe jumped into the 1994 Senate race after David Boren, a conservative Democrat, announced he was retiring with two years left in his Senate term. Inhofe has a solidly conservative voting record and is blunt, even acerbic, at times. At the beginning of 2017, Inhofe was forced by the rules of the Senate GOP caucus to give up the chairmanship of the Environment and Public Works Committee after three terms. But, if anything, Inhofe’s influence seems to have increased under the Trump administration. As former Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt took up new duties as head of the Environmental Protection Agency, at least a half-dozen top Inhofe aides left Capitol Hill to work at EPA headquarters or the White House.

State Profile

State: Oklahoma

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: James Lankford (R)

Cook PVI: R+20

Biography

First Elected: 11/8/1994

Party: Republican

Birth date: 11/17/1934

Education: U. of Tulsa, B.A. 1973

Family: Spouse: Kay Kirkpatrick, 4 children (1 deceased); 16 grandchildren

Election Results

2014 General

James Inhofe (R) 68%

Matt Silverstein (D) 29%

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Committees

- Armed Services (Chair)
- Environment and Public Works
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Intelligence

Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)



Background

Just a few years ago, Republican James Lankford was a little-known church youth camp director without any political experience. Since then, he has won a seat in the House, a leadership position in his party, and the Senate seat held by retiring GOP Sen. Tom Coburn in 2014. In the House, Lankford was given a seat on the Oversight and Government Reform panel and won committee passage of several bills, including a measure setting new standards to promote transparency in the awarding of federal grants. Politico named him, along with California Democrat Karen Bass, as the freshman "most likely to succeed." When Georgia's Tom Price decided against running again for the Policy Committee chairmanship, Lankford quietly lined up support from colleagues and was elected without opposition. When Coburn announced he would resign at the end of the 113th Congress, Lankford jumped into the race. Despite his earlier backing from Tea Party interests, Lankford rankled some in the movement by joining the GOP leadership and voting in favor of raising the federal debt ceiling. Several of the Tea Party's most visible figures coalesced around Republican T.W. Shannon, an African-American who also is a member of the Chickasaw tribe. Lankford, however, drew on his long-standing support from the state's Baptist community and won 57 percent of the primary vote to Shannon's 34 percent. In solidly conservative Oklahoma, that assured his eventual election.

State Profile

State: Oklahoma

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: James Inhofe (R)

Cook PVI: R+20

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Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 3/4/1968

Education: U. of Texas, B.S., 1990; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, M.Div., 1994

Family: Spouse: Cindy, 2 children

Election Results

2016 General

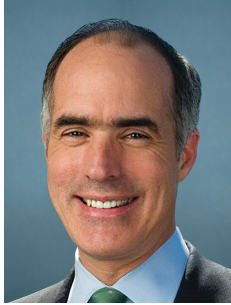
James Lankford (R) 68%

Mike Workman (D) 25%

Committees

- Appropriations
- Finance
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- Indian Affairs

Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)



Background

Robert "Bob" Casey Jr., Pennsylvania's senior senator, has never been associated with the Democratic "red hots." So, he attracted attention in early 2017, when he spoke out against several of President Donald Trump's Cabinet nominees and went to the Philadelphia airport to join a protest of Trump's executive order limiting entry by refugees. In reality, he had been moving in recent years to the left on social issues, on which he had once defined himself as a different kind of Democrat. Still, the cautious Casey surely was mindful of the 2016 results in Pennsylvania, when Democrats narrowly lost high-stakes presidential and Senate contests. Casey was born in the former coal town of Scranton, the oldest son in a large Irish-Catholic political family. Like his father, Robert Jr. graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts. He practiced law in Scranton, and then won election as state auditor general in 1996. He was reelected in 2000. In 2005, national Democrats were looking for a strong challenger to Republican Sen. Rick Santorum, a high-profile social conservative. Casey won 59%-41%, to become the first Pennsylvania Democrat elected to a full Senate term since Joe Clark in 1962. In the Senate, Casey is a reliable supporter of his party's agenda, though his devout Catholicism and his social conservatism occasionally cause him to break ranks.

State Profile

State: Pennsylvania

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Pat Toomey (R)

Cook PVI: EVEN

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Biography

First Elected: 11/7/2006

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 4/13/1960

Education: JD, The Catholic U. of America, 1988;
BA, The College of the Holy Cross, 1978-1982

Family: Spouse: Terese Foppiano, 4 children

Election Results

2018 General

Bob Casey (D) 56%

Lou Barletta (R) 43%

Committees

- Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
- Finance
- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
- Aging

Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)



Background

Republican Pat Toomey, Pennsylvania’s junior senator, grew up in Providence, Rhode Island. After college, he worked in investment banking, founding a successful international financial services consulting firm in 1990 and amassing considerable wealth. After six years on Wall Street, Toomey moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania. In 1998, Toomey ran for the seat of retiring 15th District Rep. Paul McHale (D). One of six candidates in the Republican primary, he called for individual Social Security investment accounts, creation of a flat tax to replace income taxes, and term limits for members of Congress. He promised to serve only six years. As a member of the House, Toomey worked primarily on economic issues. Toomey kept his term limit pledge in 2004 and ran for the Senate seat held by then-Republican Arlen Specter. After he lost the primary, Toomey became president of the Club for Growth, a free-market non-profit. Toomey’s view was that the GOP was courting political disaster because it had abandoned conservative principles. He decided to challenge Specter again in 2010 after the incumbent cast one of three Republican votes for the Democrats’ economic stimulus bill. In the Senate, Toomey has shown a preference for policy over sound bites, and perhaps as a result, is not a frequent figure on cable television. But he has won praise for articulating conservative ideals in a reasonable way.

State Profile

State: Pennsylvania

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Bob Casey (D)

Cook PVI: EVEN

Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Republican

Birth date: 11/17/1961

Education: Harvard, B.S. 1984.

Family: Spouse: Kris, 3 children

Election Results

2016 General

Pat Toomey (R) 49%

Kathleen McGinty (D) 47%

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Committees

- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Finance
- Budget

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)



Background

Republican Lindsey Graham, South Carolina’s senior senator, was elected to the House in 1994 and to the Senate in 2002. He and his close friend, Arizona Republican John McCain, are the Senate’s two high-profile defense hawks; on domestic issues, Graham sometimes confounds conservatives by collaborating with Democrats, but he also can be a lacerating critic of the other party. In 1992, he was elected to the state House. Graham was called up to active duty and served stateside during the Gulf War. In 1994, Graham ran for the House and won in a district represented only by Democrats since Reconstruction. In the House, Graham had a solidly conservative voting record but did not always support the Republican leadership. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Graham played a major role in the 1998 impeachment of President Bill Clinton. In 2002, Graham ran for the Senate seat of Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond. Graham won 54%-44%. He has had a mostly conservative voting record, though he has shown more centrist tendencies in recent years. He has made some noteworthy breaks with his party, occasionally testing the limits of Republicans’ patience. Following Trump’s victory, Graham joined Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland, the senior Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, in voicing concern about Russian attempts to influence the election.

State Profile

State: South Carolina

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Tim Scott (R)

Cook PVI: R+8

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Biography

First Elected: 11/5/2002

Party: Republican

Birth date: 7/9/1955

Education: U. of SC, B.A. 1977, J.D. 1981

Family: Single

Election Results

2014 General

Lindsey Graham (R)	55%
Brad Hutto (D)	38%

Committees

- Appropriations
- Foreign Relations
- Budget
- Judiciary (Chair)

Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)



Background

Republican Tim Scott was named South Carolina’s junior senator in January 2013 after GOP Sen. Jim DeMint unexpectedly quit to head the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank. Scott became the Senate’s first black Republican since 1979; he earlier served one term in the US House. He was elected with ease in 2014 to serve the remaining two years of DeMint's term, which expired in 2016, to become the first black GOP lawmaker to be elected statewide in the South since Reconstruction. Scott finished high school and went on to earn a partial football scholarship to Presbyterian College. He eventually transferred to Charleston Southern University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in political science. Scott ran an insurer and owned part of a real state agency. His first elected office was a seat on the Charleston County Council in 1995. In 2010, Scott won the 1st District House seat that became vacant with GOP Rep. Henry Brown’s retirement. As a House member, Scott’s voting record was only marginally less conservative than the rest of South Carolina’s right-leaning House delegation. When DeMint stepped down from the Senate, South Carolina GOP Gov. Nikki Haley appointed Scott. He later won the election in 2014 easily 61%-37%. He was easily re-elected in 2016 as well. Perhaps the most notable aspect was that his 61 percent of the vote was six percentage points ahead of Trump's performance on Election Day.

State Profile

State: South Carolina
 Status: Junior Senator
 Serving with: Lindsey Graham (R)
 Cook PVI: R+8

Biography

First Elected: 11/5/2013
 Party: Republican
 Birth date: 9/19/1965
 Education: Charleston Southern U., B.S. 1988.
 Family: Single

Election Results

2016 General	
Tim Scott (R)	61%
Thomas Dixon (D)	37%

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Committees

- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Finance
- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Aging

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)



Background

Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander was born on July 3, 1940 in Maryville, Tennessee. He earned his BA from Vanderbilt University and his JD from New York University. After clerking and working on Republican campaigns, Alexander ran for governor of Tennessee in 1974. He lost the election, but ran again successfully in 1978 and was reelected in 1982. In 1988 he became the president of the University of Tennessee and was appointed as George H.W. Bush's Education secretary in 1991. Alexander ran in the Republican presidential primaries twice – in 1994 and 2000 – but failed to earn the party's nomination both times. After Tennessee Senator Fred Thomson announced that he would not seek reelection in 2002, Alexander campaigned for and won the state's empty Senate seat, beating moderate Democrat Bob Clement 54%-44%. In his time in the Senate, he has served as Republican Conference chairman – though he famously resigned from the position in 2011 in order to dedicate more time to the legislative projects he cared about. He became the chairman of the HELP committee in 2015, and has been a proponent of reduced federal involvement in state education requirements.

State Profile

State: Tennessee

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Marsha Blackburn (R)

Cook PVI: R+14

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Biography

First Elected: 11/5/2002

Party: Republican

Birth date: 7/3/1940

Education: Vanderbilt U., B.A. 1962, N.Y.U., J.D. 1965

Family: Spouse: Leslee (Honey) Buhler, 4 children ; 6 grandchildren

Election Results

2014 General

Lamar Alexander (R) 62%

Gordon Ball (D) 32%

Committees

- Appropriations
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (Chair)
- Rules and Administration

Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)



Background

Blackburn was born in Laurel, Mississippi, and graduated from Mississippi State University with a BS in home economics. After graduation, she worked as a sales manager at Southwestern Company. In 1987, she became the owner of Marketing Strategies, a promotion-event management and consulting firm. Her first foray into politics was in 1998, when she ran for office and won a seat in Tennessee's State Senate. In 2002, she was elected to the US House of Representatives to represent Tennessee's 7th district with 70% of the vote. In 2004, she ran for reelection unopposed. She is a Tea Party Republican. Blackburn occupied her position in the House up until 2018, when she was elected to Senate after defeating Democrat Phil Bredesen in the general election.

State Profile

State: Tennessee

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Lamar Alexander (R)

Cook PVI: R+14

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Republican

Birth date: 6/6/1952

Education: BS, Mississippi State U., 1973

Family: Spouse: Chuck; 2 Children: Mary, Chad

Election Results

2018 General

Marsha Blackburn (R) 55%

Phil Bredesen (D) 44%

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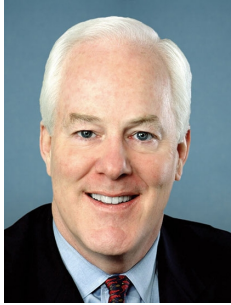
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Committees

- Armed Services
- Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Judiciary
- Veterans' Affairs

Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)



Background

Republican John Cornyn has served in the US Senate since 2003. Cornyn was born in Houston and spent much of his childhood in San Antonio. His father was an oral pathologist in the Air Force stationed in Japan, where Cornyn went to high school. After his father retired from the service, the family settled in San Antonio. He practiced law for five years with a firm that defended doctors and insurance companies in medical malpractice cases. In 1984, he ran for district court judge and, at age 32, upset a strong favorite in the race. In 1990, Cornyn was elected to the state Supreme Court. When GOP Sen. Phil Gramm announced that he would not seek reelection in 2002, Cornyn got into the contest to succeed him, and he won 55%-43%. He rose quickly through the party ranks and became minority whip—the second-ranking GOP leadership post—in 2013 after two terms as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. When his party retook control of the Senate, he retained the whip job behind Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. He currently serves as the chairman of Judiciary’s Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration. Sen. John Thune succeeds him as majority whip, since Senate Republican Conference rules impose term limits on the party’s leadership.

State Profile

State: Texas

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Ted Cruz (R)

Cook PVI: R+8

Biography

First Elected: 11/5/2002

Party: Republican

Birth date: 2/2/1952

Education: Trinity U., B.A. 1973, St. Mary's Law Schl., J.D. 1977, U. of VA, L.L.M. 1995

Family: Spouse: Sandra Hansen, 2 children

Election Results

2014 General

John Cornyn (R) 62%

David Alameel (D) 34%

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Committees

- Finance
- Judiciary
- Intelligence

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)



Background

Cuban-American Ted Cruz is Texas' junior senator. His successful bid in 2012 to succeed retiring Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison—which came after he easily dispatched a primary opponent who had the strong backing of Texas's Republican establishment—was seen as an affirmation of the Tea Party movement's power. Cruz was born in Calgary, Alberta, where his parents worked in the Canadian oil business. His father's life story figures prominently into Cruz's political narrative. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1995, he clerked for Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Cruz joined the George W. Bush's campaign in 2000 as a domestic policy adviser. It was on the campaign trail he met his wife, Heidi Nelson Cruz, another member of the policy team. Both were dispatched to Florida in the chaos of the recount, which then led to jobs in the Bush administration. Cruz served first as associate deputy general at the Justice Department and then as director of the Office of Policy Planning for the Federal Trade Commission. Cruz was in private practice when he decided to run for the Senate. Cruz immediately established himself during his early months in office as a strong intellectual voice for the far right in the Senate, following in the iconoclastic mold of Republican Rand Paul of Kentucky, who became a frequent ally.

State Profile

State: Texas

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: John Cornyn (R)

Cook PVI: R+8

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2012

Party: Republican

Birth date: 12/22/1970

Education: JD, Harvard Law School, 1992-1995; AB, Public Policy, Princeton, 1988-1992

Family: Spouse: Heidi Nelson, 2 children

Election Results

2018 General

Ted Cruz (R) 51%

Beto O'Rourke (D) 48%

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Committees

- Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Foreign Relations
- Rules and Administration
- Judiciary

Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA)



Background

Warner was born in Indianapolis, where his father was a safety evaluator for Aetna Life & Casualty Inc. and his mother stayed at home with their two children. The family moved to Vernon, Conn., when Warner was in the eighth grade. He later recalled that he was influenced by a social studies teacher who encouraged his students to pay attention to the turbulent social change unfolding in the late 1960s. He graduated from George Washington University, the first college graduate in his family, and from Harvard Law School. After law school, he worked in fundraising for the Democratic National Committee and in 1989, managed Douglas Wilder's successful campaign to become Virginia's first African-American governor. By 1999, he had an eye on running for governor in 2001 as an entrepreneur who could bring savvy business methods to government. Warner won by 52%-47%. Then, when Sen. John Warner announced in August 2007 that he would retire from the Senate after five terms, Mark Warner decided to run for senate. Warner argued that the previous governor, Jim Gilmore, left the state in poor fiscal shape and that he had been able to turn things around. He won 65%-34%.

State Profile

State: Virginia

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Tim Kaine (D)

Cook PVI: D+1

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Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2008

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 12/15/1954

Education: George Washington U., B.A. 1977,
Harvard, J.D. 1980

Family: Spouse: Lisa Collis, 3 children

Election Results

2014 General

Mark Warner (D) 49%

Ed Gillespie (R) 48%

Committees

- Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Finance
- Rules and Administration
- Budget
- Intelligence (Vice Chairman)

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)



Background

Democrat Tim Kaine was elected in 2012 as the junior senator from Virginia. Kaine was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, but grew up in Overland Park, Kansas. He attended the University of Missouri where he studied economics and later received his law degree from Harvard. He took a nine month break from law school to participate in a Jesuit mission trip to Honduras, where he became fluent in Spanish. After serving as a clerk and civil rights lawyer in Virginia, Kaine entered politics and rose from the Richmond city council, to mayor, to lieutenant governor and eventually governor in 2005. He served as governor until 2010, due to Virginia's one-term limit, and chaired the DNC from 2009-2011. In 2012, he ran for Democrat Jim Webb's open Senate seat and won against Republican opponent George Allen, who was a former senator and VA governor. While in the Senate, Kaine has been vocal proponent of Congress taking a greater role on foreign policy, arguing for an authorization for the use of force against ISIL. A devout Catholic, Kaine is personally pro-life but supports pro-choice policies. He has also argued strongly for maintaining the Obamacare structure and is not a vocal proponent of a single-payer system. In 2016, Hillary Clinton picked Kaine to be her running mate in the presidential election, which she believed would help win over moderate Southern voters in swing states like Virginia and North Carolina.

State Profile

State: Virginia

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Mark Warner (D)

Cook PVI: D+1

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2012

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 2/26/1958

Education: JD, Harvard School of Law, 1983; BA, U. of Missouri, 1979

Family: Spouse: Anne Bright Holton, 3 children

Election Results

2018 General

Tim Kaine (D) 57%

Corey Stewart (R) 41%

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Committees

- Armed Services
- Foreign Relations
- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
- Budget

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)



Background

Democrat Joe Manchin of West Virginia is one of the most conservative members of the caucus, like his predecessor Sen. Robert Byrd. Manchin grew up in Farmington, where his grandfather and father both served as mayor. His uncle, A. James Manchin, was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates and was secretary of state and state treasurer. After graduating from West Virginia University, Manchin worked in the carpet and furniture business before starting a coal brokerage company. Manchin was elected to the House of Delegates in 1982 and the state Senate in 1986. He then ran for governor but lost in the Democratic primary to legislator Charlotte Pritt. When Secretary of State Ken Hechler ran for the US House in 2000, Manchin ran to succeed him. He beat Pritt in the primary and won the general election. Manchin has gained support from both unions and business but leans socially conservative: he opposes abortion rights, gun control, and same-sex marriage. In 2003, he primaried and beat the sitting Democratic governor Bob Wise before winning the general election with 64% of the vote. After the 2008 death of Sen. Byrd, Manchin appointed a replacement and then ran for the seat in a 2010 special election. He won re-election in 2012, with 60% of the vote. Trump's presidential victory in West Virginia may mean Manchin's 2018 re-election will be contentious.

State Profile

State: West Virginia

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Shelley Capito (R)

Cook PVI: R+19

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Biography

First Elected: 11/2/2010

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 8/24/1947

Education: BS, West Virginia U., 1970

Family: Spouse: Gayle Conelly, 3 children ; 8 grandchildren

Election Results

2018 General

Joe Manchin (D) 50%

Patrick Morrisey (R) 46%

Committees

- Appropriations
- Armed Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Veterans' Affairs

Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV)



Background

Republican Shelley Moore Capito was elected West Virginia's junior senator in 2014. She is a popular centrist and strong advocate of her state's coal industry. Capito grew up in northern West Virginia and in the D.C. area, where her father, Arch Moore, served in the House from 1957 to 1969. In 2000, Rep. Bob Wise (D) ran for governor, leaving an open House seat. She benefited from a divisive Democratic primary. Capito, who supported abortion rights, started as the underdog, but still defeated her Democratic opponent, former state senator Jim Humphreys. In the House, Capito had a largely moderate voting record, though she sided with her party more reliably after Obama took office. She broke from conservatives over programs important to her state, supporting continued funding of rural air service and opposing drastic food stamp cutbacks. She won reelection in Nov. 2012 and, in 2014, challenge Sen. Jay Rockefeller for his seat. Conservative groups disliked her centrism, but Rockefeller, in his mid-70s, announced his retirement after a poll showed her with a slight lead in a head-to-head matchup. Her new opponent was Natalie Tennant, West Virginia's secretary of state and a former television reporter. Obama's unpopularity among West Virginians put Tennant at a severe disadvantage and Capito won easily.

State Profile

State: West Virginia

Status: Junior Senator

Serving with: Joe Manchin (D)

Cook PVI: R+19

Biography

First Elected: 11/4/2014

Party: Republican

Birth date: 11/26/1953

Education: Duke, B.S. 1975, U. of VA, M.Ed. 1976

Family: Spouse: Charles Lewis Capito, 3 children ;
4 grandchildren

Election Results

2014 General

Shelley Capito (R) 62%

Natalie Tennant (D) 35%

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Committees

- Appropriations
- Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Environment and Public Works
- Rules and Administration



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