Senator Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)

Biography

Senator Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) was born in Chicago, Illinois, to immigrant parents from Colombia and Mexico. He grew up in a working-class family and was raised by a single mother alongside three sisters. Sen. Gallego earned admission to Harvard University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations in 2004.

Following his education, Sen. Gallego enlisted in the Marine Corps, serving as an infantryman in Iraq with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines from 2005 to 2006.

Sen. Gallego began his political career in the Arizona House of Representatives, serving from 2010 to 2014. He was then elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014, representing Arizona's 7th congressional district. He served five terms in the House, focusing on issues such as veterans' affairs, national security, and tribal rights.

In the House, Sen. Gallego served on the Armed Services Committee and chaired the Intelligence and Special Operations subcommittee. He also served on the Natural Resources Committee and the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, where he championed tribal sovereignty and federal trust responsibilities to Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

Sen. Gallego ran for the U.S. Senate seat in Arizona in 2024, defeating Republican candidate Kari Lake.

Committee Assignments

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Energy and Natural Resources

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Veterans' Affairs

Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Biography

Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Wilmington, Delaware. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a Master's degree in Urban Affairs and Public Policy from the University of Delaware.

Sen. Blunt Rochester began her career in public service as an intern and caseworker for then-Congressman Tom Carper (D-DE). She went on to serve in various roles in Delaware state government, including as Deputy Secretary of Health and Social Services (1993-1998), Secretary of Labor (1998-2001), and State Personnel Director (2001-2004).

In 2016, Sen. Blunt Rochester ran for Delaware's at-large congressional district and won, becoming the first woman and first African American to represent Delaware in Congress. She served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2017 to 2024.

During her time in the House, Sen. Blunt Rochester served on the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Agriculture Committee. She was also a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and the Congressional Black Caucus.

In 2024, Sen. Blunt Rochester successfully ran for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by her former boss, Sen Tom Carper. She won the election, defeating Republican candidate Eric Hansen.

Committee Assignments

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Environment and Public Works

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Senator Jim Banks (R-IN)

Biography

Born in Columbia City, Indiana, Senator Jim Banks (R-IN) earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Indiana University Bloomington and later received an MBA from Grace College & Seminary.

After college, Sen. Banks served in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a Supply Corps officer. In 2014 and 2015, he took a leave of absence from the Indiana State Senate to deploy to Afghanistan during Operations Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel.

Sen. Banks began his political career serving on the Whitley County Council from 2008 to 2010. He then moved to the Indiana State Senate, representing the 17th district from 2010 to 2016. During his time in the state legislature, he chaired the Senate Veteran Affairs and the Military Committee.

In 2016, Sen. Banks was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for Indiana's 3rd congressional district. He served on the House Armed Services Committee, Education and the Workforce Committee, and the Select Committee on Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party. Additionally, from 2021 to 2023, he chaired the Republican Study Committee.

In January 2023, Sen. Banks announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Mike Braun. He won the Republican nomination unopposed and went on to defeat Democratic nominee Valerie McCray in the November 2024 general election.

Committee Assignments

Armed Services

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Veterans' Affairs

Senator Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD)

Biography

Senator Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD) was born on February 23, 1971, in Camp Springs, Maryland. She graduated from Benjamin Banneker High School in Washington, D.C. and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Afro-American Studies from Duke University in 1993. Sen. Alsobrooks received her Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1996.

Sen. Alsobrooks began her career as an assistant state's attorney in Prince George's County, Maryland. In 2010, she was elected as the first woman State's Attorney for Prince George's County, where she focused on reducing violent crime and implementing programs for juvenile offenders. In 2018, she became the first woman and first Black woman to serve as County Executive of Prince George's County, prioritizing education, economic development, and public safety.

In 2024, Sen. Alsobrooks was elected to the United States Senate, becoming Maryland's first Black Senator and first female Senator, beating out former Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. Her campaign emphasized job creation, reducing the cost of living, and protecting fundamental freedoms.

Committee Assignments

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Environment and Public Works

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Special Committee on Aging

Senator Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)

Biography

Senator Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) was born in New York City, but grew up on her family's farm in Holly, Michigan. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Cornell University in 1998 and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University in 2003.

After graduate school, Sen. Slotkin joined the Central Intelligence Agency as a Middle East analyst. She served three tours in Iraq alongside the U.S. military. Sen. Slotkin then held various national security positions in both the Bush and Obama administrations, including roles at the White House, State Department, and Pentagon. From 2015 to 2017, she served as Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

In 2018, Sen. Slotkin was elected to represent Michigan's 8th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. She served three terms in the House, focusing on issues such as national security, healthcare, and economic development.

In 2024, Sen. Slotkin successfully ran for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Sen. Debbie Stabenow. She defeated Republican candidate Mike Rogers in the general election, becoming the second woman to represent Michigan in the Senate.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Armed Services

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Veterans' Affairs

Senator Tim Sheehy (R-MT)

Biography

Senator Tim Sheehy (R-MT) was born in Ramsey County, Minnesota, and grew up in the nearby town of Shoreview, Minnesota. After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2008, he went on to serve as a Navy Seal and later attended Army Ranger School. Sen. Sheehy served in the Navy from 2008 to 2019, deploying to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflicts before leaving active duty in 2014.

Following his departure from active duty, Sen. Sheehy founded the aerial firefighting and aerospace services company Bridger Aerospace in 2014. He later co-founded the Little Belt Cattle Company in 2020 which sources beef from its 20,000-acre ranch. In the lead-up to his Senate campaign, he resigned from the board of the Montana-based non-profit Property and Environment Research Center (PERC) and his role as Chief Executive Officer of Bridger Aerospace.

In 2024, Sen. Sheehy successfully ran for Senate in Montana, defeating incumbent U.S. Senator Jon Tester in the general election to solidify the state's republican control in Congress.

Committee Assignments

Armed Services

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Veterans' Affairs

Senator Bernie Moreno (R-OH)

Biography

Senator Bernie Moreno (R-OH) was born in Bogota, Colombia, and later moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he was raised. Sen. Moreno earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and soon after began his career as an automotive dealer with General Motors. After moving to Massachusetts and assuming the position of general manager of The Herb Chambers Companies, he relocated to Ohio in 2005 to purchase his first car dealership in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Sen. Moreno later became the president of the car dealership company Collection Auto Group, eventually amassing 25 dealerships through the company. In 2019, he created blockchain-based technology company, Ownum. Soon after, Sen. Moreno was appointed to the board of trustees for the MetroHealth System.

In April of 2021, Sen. Moreno announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate to replace Incumbent Sen. Rob Portman but later dropped out of the race in 2022. In April of 2023, Sen. Moreno again entered the race for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate.

In, 2024 Sen. Bernie Moreno was elected to the U.S. Senate, successfully defeating incumbent Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown in the general election.

Committee Assignments

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Budget

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Senator Dave McCormick (R-PA)

Biography

Senator David (Dave) McCormick was elected in 2024 to represent Pennsylvania in the United States Senate after defeating incumbent Democratic Senator Bob Casey. Sen. McCormick grew up in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. He is a seventh generation Pennsylvanian, and both of his parents were involved in higher level education. Sen. McCormick was the first person from his hometown to attend the United Sates Military Academy West Point where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science. After graduation he then served in the 82nd Airborne division. During this time, he was deployed to the Middle East and received a Bronze Star before retiring from military service as a captain. Sen. McCormick then attended Princeton University where he received a Ph.D. in International Relations.

Sen. McCormick then returned to Pennsylvania following his graduation from Princeton where he worked for tech startup FreeMarkets, eventually becoming its CEO.

In 2005 Sen. McCormick was confirmed as the Commerce Department's Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security, he then served as Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Policy before he was moved to Under Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs in 2007 for President George W. Bush. Following his public service, he joined an investment group called Bridgewater Associates where he was CEO until he resigned to run for the U.S. Senate seat in 2022 and then again in 2024. He was notably offered the role of U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense during the Trump Administration but declined in order to remain at Bridgewater

Committee Assignments

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Energy and Natural Resources

Foreign Relations

Special Committee on Aging

Joint Economic Committee

Senator John Curtis (R-UT)

Biography

Born in Ogden, Utah, Senator John Curtis (R-UT) earned a degree in business management from Brigham Young University. After graduating, he worked for the employee recognition company OC Tanner and the Citizen Watch Company before assuming the position of Chief Operating Officer of Action Target, a manufacturer of custom shooting ranges.

Sen. Curtis initially ran for public office in 2002 for the Utah State Senate as a Democrat but was defeated by Republican Curt Bramble in the general election. Following the loss, Curtis would serve as vice chairman and chairman of the Utah County Democratic Party from 2002 to 2003. Curtis was later elected mayor of Provo, Utah in 2009 where he focused on economic development and environmental stewardship.

In 2017, Sen. Curtis announced his candidacy for Utah's 3rd congressional district as a Republican, eventually winning his race to replace retiring U.S. Representative Jason Chaffetz. He went on to serve three terms in Congress, focusing on trade policy, public lands management, and economic development.

In 2024, Sen. Curtis announced his candidacy for the United States Senate and ultimately won the general election to replace long-time Senator Mitt Romney in Washington DC. His campaign focused on his past legislative and community achievements along with supporting public lands and bolstering economic development.

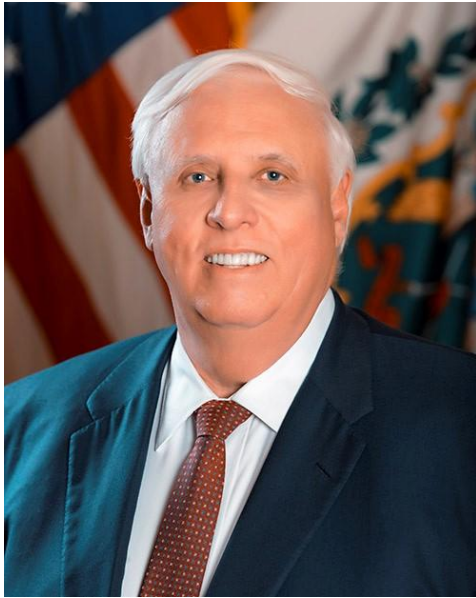### Committee Assignments

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Environment and Public Works

Foreign Relations

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Senator Jim Justice (R-WV)

Biography

Senator Jim Justice (R-WV) was born in Charleston, West Virginia, and earned a bachelor's degree and Master of Business Administration from Marshall University. After graduating, he founded Bluestone Farms in 1977 which has grown to become the largest producer of grain on the East Coast. After his father's death, Sen. Justice inherited ownership of Bluestone Industries and Bluestone Coal Corporation and owned or served as the Chief Executive Officer of over 50 companies before taking office.

Sen. Jim Justice initially ran for the office of Governor of West Virginia in 2016 as a member of the Democratic party. Months after defeating his Republican challenger in the November 2016 general election, Sen. Justice changed his party affiliation and went on to win re-election on the Republican ticket in 2019.

In April of 2023, Sen. Jim Justice announced his candidacy for the 2024 U.S. Senate election in West Virginia and ultimately defeated the former Democratic mayor of Wheeling, West Virginia, Glenn Elliott, to replace Democratic incumbent Senator Joe Manchin in Washington DC.

Committee Assignments

Armed Services

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Help, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Veterans' Affairs

Representative Shomari Figures (D-AL)

Biography

Representative Shomari Figures (D-AL) was born in Mobile, Alabama, and is the son of the late Michael Figures, a civil rights attorney and Alabama state Senator, and Vivian Davis Figures, who succeeded her husband in the Alabama Senate.

Rep. Figures earned a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice and history from the University of Alabama in 2006 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2010.

After law school, Rep. Figures clerked for Judge Nannette A. Baker in the Eastern District of Missouri. He worked as a field organizer for Barack Obama's 2012 reelection campaign in Ohio. Figures then held several positions in the Obama administration, including domestic director of the White House Presidential Personnel Office and White House liaison to Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

Rep. Figures later served as legislative counsel for U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and worked on President Joe Biden's presidential transition team. From 2021 to 2023, he was deputy chief of staff for Attorney General Merrick Garland.

In 2024, Rep. Figures was elected to represent Alabama's 2nd congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is the first Democrat to win this seat since the district was redrawn to create a second majority-Black district in Alabama.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Nick Begich (R-AK)

Biography

Representative Nicholas "Nick" Begich (R-AK) was born in Anchorage, Alaska, but grew up in Florida with his maternal grandparents after his parents divorced. Begich earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship from Baylor University and an MBA from Indiana University Bloomington.

Rep. Begich founded FarShore Partners, a software development company with over 120 employees. He also co-founded Dashfire, a firm that has helped launch over 50 technology businesses.

In 2016, Rep. Begich ran unsuccessfully for the Anchorage City Council. He served as a board member of the Alaska Policy Forum and co-chair of the Alaska Republican Party's Finance Committee.

Rep. Begich ran for Alaska's at-large congressional district in 2022, losing to Democrat Mary Peltola in both the special and regular elections. In 2024, he successfully defeated Peltola, winning the seat with 51.3% of the vote in the final round of ranked-choice voting.

Begich lives in Chugiak, Alaska, with his wife Dharna and their son Nicholas.

Committee Assignments

Appropriations

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Yassamin Ansari (D-AZ)

Biography

Representative Yassamin Ansari (D-AZ) was born in Arizona to Iranian immigrant parents. She graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts in international relations and earned a master's degree from the University of Cambridge.

Rep. Ansari began her career as an advisor in the United Nations Executive Office, working on climate policy with Secretaries-General Ban Ki-moon and António Guterres. She helped develop the Paris Climate Agreement and worked with California Governor Jerry Brown's office on climate initiatives.

In 2020, Rep. Ansari was elected to the Phoenix City Council, becoming the youngest woman and first Iranian-American elected to public office in Arizona. As a council member, she represented Phoenix's 7th district, and created the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation and helped develop Phoenix's Climate Action Plan.

Rep. Ansari served as Vice Mayor of Phoenix and resigned from the city council in March 2024 to run for Congress in Arizona's 3rd congressional district. She was recognized as a Forbes 30 Under 30 in Law & Policy and a Grist 50 "Fixer" for her climate change work.

In 2024, Rep. Ansari ran to succeed Rep. Ruben Gallego in Arizona's 3rd District, facing Republican Jeff Zink and secured victory by a margin of 45 points.

Committee Assignments

Natural Resources

Oversight and Government Reform

Representative Abraham Hamadeh (R-AZ)

Biography

Representative Abraham Hamadeh (R-AZ) was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Syrian and Venezuelan immigrant parents. He later moved to Phoenix, Arizona.

Rep. Hamadeh attended Arizona State University for his undergraduate degree, earning a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. He later received his Juris Doctor from the University of Arizona College of Law, where he was awarded the Udall Fellowship by the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council.

After passing the Arizona Bar Exam in May 2017, Rep. Hamadeh began working as a prosecutor in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. He resigned from this role in September 2021 to focus on his political career.

Rep. Hamadeh has served in the U.S. Army Reserve as an intelligence officer since 2016, attaining the rank of captain. He was deployed to Saudi Arabia in 2020 for 14 months, receiving a Meritorious Service Medal for his service.

In 2022, Rep. Hamadeh ran for Arizona Attorney General, narrowly losing to Democrat Kris Mayes by fewer than 300 votes. He contested the election results in multiple lawsuits, which were ultimately unsuccessful.

In 2024, Rep. Hamadeh successfully ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in Arizona's 8th congressional district, beating out Democrat Greg Whitten.

Committee Assignments

Veterans' Affairs

Representative Lateefah Simon (D-CA)

Biography

Representative Lateefah Simon (D-CA) was born and raised in San Francisco, CA and has always been a celebrated advocate and civil rights leader. Her advocacy began at 16 years old when she joined the Young Woman's Freedom Center, an organization dedicated to empowering marginalized young women.

By 19, she became its Executive Director, leading transformative initiatives to support women involved in the juvenile justice system. Her groundbreaking work earned her a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship in 2003, making her one of the youngest recipients at the time. Over her career, Rep. Simon has served as President of the Akonadi Foundation, advocating for racial justice, and as a member of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Board of Directors, she prioritized accessible and equitable public transportation. She was also appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California State University Board of Trustees in 2016.

Holding a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy from Mills College and a Master of Public Administration from the University of San Francisco, Rep. Simon's work is deeply informed by her firsthand experiences as a legally blind single mother. Her congressional campaign focused on issues like criminal justice reform, affordable housing, and public transportation, reflecting her lifelong dedication to social justice and community empowerment.

Committee Assignments

Oversight and Government Reform

Small Business

Representative Adam Gray (D-CA)

Biography

Representative Adam Gray was born Merced, California in 1977. He graduated from Golden Valley High School in Merced, attended Merced College, and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2000.

Rep. Gray began his political career as a legislative aide to Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza and later worked as legislative director in the California State Senate. He was elected to the California State Assembly in 2012, representing the 21st district, which includes Merced County and parts of Stanislaus County. He served in the Assembly until 2022.

During his time in the Assembly, Rep. Gray focused on issues such as water rights, healthcare access, and economic development. He led efforts against State Water Grab and secured funding for water storage and infrastructure projects. Rep. Gray also championed the establishment of a joint medical school at UC Merced and UCSF-Fresno.

In 2022, Rep. Gray ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in California's 13th congressional district, narrowly losing to Republican John Duarte. He ran again in 2024 and defeated Duarte in a close race.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Natural Resources

Representative Sam Liccardo (D-CA)

Biography

Representative Sam Liccardo (D-CA) born in Saratoga, California is an American politician and attorney who served as the 65th mayor of San Jose from 2015 to 2023. He was elected Mayor in November 2014 and reelected in 2018 with 75.8% of the vote.

Rep. Liccardo earned his bachelor's degree in government from Georgetown University, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and later obtained his Juris Doctor and Master of Public Policy from Harvard Law School and Harvard Kennedy School. Before entering public office, he worked as a criminal prosecutor in the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office.

In 2006, Rep. Liccardo won a seat on San Jose's District 3 Council and led efforts to address affordable housing, creating an inclusionary zoning ordinance in 2008 that required developers to provide affordable units or fund housing initiatives elsewhere. As mayor, he led efforts on pension reform, transportation projects like the expansion of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to San Jose, and environmental initiatives, including preserving thousands of acres in Coyote Valley.

Committee Assignments

Financial Services

Representative George T. Whitesides (D-CA)

Biography

Representative George T. Whitesides (D-CA) was born and raised in Newton, Massachusetts. He is a politician and businessman known for his significant contributions to the aerospace industry and public service. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1996. He later obtained a Master of Philosophy in Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing from King's College, Cambridge.

Rep. Whitesides began his career as Executive Director of the National Space Society from 2004 to 2008 and co-founded Yuri's Night with his wife, Loretta Hidalgo Whitesides. In 2007, he joined Virgin Galactic as a Senior Advisor. He later served as Chief of Staff at NASA under Administrator Charles Bolden from 2009 to 2010, receiving the NASA Distinguished Service Medal upon his departure. Returning to Virgin Galactic, Rep. Whitesides became CEO, leading the company in developing commercial space vehicles at the Mojave Air and Space Port.

In February 2023, he announced his candidacy for California's 27th congressional district and won the election on November 5, 2024, defeating incumbent Republican Mike Garcia.

Committee Assignments

Armed Services

Science, Space and Technology

Representative Luz Rivas (D-CA)

Biography

Representative Luz Rivas (D-CA) was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. Rep. Rivas earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a Master of Education from Harvard University. She began her career as an electrical design engineer at Motorola before founding DIY Girls, a nonprofit organization based in Pacoima, Los Angeles, encouraging young girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

In 2016, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Rep. Rivas to the city's Board of Public Works. Following Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra's resignation, she declared her candidacy for the vacant seat and won the special election on June 5, 2018. During her tenure in the Assembly, Rep. Rivas focused on issues like homelessness, environmental justice, and education.

Rep. Rivas has been instrumental in securing state funding for infrastructure, education, and healthcare projects in the San Fernando Valley. Notably, she led efforts to pass primary climate legislation in 2022 and has strongly advocated for increasing access to computer science and climate change education.

Committee Assignments

Natural Resources

Science, Space and Technology

Representative Laura Friedman (D-CA)

Biography

Representative Laura Friedman (D-CA) was born in South Florida and is known as an American politician and former film producer. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Rochester in New York. In 1992, Rep. Friedman moved to Hollywood and later relocated to Glendale in 2000, where she currently resides.

Between 1994 and 1997, Rep. Friedman served as the Vice President of Development at Rysher Entertainment, overseeing the production of approximately ten feature films annually and extensive television programming. Her film production credits include co-producing the Warner Brothers release "It Takes Two" in 1995 and serving as associate producer for "House Arrest" and executive producer for "Foxfire" in 1996. Between 1998 and 1999, Friedman held the position of Vice President of development at Cort/Madden Company. Since 2000, she has owned and managed PlanetGlass.net, a web-based art glass dealership.

Rep. Friedman began her political career by joining the Glendale City Council in 2009 and served as Mayor of Glendale from 2011 to 2012. In 2016, she won election to the California State Assembly, representing the 43rd district until 2022, after which she represented the 44th district. During her tenure, Rep. Friedman authored a landmark pro-housing bill that eliminated minimum parking requirements for housing near mass transit stations throughout California; Governor Gavin Newsom signed this bill into law in 2022.

Committee Assignments

Science, Space and Technology

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Gilbert Ray Cisneros Jr. (D-CA)

Biography

Representative Gilbert Ray Cisneros (D-CA) was born in Los Angeles, California. He is an American politician, philanthropist, and former naval officer. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from George Washington University, an MBA from Regis University, and a Master of Arts in Urban Education Policy from Brown University.

Rep. Cisneros served as a supply officer in the United States Navy for 11 years, achieving the rank of lieutenant commander. In 2010, he and his wife, Jacki, won a $266 million Mega Millions lottery jackpot. They used their winnings to establish the Gilbert and Jacki Cisneros Foundation, focusing on educational initiatives and scholarships for Latino students.

After transitioning into politics, Rep. Cisneros was elected as the U.S. Representative for California's 39th congressional district in 2018, serving from 2019 to 2021. During his tenure, he was a member of the House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committees. In 2021, President Joe Biden appointed him as Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, a position he held until September 2023.

Committee Assignments

Armed Services

Small Business

Representative Derek Tran (D-CA)

Biography

Representative Derek Tran was born in 1980, in California to Vietnamese refugee parents. He grew up in the San Gabriel Valley, working in his family's corner market after school.

At 18, Rep. Tran enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving for eight years. After his military service, he earned a B.S. from Bentley University and a J.D. from Glendale University College of Law.

Rep. Tran began his legal career in 2014, focusing on consumer rights, labor rights, and personal injury law. In 2020, he founded his own firm, Tran Firm, in Huntington Beach, which was later acquired by Feher Law in 2023.

In 2024, Rep. Tran ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in California's 45th congressional district. He narrowly won the Democratic primary and went on to defeat incumbent Republican Michelle Steel in a close general election. He is the third Vietnamese American elected to Congress and the first to represent California.

Rep. Tran is married to Michelle, a pharmacist, and they have three children. Together, they own a pharmacy in Orange County. Tran also serves on the board of the Consumer Attorneys Association of America, and mentors at-risk youth at Sunburst Academy.

Committee Assignments

Armed Services

Small Business

Representative Dave Min (D-CA)

Biography

Representative Dav Min (D-CA) is a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and was raised in Palo Alto, California, by Korean American parents who had immigrated to the United States in 1972. He attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and School of Arts and Sciences, earning dual undergraduate degrees, and later obtained his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.

Before entering politics, Rep. Min's career centered on his role as an assistant law professor at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, where he focused on the law and policy of banking, capital markets, and real estate finance.

In 2018, he ran for California's 45th congressional district but was defeated in the primary by Representatives Mimi Walters and Katie Porter, with Rep. Porter eventually winning the general election. In January 2019, Rep. Min announced his candidacy for the California State Senate's 37th district, securing a primary victory against Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley and narrowly defeating incumbent Republican Representative John Moorlach in the November 2020 general election.

Committee Assignments

Natural Resources

Oversight and Government Reform

Representative Jeff Hurd (R-CO)

Biography

Representative Jeff Hurd (R-CO) was born and raised in Grand Junction, Colorado, and earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. Following his graduation, he went on to work for the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce before attending the University of Denver Law School where he would earn a Juris Doctor degree.

Rep. Hurd clerked for Timothy Tymkovich, the chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit before starting his law firm in 2014. He later joined Colorado commercial law firm, Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe law firm, and oversaw its Grand Junction Office.

After the incumbent for Colorado's 3rd district, Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO), moved her district to run in Colorado's 4th district, Rep. Hurd announced his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives. He defeated Democrat Adam Frisch in the 2024 general election to represent Western and Southern Colorado in Washington DC.

Committee Assignments

Natural Resources

Transportation and Infrastructure

Science, Space and Technology

Representative Jeff Crank (R-CO)

Biography

Representative Jeff Crank (R-CO) was born in Pueblo, Colorado, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Colorado State University. After graduation, He worked as a Legislative Assistant for Representative Joel Hefley (R-CO) before his promotion to Administrative Director in 1995. After his time on the hill, he became Vice President of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce in 1998 and was later promoted to Senior Vice President.

Rep. Crank later worked as the chairman of Colorado's 5th Congressional District Republican Central Committee from 2001 to 2003 until he was appointed to the Colorado Emergency Planning Commission. During his two-year term on the planning commission, he also served on the El Paso County Citizens Corps Council before returning to the Colorado State Republican Central Committee as a bonus member. He served as the Colorado State Director for Americans for Prosperity from 2009 to 2013 and later resigned to found Aegis Strategic, a political consulting company.

Rep. Crank initially ran for U.S. Representative against retiring Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) in 2006 but narrowly lost in the Republican primary election. In the 2024 general election, Rep. Crank was elected to represent Colorado's 5th district and replace Rep. Lamborn in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Committee Assignments

Representative Gabe Evans (R-CO)

Biography

Representative Gabe Evans (R-CO) is a native of Aurora, Colorado, and is the grandson of Mexican immigrants. Representative Evans earned a bachelor's degree in government from Patrick Henry College. He served in the Virginia Army National Guard from 2007 to 2009 before commissioning as a second lieutenant in the United States Army and joining the Colorado National Guard, where he served until 2019.

Rep. Evans also built a career in law enforcement, rising to the rank of police lieutenant before transitioning to public service as an elected official.

In 2022, Rep. Evans won his election to the Colorado State House of Representatives and served in the 48th district until announcing his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives in 2023. In the 2024 general election, Rep. Evans defeated the Democratic incumbent Rep. Yadira Caraveo to represent Colorado's 8th district in Washington.

Committee Assignments

Energy and Commerce

Representative Sarah McBride (D-DE)

Biography

Representative Sarah McBride (D-DE) was born in Wilmington, Delaware and earned her bachelor's degree from American University in 2013.

In 2016, Rep. McBride became the first openly transgender person to address a major party convention when she spoke at the Democratic National Convention. Her political career advanced in 2020 when she was elected to the Delaware State Senate, representing the 1st district, making her the first openly transgender state senator in the United States.

In 2024, Rep. McBride achieved another historic milestone by being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for Delaware's at-large congressional district, becoming the first openly transgender member of Congress. Throughout her career, she has been a vocal advocate for anti-discrimination legislation and healthcare reforms, authoring the memoir "Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss, and the Fight for Trans Equality" in 2018.

Committee Assignments

Foreign Affairs

Science, Space and Technology

Representative Mike Haridopolos (R-FL)

Biography

Representative Mike Haridopolos (R-FL) was born in Huntington, New York, and received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Stetson University and later earned a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Arkansas. After graduating, he would go on to teach U.S. History and Political Science courses at Easter Florida State College and the University of Florida.

In 2000, Rep. Haridopolos began his political career in the Florida State House of Representatives before winning the 2003 special election to finish the remainder of State Senator Howard Futch's term. In the Florida Senate, he served as Majority Whip from 2006 to 2008 before his election to President of the Senate. During his tenure in the Florida State Legislature, Rep. Haridopolos created the Florida Innocence Commission, which worked to review cases of false imprisonment.

Rep. Haridopolos briefly ran for U.S. Senate in 2011 before dropping out of the race to focus on his role as the President of the Florida Senate. In 2024, Rep. Haridopolos won his election to represent Florida's 8th congressional district in Washington.

Committee Assignments

Financial Services

Science, Space and Technology

Representative Brian Jack (R-GA)

Biography

Representative Brian Jack (R-GA) is an American political advisor who served as White House Political Director under President Donald Trump from 2019 to 2021 and is currently a senior advisor on Trump's 2024 presidential campaign. Representative Jack was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from Woodward Academy in 2006 and Pepperdine University in 2010. He began his political career at the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), where he worked as a political analyst liaising with congressional candidates.

In 2016, Rep. Jack joined Ben Carson's presidential campaign, managing a nationwide volunteer effort before transitioning to President Donald Trump's campaign as National Delegate Director. Following President Trump's election, Rep. Jack advised on personnel appointments during the presidential transition and joined the White House as Deputy Political Director in 2017, later being promoted to Political Director in 2019. In 2020, he was elevated to Assistant to the President, overseeing political strategy and congressional endorsements. Rep. Jack returned to Trump's 2024 campaign as a senior advisor, focusing on securing endorsements from Republican leaders.

In 2024, Rep. Jack announced his candidacy for Georgia's 3rd Congressional District following the retirement of Congressman Drew Ferguson (R-GA). He defeated Democrat Maura Keller in the general election and will serve in the 119th congress.

Committee Assignments

Representative Marlin Stutzman (R-IN)

Biography

Representative Marlin Stutzman (R-IN) was born in LaGrange County, Indiana, and attended Glen Oaks Community College and Trine University. Rep. Stutzman became the youngest member of the Indiana State House of Representatives after winning his 2006 election at the age of 26. In 2009 he was elected to the Indiana State Senate before his unsuccessful bid for U.S. Senate in 2010.

Rep. Stutzman was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in a 2010 special election to fill the remainder of Mark Souder's term. He went on to win re-election and represented Indiana's third district from 2010 to 2017 where he served as the co-chair of the Congressional Constitution Caucus. He focused his efforts on increasing accountability in state government operations while fighting the passage of the Affordable Care Act and tax increases.

In 2016, Rep. Stutzman ran for U.S. Senate but was defeated by fellow Republican Todd Young in the primary election. In 2023, Rep. Stutzman announced his candidacy for his old seat in Indiana's third congressional district and won the general election to regain his seat in Washington.

Committee Assignments

Financial Services

Representative Jefferson Shreve (R-IN)

Biography

Representative Jefferson Shreve (R-IN) was born in Indianapolis, IN. Rep. Shreve earned his Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University, Bloomington, a Master of Arts in international studies from the University of London, and his Master of Business Administration in agribusiness from the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University.

Rep. Shreve founded Storage Express, which he sold in 2022 for $590 million, gaining a seat on the board of Extra Space Storage. Politically, Rep. Shreve served on the Indianapolis City-County from 2013 to 2016 and from 2018 to 2020. In addition, Rep. Shreve has run for Indiana Senate, Indiana University trustee, and mayor of Indianapolis.

In 2024, Rep. Shreve announced his candidacy for Indiana's 6th Congressional district following the retirement of Rep. Greg Pence (R-IN). He won the general election after a tough primary battle against a wide field of Republican candidates.

Committee Assignments

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Mark Messmer (R-IN)

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Armed Services

Education and the Workforce

Biography

Representative Mark Messmer (R-IN) was born in Jasper, Indiana, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University. He later joined the Holy Family School Board, eventually serving as the president.

In 2008, he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives and served the 63rd district until 2014.

After his tenure in the Indiana House, he was elected to the Indiana State Senate and served the 48th district from 2014 to 2014, eventually serving as Senate Majority Leader from 2018 to 2022. In 2024, Rep. Messmer resigned from the Indiana Senate to focus on his congressional campaign, eventually winning the general election to represent Indiana's 8th congressional district in Washington D.C.

Representative Derek Schmidt (R-KS)

Biography

Representative Derek Schmidt (R-KS) is a lawyer and has held several positions in state government. Rep. Schmidt began his political career in the Kansas Senate, representing the 15th district from 2001 to 2011, where he served as Senate majority leader and chaired the Agricultural Committee.

In 2011, Rep. Schmidt was elected to serve as the Kansas Attorney General. As Attorney General, Rep. Schmidt challenged federal policies, notably opposing the Affordable Care Act, environmental regulations, and COVID-19 mandates. After a decade as Attorney General, Rep. Schmidt narrowly lost the 2022 Kansas gubernatorial race to incumbent Democrat Laura Kelly.

Rep. Schmidt holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas, a master's degree in international politics from the University of Leicester, and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. Before entering state politics, he served as a legislative assistant to Senator Nancy Kassebaum and as special counsel to Kansas Governor Bill Graves. Rep. Schmidt has also been recognized for his leadership within the National Association of Attorneys General, serving as its president in 2018.

In 2024, Rep. Schmidt won the general election to serve as Representative for Kansas's 2nd congressional district following the retirement of Rep. Jake LaTurner (R-KS).

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Armed Services

Representative Cleo Fields (D-LA)

Biography

Representative Cleo Fields (D-LA) is an attorney and politician who has served as a prominent figure in Louisiana politics for decades. Rep. Fields previously served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993 to 1997, representing Louisiana's 4th Congressional District, and he gained national attention as one of the youngest legislators in Congress at the time. He also ran for governor of Louisiana in 1995, advancing to a runoff against Republican Mike Foster, but ultimately losing.

Born in Port Allen, Louisiana, Rep. Fields overcame early hardships, including the death of his father at a young age. He earned undergraduate and law degrees from Southern University in Baton Rouge.

He first gained political prominence in 1987, when he unseated a long-time incumbent to win a Louisiana State Senate seat. He then was elected to represent Louisiana's 4th congressional district in the House of Representatives in 1992 and re-elected in 1994.

After being defeated in a gubernatorial race, Rep. Fields returned to the Louisiana Senate in 1997, serving until term limits forced him to step down in 2008. In 2023, following court-ordered redistricting that created a second Black-majority congressional district in Louisiana, Rep. Fields announced his campaign for the newly redrawn 6th Congressional District.

Committee Assignments

Financial Services

Representative John Olszewski (D-MD)

Biography

Representative John Olszewski (D-MD) was born and raised in Dundalk, Maryland, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science and American studies from Goucher College. After graduating, he obtained his master's in political management from George Washington University and later earned a doctorate from the University of Maryland.

Rep. Olszewski began his political career as a student, serving on the Baltimore County Board of Education before being elected to a term on the Maryland Democratic State Central Committee in 2006. In the state legislature, he became a member of the Environmental Matters and Ways and Means Committee before being elected as the youngest chairman of the Baltimore County Delegation.

In 2013, Rep. Olszewski ran for Maryland State Senate but was defeated in the general election. Following this defeat, he worked at the SAS Institute and as a lobbyist in Baltimore's transportation department. Rep. Olszewski revived his political career when he won the 2018 general election for Baltimore County Executive and was re-elected in 2022. In the 2024 general election for Maryland's 2nd district, he defeated his Republican challenger, Kimberly Klacik, to represent the state in Maryland.

Committee Assignments

Foreign Affairs

Small Business

Representative Sarah Elfreth (D-MD)

Biography

Representative Sarah Elfreth (D-MD) was born and raised in Barrington, New Jersey, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Towson University. She later earned a Master of Science in public policy from Johns Hopkins University where she worked as a research assistant in the Office of Government and Community Affairs.

While attending Townson, she became a student member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents. After graduating, she worked as a staffer in the Maryland statehouse before serving as the Government Affairs Director at the National Aquarium of Baltimore.

In 2018, Rep. Elfreth entered the Maryland State Senate election, winning her election to become the youngest woman to hold office in Maryland's Senate. During her tenure, she served on various committees including the Budget and Taxation Committee and the Capital Budget Subcommittee. She was also regarded as a very productive legislator, passing 84 bills during her time in office. In 2024, Rep. Elfreth entered the race for the U.S. House Representatives in Maryland's 3rd district, and went on to win the general election.

Committee Assignments

Armed Services

Natural Resources

Representative April McClain-Delaney (D-MD)

Biography

Representative April McClain-Delaney (D-MD) was born in Buhl, Idaho, and earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Northwestern University. She would go on to earn a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center and began her legal career at Cohn and Marks specializing in cable and broadcast matters. Later in her career, she joined Orion Network Systems as the Director of Regulatory Affairs, focusing on regulatory and licensing efforts in over 20 countries.

In 2006, Rep. McClain-Delaney founded the Washington, D.C. division of Common-Sense Media, a non-profit specializing in the effects of online and televised media on children. She is credited as a founding member of the International Satellite Association and has served on various boards and councils related to her work. Her policy and legal work centered on digital citizenship education, privacy protections, and tech addition issues.

In 2022, she was appointed by President Joe Biden to the Department of Commerce, serving as the Deputy Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). In her role with the NTIA, she focused on expanding access to the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, spectrum management privacy, internet governance, and orbital resources.

Rep. McClain-Delaney resigned from the NTIA to run for Congress in Maryland's 6th district and won the general election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2024.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Science, Space and Technology

Representative Tom Barrett (R-MI)

Representative Tom Barrett (R-MI) is an American politician and U.S. Army veteran who served as a Republican member of the Michigan Senate from 2019 to 2023, representing the 24th district.

Rep. Barrett previously served in the Michigan Senate from 2019 to 2023, representing the 24th district, where he focused on advancing policies to strengthen Michigan's economy, support veterans, and protect individual freedoms. Before his time in the Senate, he represented Michigan's 71st district in the House of Representatives from 2015 to 2019.

Born in Southfield, Michigan, Rep. Barrett graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in political science. His service to the nation spans over two decades in the U.S. Army, including deployments to South Korea, Iraq, Kuwait, and Guantanamo Bay. He retired in 2022 as a Chief Warrant Officer 2 in the Michigan Army National Guard, where he specialized in aviation maintenance and logistics.

In 2022, Rep. Barrett ran for Michigan's 7th congressional district, ultimately losing to incumbent Democrat Elissa Slotkin. He ran for the same seat again in 2024, defeating Democratic nominee Curtis Hertel Jr.

Committee Assignments

Transportation and Infrastructure

Veterans' Affairs

Representative Kristen McDonald Rivet (D-MI)

Biography

Representative McDonald Rivet (D-MI) earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts in Education and Public Administration from the University of Michigan–Flint. Her career began with a focus on local governance and education reform, first serving on the Bay City Charter Commission and later as the Bay City Commissioner for the 2nd Ward.

Before entering elected office, Rep. McDonald Rivet served as chief of staff to State Superintendent Michael P. Flanagan, where she played a pivotal role in shaping statewide education policy. She also worked as vice president of the Skillman Foundation, focusing on improving outcomes for children in Michigan through investments in education, community development, and youth programs.

Rep. McDonald Rivet resides in Bay City with her family, where she lives with her husband and 6 children.

In 2024, Rep. McDonald Rivet won the general election to represent Michigan's 8th Congressional District, replacing retired Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI).

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Kelly Morrison (D-MN)

Biography

Representative Kelly Morrison (D-MN) served in the Minnesota Senate from 2023 to 2024, representing District 45, including portions of Hennepin County. Before her time in the Senate, Rep. Morrison was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2019 to 2023, representing District 33B and serving as an assistant majority leader. During her legislative career, she was known for her leadership on health care, environmental policy, and early childhood education initiatives.

Born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Rep. Morrison graduated cum laude from Yale University with a Bachelor of Arts in history before earning her Doctor of Medicine from Case Western University. A practicing obstetrician-gynecologist, she entered politics to address systemic health care and public policy challenges.

After legislative redistricting in 2022, she transitioned to the Minnesota Senate, where she served as an assistant majority leader and vice chair of the Transportation Committee.

Rep. Morrison resigned from the Senate in mid-2024 to focus on her successful congressional campaign, which followed Rep. Dean Phillips' decision to retire and run for president.

Committee Assignments

Small Business

Veterans' Affairs

Representative Wesley Bell (D-MO)

Biography

Representative Wesley Bell (D-MO) is an American attorney and politician who served as the prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County, Missouri. Rep. Bell unseated long-time county prosecutor Bob McCulloch in the 2018 Democratic primary, becoming the first Black County prosecuting attorney in St. Louis County's history.

Rep. Bell focused on reforms like community-based policing, limiting cash bail, and ending the prosecution of low-level marijuana possessions. Rep. Bell's tenure as prosecutor was marked by his decisions on high-profile cases such as the refusal to seek the death penalty in a murder case and the reopening of the investigation into the killing of Michael Brown.

A native of northern St. Louis County, Rep. Bell grew up as the son of a police officer and a civil servant. He graduated from Hazelwood East High School, Lindenwood University, and the University of Missouri School of Law.

Before entering politics, Rep. Bell worked as a public defender, professor of criminology, and municipal court judge. His political journey began with his election to the Ferguson City Council in 2015, following the Ferguson protests.

In 2023, Rep. Bell announced he would challenge incumbent Cori Bush in the Democratic primary. He won in August 2024 and then went on to win in the general election in November.

Committee Assignment

Armed Services

Oversight and Government Reform

Representative Bob Onder (R-MO)

Biography

A native of Missouri, Representative Robert 'Bob' Onder (R-MO) graduated summa cum laude in economics from Washington University in St. Louis and earned his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine, later specializing in allergy and asthma care. He also holds a law degree from Saint Louis University. In addition to his medical expertise, Rep. Onder is a licensed pilot.

Politically, Rep. Onder served in the Missouri Senate from 2015 to 2023, representing the 2nd District in the St. Charles area. Before his time in the Senate, he was a member of the Missouri House of Representatives from 2007 to 2008.

In 2024, he announced his candidacy for Missouri's 3rd congressional district following Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer's (R-MO) decision not to seek reelection. Rep. Onder secured the Republican nomination after defeating six opponents and went on to win the general election against Democrat Bethany Mann.

Committee Assignments

Education and the Workforce

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Troy Downing (R-MT)

Biography

Representative Troy Downing (R-MT) was born in Indio, California, and studied applied mathematics and computer science at New York University, where he also worked as a research scientist and educator at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences. He began his career as a technology entrepreneur, founding WebCal, a web calendar company later acquired by Yahoo. He later transitioned to the insurance and real estate industries, founding a nationwide commercial insurance firm and AC Self Storage Solutions, a real estate investment firm. After the September 11 attacks, Rep. Downing enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served as a flight engineer in a combat search and rescue squadron, completing two deployments to Afghanistan.

In politics, Rep. Downing first ran for office in 2018, competing in the Republican primary for the U.S. Senate in Montana, where he placed third. In 2020, he successfully ran for Montana State Auditor, defeating Democrat Representative Shane Morigeau in the general election. As an auditor, he focused on consumer protection and increasing transparency in the insurance and securities industries. In 2024, Rep. Downing chose not to seek reelection as auditor and instead ran for Montana's 2nd congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives, securing the Republican nomination in an eight-way primary and defeating Democratic nominee John Driscoll by a decisive margin.

Committee Assignments

Financial Services

Representative Maggie Goodlander (D-NH)

Biography

Representative Maggie Goodlander (D-NH) was born and raised in Nashua, New Hampshire, and received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Yale College. She received a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School where she worked as a research fellow in Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, and Libya. After graduating from Yale, she worked as a senior foreign policy advisor for U.S. Senators Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and John McCain (R-AZ) before serving as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve for 11 years.

Following law school, Rep. Goodlander served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Merrick Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer before becoming an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. She then served as counsel to the House Judiciary Committee during the first impeachment of Donald Trump and went on to work as counsel to Co-Equal, an activist organization that advocates for congressional funding to agencies that advise members of Congress.

From 2019 to 2021, Rep. Goodlander taught constitutional law at the University of New Hampshire and Dartmouth College and served on the boards of the New Hampshire Women's Foundation, New Hampshire Legal Assistance, the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire, and the Rudman Center Advisory Board. In 2021, she joined the U.S. Department of Justice as a deputy assistant attorney general overseeing the international, appellate, and policy work of the department's Antitrust Division under Attorney General Merrick Garland. After her work at the Justice Department, she briefly served as a White House senior advisor and led the Biden administration's unity agenda.

In May of 2024, Rep. Goodlander announced her candidacy for New Hampshire's 2nd congressional district, eventually winning the general election.
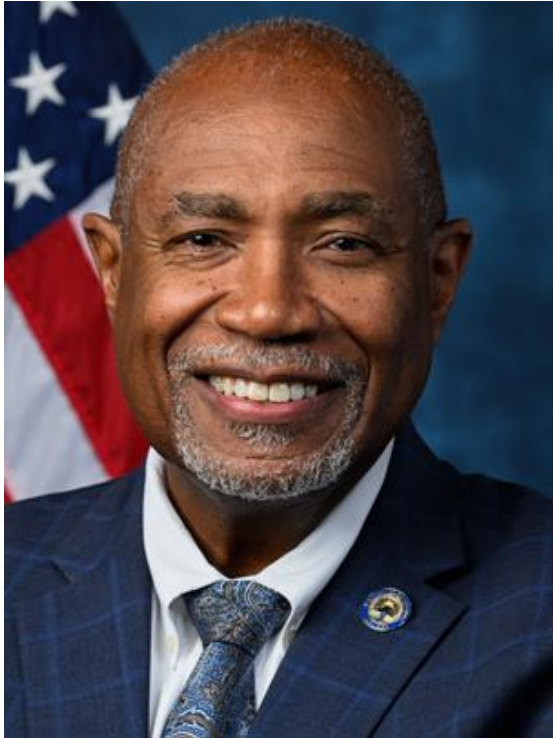
Committee Assignments

Armed Services

Small Business

Representative Herb Conway (D-NJ)

Biography

Representative Herbert 'Herb' Clark Hoover Conway Jr (D-NJ) was born in Trenton, New Jersey, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in politics from Princeton University. He would go on to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree from Thomas Jefferson University and a Juris Doctorate from Rutgers School of Law.

After graduating, Rep. Conway served in the United States Air Force Medical Corps, reaching the rank of Captain and serving as a general medical officer as well as an assistant director of the primary care clinic. Following his internal medicine residency, he began his practice in primary care settings before teaching as a professor at Cooper University Hospital.

During the initial years of his medical career, Rep. Conway was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly from the 7th district and was eventually chosen to serve as the Assembly's Deputy Speaker from 2002 to 2005. During his tenure in the General Assembly, he served as the Chair of the Health Committee and also served on the Budget and Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Rep. Conway initially ran for U.S. Representative in New Jersey's 3rd congressional district in 2004 but lost to his Republican challenger Jim Saxton. He would later join the 2024 race for the same seat in Congress after Rep. Andy Kim entered the U.S. Senate race, winning the general election.

Committee Assignments

Small Business

Veterans' Affairs

Representative Nellie Pou (D-NJ)

Biography

Representative Nellie Pou (D-NJ) was born and raised in Paterson, New Jersey, and earned degrees from Kean College, Rutgers University, and the University of Virginia. During her political career, she worked for the City of Patterson in various roles including business administrator, director of human services, and CETA training and education coordinator.

Rep. Pou was appointed to a vacant seat in the New Jersey General Assembly in 1997 and would eventually serve as the Assembly's Deputy Speaker and Assistant Minority Leader until 2012. During her tenure in the Assembly, she served on the Appropriations, Budget, Education, and Joint Budget Oversight Committees.

In 2012, she announced her candidacy for New Jersey State Senate and won her race to represent the state's 35th district. In the Senate, she served as the Chair of the Commerce Committee as well as the Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Rep. Pou served in the New Jersey State Senate until the Passaic County Democratic Committee nominated her to run for New Jersey's 9th congressional district to replace Representative Bill Pascrell (D-NJ).

In the 2024 election, she would go on to defeat the Republican challenger and will represent New Jersey in the 119th Congress.

Committee Assignments

Homeland Security

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Laura Gillen (D-NY)

Biography

Representative Laura Gillen (D-NY) is an American politician and attorney who is the United States House of Representatives member-elect for New York's 4th Congressional District. Rep. Gillen previously served as the Town Supervisor of Hempstead, New York, where she made history as the first Democrat in over 100 years to hold the position.

Born and raised in Baldwin, New York, Rep. Gillen cultivated an early interest in governance and public service. She earned her undergraduate degree in political science and government from Georgetown University and her Juris Doctor from the prestigious New York University School of Law. She then built a successful legal career, specializing in commercial litigation at Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein, LLP.

Rep. Gillen's political career turned historic in 2017 when she narrowly defeated incumbent Anthony J. Santino to become Hempstead Town Supervisor. Despite being outspent by $1.2 million, she secured a victory by a margin of 2,268 votes, transforming the political landscape of the town. As Supervisor, Rep. Gillen prioritized transparency, fiscal responsibility, and infrastructure improvements. She introduced a five-year capital plan that included $160 million in highway upgrades and the rehabilitation of critical town facilities like the 311-service center and a water testing lab.

Committee Assignment

Science, Space and Technology

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative George Latimer (D-NY)

Biography

Representative George Latimer (D-NY) is an American politician and the member-elect of the U.S. House of Representatives for New York's 16th Congressional District. He has served as County Executive of Westchester County, New York, since 2018, and his career spans decades of public service at both local and state levels.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Fordham University in 1974. Representative Latiner pursued a master's in public administration at New York University's Wagner School, graduating in 1976. While earning his graduate degree, he worked part-time as a budget analyst and later as a housing coordinator in Mount Vernon, managing Section 8 housing programs.

Before entering politics, Rep. Latimer spent two decades as a marketing executive in the hospitality industry, working for prominent organizations, including subsidiaries of Nestlé and ITT.

Rep. Latimer's political career began in 1987 when he won a seat on the Rye City Council. In 1991, he made history as the first Democrat elected to represent the 7th District on the Westchester County Board of Legislators. He won re-election multiple times, and in 1998, he helped Democrats gain a majority on the County Board for the first time in 90 years. Rep. Latimer was elected as the board's first Democratic chairman, serving two terms in that role.

In 2004, Rep. Latimer transitioned to state-level politics, where he won a seat in the New York State Assembly and represented the 91st District until 2012. He then served in the New York State Senate, representing the 37th District from 2013 to 2017. In 2017, he successfully ran for Westchester County Executive, unseating incumbent Republican Rob Astorino.

Committee Assignments

Foreign Affairs

Small Business

Representative Josh Riley (D-NY)

Biography

Representative Josh Riley (D-NY) was born in Endicott, New York and has built a career rooted in public service, legal advocacy, and community engagement. In Upstate New York, Rep. Riley graduated from Union-Endicott High School in 1999 and earned a bachelor's degree in government and economics from the College of William & Mary in 2003. While in college, he worked as an aide to U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY).

After graduation, Rep. Riley worked as a policy analyst at the United States Department of Labor, focusing on unemployment and trade adjustment programs. In 2004, he began his legal studies at Harvard Law School, where he served as a Heyman Fellow on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and volunteered with a legal aid clinic to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Rep. Riley graduated in 2007 with a Juris Doctor and received the Dean's Award for Community Leadership, presented by then-Dean Elena Kagan, now a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

Rep. Riley began his legal career as an associate at Boies Schiller Flexner LLP in 2007. From 2009 to 2010, he clerked for Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Rep. Riley returned to Boies Schiller Flexner LLP in 2010 before transitioning to public service in 2011 as general counsel to Senator Al Franken (D-MN) on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, where he worked on key legislative issues, including judicial nominations and constitutional law. In 2014, Rep. Riley returned to Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, where he became a partner before joining Jenner & Block as a partner in 2021.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Science, Space and Technology

Representative John Mannion (D-NY)

Biography

Representative John Mannion (D-NY) is an American politician and former high school biology teacher who has served as the New York State Senator for the 50th district since 2020. Representative Mannion's rise in politics made him the first Democrat to represent the 50th Senate District in over 50 years.

Rep. Mannion earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from Binghamton University and a Master of Science in secondary science education from SUNY Oswego. He began his career as a high school biology teacher in the West Genesee Central School District, where he also served as president of the West Genesee Teachers' Association, advocating for educators and public education.

In 2018, Rep. Mannion launched his political career by running for the New York State Senate in the 50th district. Although he narrowly lost to Republican incumbent Bob Antonacci, he ran again in 2020 and won 52.57% of the vote, defeating Republican Representative, Angi Renna. His victory marked a historic shift, as he became the first Democrat to hold the seat in more than half a century. Rep. Mannion's 2022 re-election campaign was among the most closely contested in the state. Initially trailing by 396 votes on election night, a recount declared him the winner by just ten votes, making it the closest race in the 2022 New York State Senate elections.

Throughout his tenure in the State Senate, Rep. Mannion chaired the Committee on Disabilities, where he championed the rights of individuals with disabilities and their families. He also served on the Committees on Education, Environmental Conservation, Housing, and Internet and Technology.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Education and the Workforce

Representative Addison McDowell (R-NC)

Representative Addison McDowell (R-NC) is an American politician from Lexington, North Carolina. Representative McDowell attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, graduating in 2016. Rep. McDowell gained political experience working for the U.S. House of Representatives early in his career, serving on the election campaign for Representative Richard Hudson (R-NC) and later worked in constituent services for Representative Ted Budd (R-NC). He later became a lobbyist for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, where he advocated on behalf of healthcare initiatives and policies.

Rep. McDowell's decided to run for Congress in North Carolina's 6th congressional district in 2024, where he won by over 40 points.

Committee Assignments

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Mark Harris (R-NC)

Biography

Representative Mark Harris (R-NC) was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Appalachian State University. He also earned a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rep. Harris served as the lead pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Mooresville, North Carolina, and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina president. He had previously worked as the senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in North Carolina and the Curtis Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 2014, Rep. Harris ran to represent North Carolina in the U.S. Senate and later entered the race for U.S. Representative in the 9th Congressional District, eventually losing both races. In 2017, He resigned from the First Baptist Church to enter the 2018 election for North Carolina's 9th congressional district. After winning the initial election, the North Calonia State Board of Elections found that a staffer for Rep. Harris' campaign had violated multiple voting laws leading to a special election that Rep. Harris did not enter.

Rep. Harris announced his candidacy for U.S. Representative in North Carolina's 8th district in 2023 and would eventually defeat his Democratic challenger, Justin Dues, to represent North Carolina in Washington.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Education and the Workforce

Representative Pat Harrigan (R-NC)

Biography

Representative Pat Harrigan (R-NC) graduated from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering. He would later complete U.S. Army Ranger school and deploy to Alaska and Afghanistan to serve as an Infantry Platoon Leader.

After completing Special Forces training, he became a Green Beret and returned to Afghanistan. Following his departure from service, he founded a firearm manufacturing company in Western North Carolina and began expanding his business until his election to Congress.

Rep. Harrigan initially ran for U.S. Representative in 2022 for North Carolina's 14th congressional district but eventually lost to his Democratic challenger, Jeff Jackson. In 2023, He announced his candidacy for North Carolina's 10th congressional district and would go on to win his election for U.S. Representative.

Committee Assignments

Armed Services

Science, Space and Technology

Representative Brad Knott (R-NC)

Biography

Representative Brad Knott (R-NC) earned his bachelor's degree from Baylor University and his Juris Doctor degree from Wake Forest University. During law school, he clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby.

After graduating, he served as a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office for Eastern North Carolina and would later resign to enter the 2024 race for North Carolina's 13th congressional district. After receiving endorsements from President-elect Donald Trump and groups like Americans for Prosperity, Rep. Knott won the general election to represent North Carolina's 13th district in Washington.

Committee Assignments

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Tim Moore (R-NC)

Biography

Representative Tim Moore (R-NC) was born in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and attended Campbell College before earning his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina. He would later graduate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree. After graduating, he joined a law firm in Cleveland County, North Carolina before opening his practice in his hometown of Kings Mountain in 2009.

In 1997, Rep. Moore was elected as chair of the Cleveland County Republican Party and appointed to the UNC Board of Governors. In 2002, he began his political career in the North Carolina House of Representatives as a representative for the 111th district. When Republicans gained the majority in the North Carolina House, Speaker Thom Tillis appointed Rep. Moore as the Chairman of the Rules Committee.

His tenure on the North Carolina House leadership team and his advocacy for conservative legislation led to his tenure as speaker of the North Carolina House. As speaker, Rep. Moore focused his efforts on advancing conservative principles and advancing school safety measures. In 2019, he led a successful effort to override the veto of the state budget from then-Democratic Governor Roy Cooper.

In 2023, Rep. Moore announced his candidacy for the newly drawn 14th congressional district in North Carolina, eventually winning his race to represent North Carolina in Washington.

Committee Assignments

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Representative Julie Fedorchak (R-ND)

Biography

Representative Julie Fedorchak (R-ND) was born in Williston, North Dakota and is an American politician and public servant who has served on the North Dakota Public Service Commission since 2012. She became the first woman from North Dakota to serve in the United States House of Representatives and the first woman to represent the state in Congress since former U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp.

Rep. Fedorchak graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and began her career as the communications director for Governor Ed Schafer. Her professional path also included work as a columnist for the *Bismarck Tribune* and involvement in various media and public relation roles. She has also served on numerous boards, contributing to North Dakota's civic and economic development.

Rep. Fedorchak's career in public office began in December 2012, when Governor Jack Dalrymple appointed her to the North Dakota Public Service Commission. She quickly established herself as a capable leader, winning elections to retain her seat in 2014, 2016, and 2022, often by wide margins. During her tenure, she was elected chair of the commission for a two-year term and played a key role in overseeing energy projects and infrastructure investments and ensuring transparency and accountability in the commission's work.

Committee Assignments

Energy and Commerce

Representative David Taylor (R-OH)

Biography

Representative David Taylor (R-OH) earned a Bachelor of Arts from Miami of Ohio University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Dayton School of Law. After graduating, he worked as a part-time assistant prosecutor for Clermont County, Ohio, before taking over as the owner and operator of his family's concrete business, Sardinia Ready Mix, in Brown County, Ohio.

In the 2024 U.S. House of Representatives elections, Rep. Taylor defeated his Democratic Challenger, Samantha Meadows, to represent Ohio's 2nd congressional district in Washington.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Maxine Dexter (D-OR)

Representative Maxine Dexter (D-OR) was born in Bothell, Washington, and received a bachelor's degree in political science and communication from the University of Washington. She would later earn a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Washington School of Medicine.

After graduating, Rep. Dexter served her medical residency in Aurora, Colorado, and later moved to Portland, Oregon, to work as a pulmonologist with Keiser Permanente in the neighboring city of Hillsboro.

In 2020, she entered the race for the Oregon House of Representatives in the 33rd district, eventually winning her election to replace the late State Representative Mitch Greenlick. During her tenure in the House, she introduced legislation to address the opioid epidemic and served as the Chair of the House Housing and Homelessness Committee.

She was re-elected to her seat in the Oregon House before resigning from office in 2024 to focus on her congressional campaign. In the November general election, Rep. Dexter defeated her Republican challenger, Joanna Harbour, to represent Oregon's 3rd district in Washington.

Committee Assignments

Natural Resources

Veterans' Affairs

Representative Janelle Bynum (D-OR)

Biography

Representative Janelle Bynum (D-OR) is an American politician and businesswoman who has served as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives since 2016. Rep. Bynum currently represents the 39th district, covering northern Clackamas County, including most of Happy Valley and parts of Oregon City and Milwaukie. In November 2024, she was elected to the United States House of Representatives, representing Oregon's 5th district, and will become the first Black member of Congress from Oregon.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Rep. Bynum attended The Madeira School before earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Florida A&M University in 1996 and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Michigan in 2000. After college, she joined General Motors as a steering systems engineer while pursuing her MBA.

Rep. Bynum entered politics in 2016 when she ran for the Oregon House of Representatives in District 51 after incumbent Shemia Fagan opted not to seek re-election. Rep. Bynum won the Democratic primary with 66% of the vote and narrowly defeated Republican Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer in the general election.

During her tenure in the Oregon House, Rep. Bynum was known for her focus on economic development, small business growth, and social justice. In 2023, she chaired the House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business. She was the Chief Sponsor of Senate Bill 4, the Oregon CHIPS Act, which allocated $210 million to bolster the state's semiconductor industry. Her leadership highlighted her dedication to advancing Oregon's economic competitiveness. She also made history by becoming the first Black legislator in Oregon to receive votes for Speaker of the State House, garnering four votes during the caucus process. Her election marks a historic milestone as the first Black representative from Oregon in the U.S. House.

Committee Assignments

Financial Services

Representative Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA)

Biography

Representative Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA) served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 2012 to 2024, representing the 134th district before redistricting moved him to the 187th district for his final term. He made history alongside his mother, Representative Milou Mackenzie, a Republican state representative in the 131st district, as the first mother-son pair to serve simultaneously in the Pennsylvania House.

Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Rep. Mackenzie earned a bachelor's degree in finance and international business from New York University in 2004 and an MBA from Harvard Business School in 2010. His academic background provided the foundation for a career focused on economic policy and workforce development.

In 2012, Rep. Mackenzie launched his political career by winning the Pennsylvania House of Representatives election for the 134th district. Following redistricting, he successfully transitioned to represent the 187th district in 2022. Over his tenure, Rep. Mackenzie held numerous leadership positions, including Republican chair of the Labor and Industry Committee and co-chair of the International Relations Caucus. He also served as majority chair of the House Government Oversight Committee, deputy majority whip, and chair of various subcommittees, including Financial Services and Banking and Workforce Development. Rep. Mackenzie was among the Pennsylvania House Republicans who called on Congress to reject and decertify the state's electoral votes in the 2020 presidential election.

Committee Assignments

Education and the Workforce

Foreign Affairs

Homeland Security

Representative Rob Bresnahan (R-PA)

Representative Rob Bresnahan (R-PA) was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, but was raised in Wyoming, Pennsylvania. He attended Wyoming Seminary and studied business at the University of Scranton and captained the school's golf team. At 19 years old, Rep. Bresnahan became the chief financial officer of Kuharchik Construction, his grandfather's highway electrical business based in Exeter, Pennsylvania. Following his graduation, he assumed the role of CEO in 2013. Under his leadership, Kuharchik Construction expanded significantly, including a strategic partnership with Midwestern Electric in 2023 to broaden the company's reach.

Beyond his work with Kuharchik Construction, Rep. Bresnahan owns RPB Ventures, a real estate development company that focuses on revitalization projects in Pittston, Pennsylvania, particularly along Main Street.

Rep. Bresnahan is deeply involved in his community through extensive volunteer work and leadership on numerous boards. He has served as interim president of the SPCA of Luzerne County, past president of the Wyoming Rotary Club, and treasurer of the Tec BRIDGE board and Automated Vehicle Coalition. Rep. Bresnahan has also been active with Junior Achievement of NEPA, Big Brothers Big Sisters of NEPA, the Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority, and the National Electrical Contractors Association. He serves on the boards of the SPCA of Luzerne County, the Forty Fort Cemetery Association, and the Catholic Youth Center.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative Sherri Biggs (R-SC)

Biography

Representative Sherri Biggs (R-SC) is an American politician and nurse practitioner who has a background in military service, healthcare, and community leadership.

Originally from Kosciusko, Mississippi, Rep. Biggs graduated from Kosciusko High School in 1988. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Christian ministries from Carolina Bible College and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Samford University. Rep. Biggs served in the Mississippi Air National Guard as a nurse practitioner, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Throughout her career, Rep. Biggs and her husband, Bill, a businessman, have been actively involved in South Carolina politics. They supported Governor Henry McMaster's political campaigns and played key roles in organizing his 2022 inauguration ceremonies.

Committee Assignments

Representative Craig Goldman (R-TX)

Biography

Representative Craig Goldman (R-TX) was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, and earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin. He began his career in the real estate industry, establishing himself as a successful businessman in his hometown. His business and community background laid the foundation for his entry into public service.

In 2012, Rep. Goldman was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, succeeding Mark M. Shelton in the 97th district. During his tenure, Rep. Goldman became known for his dedication to conservative positions.

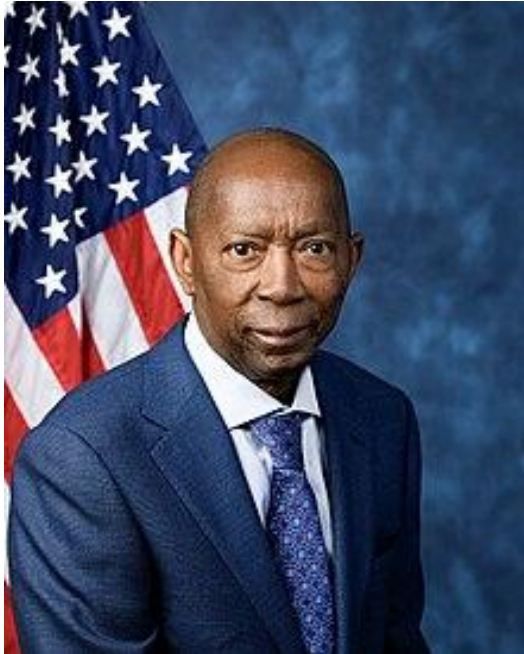In 2024, Rep. Goldman transitioned to federal politics, successfully running for Texas's 12th Congressional District. His election to the U.S. House of Representatives reflects his strong ties to the community and his reputation as a steadfast advocate for economic growth, limited government, and individual freedoms.

Committee Assignments

Energy and Commerce

Representative Sylvester Turner (D-TX)

<u>Biography</u>

Representative Sylvester Turner (D-TX) previously served over 25 years in the Texas House of Representatives (1989–2016) and as the 62nd Mayor of Houston, Texas (2016–2024).

Born in Houston, Texas, Rep. Turner grew up in the Acres Homes community as the sixth of nine children. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science, magna cum laude, from the University of Houston, where he served as Speaker of the Student Senate. Rep. Turner then attended Harvard Law School, where he was a finalist in the Ames Moot Court Competition and earned his Juris Doctor.

Rep. Turner began his legal career at Fulbright & Jaworski before founding his firm, Barnes & Turner, in 1983. He became an immigration lawyer and was an adjunct professor at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, a seminar lecturer at South Texas College of Law, and a participant in the University of Houston Law School's Continuing Legal Education Programs.

His political career began in 1988 when he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, representing District 139 in Harris County. Over his tenure, Rep. Turner played pivotal roles on the Legislative Budget Board, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House State Affairs Committee. He was also the chair of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and the Greater Houston Area Legislative Delegation. His legislative achievements included expanding mental health funding in Harris County, securing state funding for trauma care centers, and advocating for children's health insurance and Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.

As mayor, Rep. Turner led Houston through challenges such as Hurricane Harvey, advocating for innovative infrastructure improvements and addressing homelessness. His administration prioritized economic development, public health, and environmental resilience, though his tenure ended with Houston facing significant financial deficits.

<u>Committee Assignments</u>

Homeland Security

Science, Space and Technology

Representative Brandon Gill (R-TX)

Biography

Representative Brandon Gill (R-TX) is an American politician and former investment banker who will be the youngest Republican in the House of Representatives.

Born on a United States Air Force base to a father who served as an Air Force officer, Rep. Gill grew up on a cattle ranch near Abilene, Texas. He attended Dartmouth College, where he graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in history and economics and served as the editor of the conservative student newspaper, The Dartmouth Review. After graduating, Rep. Gill pursued a career in finance as an investment banker.

In 2018, Rep. Gill founded the right-wing news website D.C. Enquirer, positioning it as a platform to defend President Donald Trump in the public sphere. He also promoted his father-in-law Dinesh D'Souza's controversial 2022 film 2000 Mules, which advanced debunked claims about the 2020 presidential election.

Rep. Gill has stated that his primary policy objective in Congress will be "fortifying the border," aligning with his commitment to strong conservative values. He has also expressed interest in joining the House Freedom Caucus, underscoring his dedication to promoting a hard-line conservative agenda.

Committee Assignments

Representative Julie Johnson (D-TX)

Biography

Representative Julie Johnson (D-TX) was born in Kansas City, Kansas, and earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin. She would later earn a Juris Doctor from the University of Houston Law Center.

In 2018, Rep. Johnson was elected to represent the 115th district in the Texas House of Representatives, defeating Republican incumbent Rep. Matt Rinaldi. During her tenure in the Texas legislature, she authored the Live Well Texas bill, which would have expanded Medicaid in the state. She also served as the Vice-Chair of the Women's Health Caucus in Texas.

In the 2024 election to replace Rep. Colin Allred, Rep. Johnson won the November general election and will represent Texas's 32nd district in the 119th Congress.

Committee Assignments

Foreign Affairs

Homeland Security

Representative Mike Kennedy (R-UT)

Biography

Representative Mike Kennedy (R-UT) was born in Lansing, Michigan, and earned a Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University. He later earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Michigan State University and his Juris Doctor from Brigham Young University. After graduating, Rep. Kennedy began his medical practice in Alpine, Utah, where he worked as a family doctor for Premier Family Medical Group.

Rep. Kennedy began his political career in Utah's House of Representatives after winning his election to represent the 27th District in 2012. During his tenure in the State House, he served on the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee, the House Health and Human Services Committee, and the House Political Subdivisions Committee.

In 2018, Rep. Kennedy resigned from the Utah House and announced his candidacy to challenge Senator Mitt Romney in the U.S. Senate election. After making it to the Republican primary, Rep. Kennedy lost this election to the incumbent Senator from Utah. In 2024, Rep. Kennedy won the general election to represent Utah's 3rd district in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Committee Assignments

Natural Resources

Science, Space and Technology

Transportation and Infrastructure

Representative John McGuire (R-VA)

Biography

Representative John McGuire (R-VA) was born in Richmond, Virginia, and earned a degree from Northwest Florida State College. After graduating, he served as a U.S. Navy Seal for ten years and deployed to various countries. He later founded his physical training business, SEAL Team Physical Training, which has been employed by Virginia Commonwealth University sports teams.

Rep. McGuire began his political career in 2017 after winning his election to represent Virginia's 56th district in the state legislature. During his tenure in the State House, he focused on curing the opioid epidemic, balancing the state budget, bolstering job growth, and expanding education spending. After his successful reelection bid in 2019, Rep. McGuire announced his candidacy for U.S. Congress in Virginia's 7th congressional district, eventually losing the 2020 general election to his Democratic challenger Abigail Spanberger.

In 2024, Rep. McGuire announced his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives in Virginia's 5th district, defeating incumbent Representative Bob Good after his campaign received endorsements from several congressmen and President-Elect Donald Trump.

Committee Assignments

Representative Eugene Vindman (D-VA)

Biography

Representative Eugene Vindman (D-VA) is an American politician, attorney, and retired U.S. Army officer who dedicated his career to service, ethics, and leadership. Rep. Vindman, who immigrated to the United States as a child from the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in history from the State University of New York at Binghamton, he earned advanced degrees in law and administration from the University of Georgia School of Law, Central Michigan University, and the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School.

Rep. Vindman served 25 years in the U.S. Army, rising to colonel and receiving numerous military honors, including the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. His roles ranged from paratrooper and infantryman to Judge Advocate General's Corps attorney. He was deployed to Iraq and retired from the Army in 2022. As a deputy legal advisor for the National Security Council during the Trump administration, Rep. Vindman played a pivotal role in reporting President Trump's controversial 2019 call with Ukrainian President Zelensky, which became central to Trump's first impeachment. Rep. Vindman identified legal and ethical breaches in the call and reported his concerns through proper channels, facing retaliation and threats alongside his twin brother, Alexander Vindman, who also testified about the incident.

Committee Assignments

Agriculture

Armed Services

Representative Suhas Subramanyam (D-VA)

Biography

Representative Suhas Subramanyam (D-VA) is an American lawyer, public servant, and Congressman-elect for Virginia's 10th congressional district. He is resident of Ashburn, Virginia, and lives with his wife, Miranda, and their daughters. An accomplished attorney, Rep. Subramanyam has dedicated his career to public service, including volunteering as an EMT and firefighter and serving on the Loudoun Health Council. He was the first Indian-American, South Asian, and Hindu elected to the Virginia General Assembly in 2019 when he won a seat in the House of Delegates for the 87th district.

Born to Tamil-speaking Indian parents from Bengaluru, India, Rep. Subramanyam grew up in Houston, Texas, and attended Clear Lake High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Tulane University and later graduated from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. While in law school, he played a pivotal role in overturning the wrongful conviction of a man sentenced to life in prison, exemplifying his commitment to justice. After law school, Rep. Subramanyam worked as a legislative aide focusing on healthcare and veterans' policy in the U.S. House of Representatives. He later clerked for Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) on the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he helped reintroduce the DREAM Act.

In 2015, Rep. Subramanyam was appointed as a White House technology policy advisor in President Obama's administration. He led a task force on technology policy, addressing critical issues such as job creation, IT modernization, and regulating emerging technologies. His dedication to public service continued as he transitioned to Virginia state politics, serving in the House of Delegates before being elected to the Virginia Senate in 2023, representing the 32nd district.

Committee Assignments

Oversight and Government Reform

Science, Space and Technology

Representative Michael Baumgartner (R-WA)

Biography

Representative Michael Baumgartner (R-WA) is an American politician and diplomat currently serving as the 28th Spokane County Treasurer. He previously represented Washington's 6th district in the State Senate from 2011 to 2019, representing Spokane, Airway Heights, and Cheney, and was his party's nominee in the 2012 U.S. Senate race against Democratic incumbent Maria Cantwell.

Rep. Baumgartner attended Washington State University on a scholarship, earning a degree in economics with minors in French and mathematics and graduating as a Stephenson scholar. He furthered his education with a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University in 2002. His early career included volunteering on a Jesuit mission to Mozambique and studying forests in Siberia, experiences that shaped his global perspective.

During the Iraq War, Rep. Baumgartner served as an economics officer in the Office of Joint Strategic Planning & Assessment at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. He worked on the Baghdad Security Plan, where his contributions earned praise from General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker. In 2008, Rep. Baumgartner worked in Afghanistan's Helmand Province as a civilian contractor, where he encouraged poppy farmers to grow food crops, addressing issues tied to the opioid crisis. During this time, he met his wife, Eleanor Mayne, a journalist studying counternarcotics, and the two married in 2010.

Committee Assignments

Education and the Workforce

Representative Emily Randall (D-WA)

Biography

Representative Emily Randall (D-WA) is an American politician and activist who is a current member of the Washington State Senate. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and women's studies from Wellesley College. Inspired by her sister Olivia, who was born with severe developmental and physical disabilities, Rep. Randall has dedicated her career to advocating for equitable healthcare and public services.

As one of two openly LGBTQ+ women in the Washington State Senate, Rep. Randall has championed legislation to improve behavioral health and reproductive healthcare access, affordable housing, and public safety. Serving as the Senate majority whip, she has led efforts on pivotal bills to lower the Tacoma Narrows Bridge toll by 75 cents, which took effect in October 2022. Rep. Randall also served on key State Senate committees such as Higher Education, Workforce Development, Health and Long-Term Care, and Transportation.

Committee Assignments

Natural Resources

Oversight and Government Reform

Representative Riley Moore (R-WV)

Biography

Representative Riley Moore (R-WV) is an American politician serving as the West Virginia State Treasurer since January 2021. Rep. Moore previously represented District 67 in the West Virginia House of Delegates.

Rep. Moore earned an apprenticeship certificate in welding from the C. S. Monroe Technology Center, a bachelor's degree in government from George Mason University, and a master's degree in strategic security studies from the National Defense University. Before joining the private sector, he was a United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs staffer. From 2013 to 2017, Rep. Moore served as Vice President at the Podesta Group, where he worked on various client projects, including the European Centre for a Modern Ukraine. In 2017, he became a director at Textron.

In 2016, Rep. Moore successfully ran for the West Virginia House of Delegates after Stephen Skinner opted not to seek reelection. He defeated Rod Snyder and served as the assistant majority whip for the Republicans. In 2018, Speaker Roger Hanshaw named Rep. Moore the next Majority Leader, but he lost his reelection bid to John Doyle that same year.

Rep. Moore ran for West Virginia State Treasurer in 2020, facing 24-year incumbent John Perdue in the general election after being unopposed in the Republican primary. During his tenure, Rep. Moore has actively opposed ESG (environmental, social, and governance) investing. In June 2022, he barred six financial institutions, including BlackRock and JPMorgan Chase, from conducting business with the state due to their stance against the fossil fuel industry.

Committee Assignments

Appropriations

Delegate-elect Kim King-Hinds (R-MP)

Biography

Delegate-elect Kim King-Hinds (R-CNMI) is a politician from the Northern Mariana Islands and the delegate-elect to the United States House of Representatives for the Northern Mariana Islands' at-large congressional district. Born to Representative Serafina King, a former member of the Northern Mariana Islands House of Representatives, Del.-elect King-Hinds grew up in Tinian alongside her brother, Senator Karl King-Nabors. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Loyola Marymount University, a master's degree in human resource management from the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and a Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Del.-elect King-Hinds began her career as Lieutenant Governor Jesus Sablan's special assistant for projects and community services from 2000 to 2002. She later served in various leadership roles, including as a Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission member, chair of the Commonwealth Ports Authority board, and legal counsel for the NMI Settlement Fund. From 2002 to 2006, she chaired the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. She also served as executive director of the Tinian Youth Center and chief of staff in the Tinian mayor's office.

Committee Assignments

Transportation and Infrastructure

Veterans' Affairs

Resident Commissioner-elect Pablo Hernandez Rivera (D-PR)

Biography

Resident Commissioner-elect Pablo Hernandez Rivera (D-PR) is a Puerto Rican politician who previously served as the assistant secretary of federal and international affairs for the Popular Democratic Party. The grandson of former Governor Rafael Hernández Colón and Lila Mayoral Wirshing, Resident Commissioner-elect Hernández Rivera graduated from Academia del Perpetuo Socorro. He earned his bachelor's degree from Harvard College and a Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School.

Resident Commissioner-elect Hernández Rivera advocates for Puerto Rico's status as a commonwealth and opposes statehood. In November 2024, he highlighted in an opinion piece in The Hill that, for the first time since 2000, Puerto Rican voters had chosen a delegate to the United States House of Representatives who opposes statehood. His election marks a significant shift in Puerto Rico's representation in Washington.

Committee Assignments

Homeland Security

Natural Resources