Freshmen elected in 2016

New governors and members of the House and Senate

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Gov. John Carney

Biography

John Carney was born in 1956 in Wilmington, DE. Carney, elected to succeed nine-term Republican Rep. Michael Castle in 2010, is a centrist Democrat with an unusual devotion to bipartisanship. Not long after taking office, he co-founded a policy group of Democrats and Republicans to discuss finding common ground, which has gotten some results. Carney has lived in Wilmington for most of his life, and spent nearly his entire adult life in public office, except for brief stints as president and chief operating officer of Transformative Technologies, a Delaware green technology firm, and as executive vice president of a wind farm start-up called DelaWind. After getting a degree in English at Dartmouth College and a master's degree in public administration at the University of Delaware, Carney went to work as an aide to Joe Biden, then a senator. Carney was also the state secretary of finance under Carper from 1997 to 2000. In 2000, he won the first of two terms as Delaware's lieutenant governor. Carney later ran for the at-large seat in the House and prevailed with 57% of the vote, a rare instance of a Democrat seizing Republican territory in the GOP-friendly year of 2010. Carney was assigned to the Financial Services Committee and struck up a friendship with fellow freshman James Renacci, a Republican from Ohio. They started a breakfast group that eventually grew to 14 lawmakers. Carney joined another GOP freshman, Stephen Fincher of Tennessee, in drafting legislation to make it easier for small and medium-sized companies to undertake an initial public offering and become a public firm. Their measure passed the committee and became law two months later. In 2016, Carney ran unopposed for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Biography

Position Elected:
Governor, Delaware
Elected: 2016

Education:
Dartmouth Col., B.A. 1978;
U. of DE, M.P.A. 1987

Religion: Roman Catholic

Contact:
https://johncarney.org/

Stance on Issues

- Supports expanding the Affordable Care Act

- Opposes absolute right to gun ownership

- Supports prioritizing green energy

- Opposes privatization of Social Security

- Supports abortion as a woman's unrestricted right

Committees

To be announced

Election Results

2016 General

John Carney (D)	Votes: 248,404	Percent: 58.34%
Colin Bonini (R)	Votes: 166,852	Percent: 39.19%

Gov. Eric Holcomb

Biography

Eric Holcomb was born in 1968 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He spent six years in the U.S. Navy after receving his bachelor's of arts in U.S. history from Hanover College in 1990. He was stationed in Jacksonville, Florida and took a special duty in Lisbon, working in an underground NATO war headquarters. After his service, he began working for U.S. Representative John Hostettler in 1997. Holcomb ran for the Indiana House of Representatives in 2000, but was defeated by John Frenz. Holcomb managed Mitch Daniels' campaign for governor in 2007, subsequently serving in Daniels' administration as deputy chief of staff, managing his re-election campaign and overseeing the governor's state political action committee. Holcomb became the state chairman of the Indiana Republican Party from 2011 to 2013 and then state chief of staff for U.S. Senator Dan Coats from 2013 to 2015. Holcomb decided to run for the U.S. Senate after Coats announced his resignation, but withdrew in February 2016. Days later, Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann announced her resignation, and Holcomb was chosen by Mike Pence to replace her. When Pence withdrew from the 2016 gubernatorial race to be Donald Trump's running mate in the presidential race, Holcomb announced that he would seek the gubernatorial nomination.

Biography

Position Elected:
Governor, Indiana
Elected: 2016

Education:
Hanover College, B.A. 1990

Religion: Methodist

Contact:
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Indianapolis, IN 46204
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Stance on Issues

- Opposes Clean Power Plan
- Supports school choice
- Opposes shutdown of Planned Parenthood
- Favors expanding state-funded pre-school

Committees

To be announced

Election Results

2016 General

Eric Holcomb (R)	Votes: 977,362	Percent: 52.93%
John Gregg (D)	Votes: 844,343	Percent: 45.73%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Research 2016.

Gov. Eric Greitens

Biography

Eric Greitens was born on March 10, 1974 in St. Louis, Missouri. After going to high school in St. Louis, Greitens attended Duke University as an Angier B. Duke Scholar. While in college, he taught English in China to students who had protested in Tiananmen Square and worked with orphaned children in Bosnia, Rwandan families who survived the genocide and homeless children in Bolivia. After graduating in 1996, Greitens was chosen to be both a Rhodes and Truman Scholar and attended the University of Oxford for his master of philosophy degree in development studies and his doctorate in politics. In 2001, he entered the Navy and has since been deployed four times. Once a Navy SEAL, Greitens now serves as a lieutenant commander, and has won awards such as the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal. In 2005, Greitens was selected by President George W. Bush to be a White House Fellow. During the fellowship, he worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development to aid the rebuilding efforts post-Hurricane Katrina. In 2007, Greitens founded the Mission Continues, a nonprofit organization that helps veterans adjust to life at home after their service. Greitens was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by TIME Magazine in 2013 and one of the world's 50 greatest leaders by Fortune Magazine in 2014. He announced his run for governor of Missouri in 2015 and won the Republican primary. Greitens defeated Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster in the general election.

Biography

Position Elected:
Governor, MO
Elected: 2016

Education:
Duke University, B.A., 1996;
University of Oxford, Ph.M., 1998;
University of Oxford, Ph.D., 2000

Religion: Judaism

Contact:
www.ericgreitens.com
www.twitter.com/EricGreitens

Stance on Issues

- Strongly opposes Common Core
- Opposes abortion
- Opposes Obamacare
- Supports right-to-work laws
- Supports banning gifts from lobbyists

Committees

To be announced

Election Results

2016 General		
Eric Greitens (R)	Votes: 1,424,730	Percent: 51.29%
Chris Koster (D)	Votes: 1,261,110	Percent: 45.4%

Gov. Chris Sununu

Biography

Born in Salem, New Hampshire in 1974, Chris Sununu is the son of former New Hampshire Governor John H. Sununu and the brother of former Congressman John. E. Sununu. After earning his bachelor of science in civil and environmental engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sununu spent a decade cleaning up hazardous waste sites. He served as the director of Sununu Enterprises, a family business and consulting firm based in New Hampshire, and subsequently joined the Waterville Valley Resort as the chief executive officer. Sununu entered politics in 2010, securing a seat on the five-member New Hampshire Executive Council, where he represents approximately 250,000 New Hampshire residents. Currently in his third term as executive councilor, Sununu lives in Newfields with his wife, Valerie, and their three children. Sununu defeated his opponent in the New Hampshire governor's race, Colin Van Ostern, in November 2016, winning by 49% to 47%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Governor, NH
Elected: 2016

Education:
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, B.S. 1998

Religion: Catholic

Contact:
http://chrissununu.com
https://twitter.com/chrissununu

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors reducing business taxes

- Strongly opposes the Affordable Care Act

- Favors investing in and repairing New Hampshire infrastructure
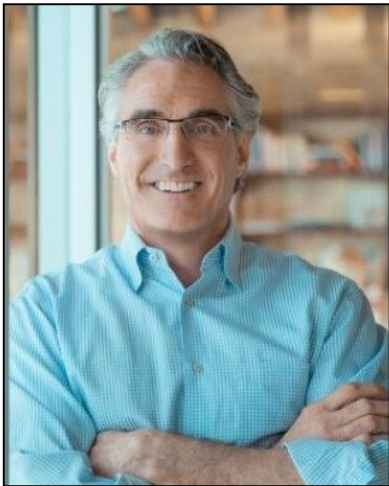
- Strongly opposes Common Core

Committees

To be announced

Election Results

2016 General

| Colin Van Ostern (D) | Votes: 294,946 | Percent: 46.91% |
| Chris Sununu (R) | Votes: 307,342 | Percent: 48.88% |

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016.

Gov. Doug Burgum

Biography

Doug Burgum was born on August 1, 1956 in Arthur, North Dakota, where his grandfather started a grain elevator. In 1978, Burgum graduated from North Dakota State University and then immediately moved to Palo Alto where he earned his M.B.A. from Stanford University in 1980. After getting his M.B.A, Burgum worked in Chicago for McKinsey & Company. After a couple of years, Burgum moved to Fargo, North Dakota where he mortgaged his family's farm in order to garner seed capital for the accounting software firm Great Plains Software. He became CEO and led it successfully to its eventual acquisition by Microsoft in 2001. After his company was acquired, Burgum went on to serve as senior vice-president of Microsoft Business Solutions until 2007. Since leaving Microsoft, Burgum has been on various boards of directors, including SuccessFactors, Preventice, The Arthur Companies, Loyalty Builders and was on the Positive Coaching Alliances' National Advisory Board. Burgum co-founded Killborne Group, a real estate firm which aims to revitalize downtown Fargo. He also co-founded and became a partner at Arthur Ventures, a venture capital firm focused on software technology companies. When Governor Marvin Nelson announced he would not run for reelection, Burgum announced his candidacy. Although Burgum had no experience holding public office, he won the Republican primary with 59% of the vote, and he went on to defeat Democratic candidate State Senator Marvin Nelson and Libertarian candidate Marty Riske in the general election.

Biography

Position Elected:
Governor of North Dakota
Elected: 2016

Education:
North Dakota State University, B.S. 1978;
Stanford University School of Business, M.B.A 1980

Religion: Not specified

Contact:
https://dougburgum.com/

Stance on Issues

- Favors Second Amendment protections

- Opposes Obamacare

- Supports oil and gas development

- Supports smaller government with lower property taxes

- Supports term limits for public officials

Committees

To be announced

Election Results

2016 General

Doug Burgum (R)	Votes: 259,863	Percent: 76.52%
Marvin Nelson (D)	Votes: 65,855	Percent: 19.39%

Gov. Phil Scott

Biography

Phillip Scott was born on August 4, 1958 in Barre, Vermont and is the current lieutenant governor of Vermont. He graduated from University of Vermont in 1980. After graduating from college, Scott started a construction shop but later went on to work for Dubois Construction. In 2000, Phil Scott decided to run for Vermont State Senate and was reelected five times, representing Washington county. During his time in the State Senate, he served on the Institutions Committee and Transportation Committee. In 2010, he decided to run for lieutenant governor of Vermont and won making him one of the only lieutenant governors to serve alongside a Democratic governor. During his time as lieutenant governor, Scott started the "Vermont Everyday Jobs" program, as part of which he worked a few hours several times a month in local jobs. In December 2015, Scott decided to run for governor after Governor Peter Shumlin announced that he would not seek reelection. In the primary, Phil Scott managed to beat one other Republican opponent with 59.77% of the vote. In the general election, Phil Scott defeated Democratic candidate Sue Minter.

Biography

Position Elected:
Governor, VT
Elected: 2016

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Education:
University of Vermont, B.S., 1980

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Religion: Not specified

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Contact:
http://www.philscott.org/
https://twitter.com/philscott4vt

Stance on Issues

- Audit all state agencies

- Eliminate the Vermont Health Exchange

- Improve school choice

- Manage the budget by cutting taxes

- Pro-choice

- Supports same-sex marriage

Committees

To be announced

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Election Results

2016 General

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Phil Scott (R)	Votes: 166,817	Percent: 52.96%
Sue Minter (D)	Votes: 139,253	Percent: 44.21%

Sources: Phil Scott for Governor, "Meet Phil," 2016; Ballotpedia, "Phil Scott," 2016.

Gov. Jim Justice

Biography

Jim Justice was born on April 27, 1951 in Charleston, West Virginia. He began his undergraduate studies at the University of Tennessee before transferring to Marshall University, where he received his B.A. and M.B.A. Following his studies, Justice worked in his family's agriculture business and in 1977 founded Bluestone Farms. He inherited ownership of Bluestone Coal Corporation from his father in 1993, and has since been active in West Virginia's coal mining sector. Justice currently serves as the owner or CEO of over 50 companies, including The Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. He has an estimated net worth of $1.6 billion, which would make him the richest man in West Virginia. In 2015, Justice announced his run for governor as a member of the Democratic Party, despite having been registered as a Republican until February 2015. He won the Democratic nomination in May 2016, and went on to defeat Republican Bill Cole with 49.09% of the vote in the general election.

Biography

Position Elected:
Governor, West Virginia
Elected: 2016

Education:
B.A., Marshall University;
M.B.A., Marshall University.

Religion: Christian

Contact:
http://www.justiceforwv.com/
https://twitter.com/JusticeforWV

Stance on Issues

- Supports greater investment and growth for West Virginia's coal sector

- Advocates for new government ethics rules, including a ban on fundraising activities during West Virginia's regular legislative session and stricter disclosure rules for "dark money" donations

- Has developed an in-depth plan to address West Virginia's opioid addiction epidemic through interdiction, rehabilitation and job training

- Supports exempting veterans' military retirement pay from the state's income tax

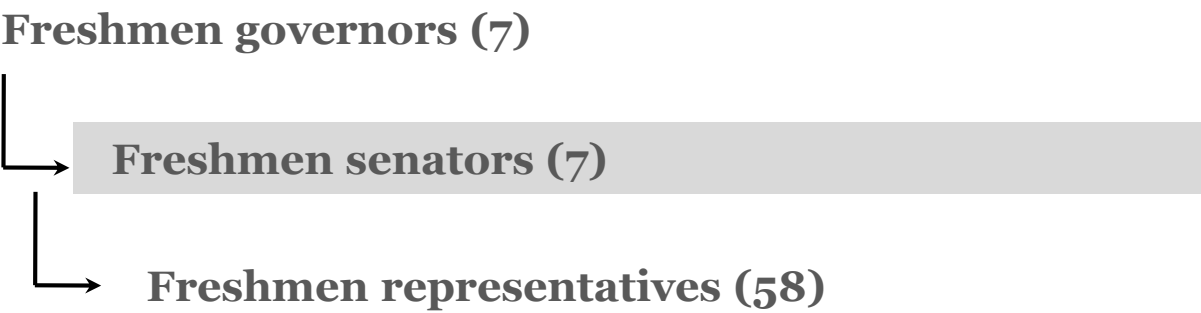- Supports investing in West Virginia's manufacturing and timber industries

Committees

To be announced

Election Results

2016 General

Jim Justice (D)	Votes: 350,408	Percent: 49.09%
Bill Cole (R)	Votes: 301,987	Percent: 42.3%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Research.

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Senator Kamala Harris

Biography

Kamala Harris was born in Oakland, California in 1964. Her mother, an immigrant from India, was a breast cancer specialist, while her father was a Jamaican-American economics professor at Stanford University. Harris was raised in Berkeley and Oakland, California and Montreal, Canada. Following her graduation from Westmount High School, Harris attended Howard University for her undergraduate degree, and then the University of California Hastings College of the Law. After earning her law degree in 1989, Harris joined the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, where she was promoted after a year to deputy attorney for Alameda County and worked until 1998, specializing in prosecuting cases involving violent crimes. She was then made managing attorney of the Career Criminal Unit in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and then in 2000, chief of the Community and Neighborhood Division for the City Attorney of San Francisco, where she oversaw civil code enforcement. From 2003 to 2010, Harris served as district attorney of the City and County of San Francisco. She won the 2010 race for California attorney general and has held the position since. Harris is the first female, first African-American and first Asian-American to hold the position in California, as well as the first Tamil attorney general ever, in US history. As California attorney general, Harris focused on issues such as transnational gangs, human trafficking, online privacy, reducing recidivism and the national foreclosure crisis. Harris won the general election over fellow Democrat Loretta Sanchez for the congressional seat, after both defeated 32 other candidates in the primary.

Biography

Position Elected:
Senator, California
Elected: 2016

Education:
Howard University, B.A. 1986;
UC Hastings College of Law, J.D. 1989

Religion: Baptist

Family: Married (Douglas Emhoff)

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HSOB Room 112
Washington, DC 20510

Stance on Issues

- Opposes the sale of recreational marijuana but supports medical marijuana
- Supports national climate change legislation and the Clean Power Plan
- Favors reinstating the Assault Weapons Ban
- Supports a woman's right to choose
- Favors strengthening the Voting Rights Act

Committees

Committee on Homeland Security

Committee on Intelligence

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Committee on the Budget

Election Results

2016 General

Kamala Harris (D)	Votes: 7,542,753	Percent: 61.6%
Loretta Sanchez (D)	Votes: 4,710,417	Percent: 38.4%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Senator Tammy Duckworth

Biography

Tammy Duckworth was born in 1968 in Bangkok, Thailand. The daughter of a Vietnam War veteran father and a Thai mother, Duckworth spent much of her early life abroad, moving with her father's jobs at the United Nations and, later, at international companies. Living in Singapore and Indonesia before moving to Hawaii at the age of 16, Duckworth obtained her undergraduate degree in marine biology at the University of Hawaii and then a master's degree in international affairs at George Washington University. During her time at George Washington University, Duckworth joined the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Duckworth's family on her father's side has a long tradition of military service, including ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War. In 1992, she became a commissioned officer in the US Army Reserve and elected to fly helicopters. Four years later, Duckworth joined the Illinois Army National Guard. While pursuing doctoral work at Northern Illinois University, she was deployed to Iraq in 2004, despite opposing President George W. Bush's decision to invade the country. That November, Duckworth co-piloted a UH-60 Black Hawk that was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade fired by Iraqi insurgents. As a result of the explosion, she lost both of her legs and sustained serious damage to her right arm. She received a Purple Heart later that year and continued to serve as lieutenant colonel in the Illinois Army Guard. In 2012, she was elected as the House Representative for Illinois's 8th congressional district, becoming the first member of Congress born in Thailand and the first disabled woman to be elected to the House. She was reelected in 2014. In the 2016 Senate race, Duckworth defeated incumbent Mark Kirk.

Biography

Position Elected:
Senator, Illinois
Elected: 2016

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Education:
University of Hawaii, B.A. 1989;
George Washington University, M.A., 1992;
Capella University, Ph.D., 2015

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Religion: Deist

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Family: Married (Major Bryan Bowlsbey)

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Contact: (202) 224-2854
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Washington, DC 20510

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors laws against job discrimination
- Strongly favors expansion of Obamacare
- Strongly opposes vouchers for school choice
- Favors green energy
- Strongly favors abortion rights
- Opposes expanding the military
- Strongly favors pathway to citizenship
- Voted against the American SAFE Act of 2015

Committees

Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation

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Committee on Energy & Natural Resources

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Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship

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Committee on Environment & Public Works

Election Results

2016 General

Tammy Duckworth (D)	Votes: 3,012,940	Percent: 54.9%
Mark Kirk (R)	Votes: 2,184,692	Percent: 39.8%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Senator Todd Young

Biography

Todd Young was born on August 24,1972 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He grew up in Hamilton County, Indiana and graduated from Carmel High School in 1990. Young enlisted in the US Navy after graduating high school and later received an appointment to attend the Naval Academy. He graduated cum laude in 1995 earning a B.S. in political science. In 1998,Young transferred to Chicago, Illinois where he managed all Marine Corps officer recruiting operations in the Greater Chicago region while earning his MBA from the University of Chicago. Young was honorably discharged from active duty in 2000 and spent a year in London receiving his M.A. in American politics. Todd Young first ran for Congress in Indiana's 9th district in 2010 and won by 10 points (52-42). He has established a conservative voting record during his three terms in the House. He faced a tough Senate race in 2016 against Democratic candidate Evan Bayh in which over $11 million was raised.

Biography

Position Elected:
Senator, Indiana
Elected: 2016

Education:
US Naval Academy, B.S. 1995;
University of Chicago, MBA 1999;
University of London, M.A. 2001;
Indiana University, J.D. 2006;

Religion: Christian

Family: Married (Jennifer Tucker), 4 children

Contact: (202) 224-5623
RSOB Room 400
Washington, DC 20510

Stance on Issues

- Supports repealing and replacing Obamacare
- Supports 2nd amendment rights
- Pro-life
- Opposes higher taxes on the wealthy
- Favors vouchers for school choice
- Opposes expansion of free trade
- Opposes prioritizing green energy
- Favors privatizing Social Security
- Opposes staying out of Iran
- Opposes "never legalizing marijuana"

Committees

Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation

Committee on Foreign Relations

Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions

Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship

Joint Congressional-Executive Commission on China

Election Results

2016 General

Todd Young (R)	Votes: 1,423,991	Percent: 52.1%
Evan Bayh (D)	Votes: 1,158,947	Percent: 42.4%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Almanac 2017.

Senator John Kennedy

Biography

Republican John Neely Kennedy was born on November 21, 1951 in southwestern Mississippi. Kennedy graduated magna cum laude in political science, philosophy and economics from Vanderbilt; was president of his senior class; and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia and his B.C.L. degree from Oxford University in England. He is an adjunct professor at LSU Law School and is a volunteer substitute teacher for East Baton Rouge Parish public schools. Kennedy served as special counsel to Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer from 1988-1992 and as secretary in the governor's cabinet from 1990-1992. He also worked as secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue from 1996-1999. He was sworn in as Louisiana state treasurer in 2000 after winning the 1999 general election as a Democrat. He was re-elected three times, most recently in 2011. In August 2007, Kennedy changed his party affiliation to Republican and was re-elected to a third term, unopposed in November of that year. In that role Kennedy oversaw the state's $10.6 billion investment portfolio, as well as local and state bond issues and returned unclaimed property. In 2016, Kennedy ran in the Republican jungle primary for incumbent David Vitter's open seat following his decision to retire. A total of 24 candidates filed to run. On November 8, 2016, John Kennedy and Foster Campbell (D) took the top two spots and advanced to a runoff on December 10th. He defeated Campbell in the runoff by over 21 percentage points.

Biography

Currently:
Senator, Louisiana
Elected: 2016

Education:
Vanderbilt University, B.A., 1973, University of Virginia, J.D., 1977

Religion: Methodist

Family: Married (Becky), 1 child

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Stance on Issues

- Supports the 2nd Amendment
- Strongly favors supporting Israel
- Opposes the TPP
- Opposes amnesty for illegal aliens
- Favors a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget

Committees

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship

Committee on the Judiciary

Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs

Committee on Appropriations

Election Results

2016 General

John Kennedy (R)	Votes: 536,191	Percent: 60.7%
Foster Campbell (D)	Votes: 347,816	Percent: 39.3%

Sources: Johnkennedy.com, National Journal Almanac, 2017. Ballotpedia 2016.

Senator Chris Van Hollen

Biography

Chris Van Hollen was born in 1959 in Karachi, Pakistan, where his father worked as a foreign service officer. His mother worked for the Central Intelligence Agency and the State Department. In addition to Pakistan, Van Hollen spent his early years in Turkey, India and Sri Lanka. He moved back to the United States for his junior year of high school to attend Middlesex School in Concord, Massachusetts. Van Hollen graduated from Swarthmore College with his Bachelor's of Arts in Philosophy and then went on to Harvard University for his Master of Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government. From 1985 to 1987, Van Hollen worked as a legislative assistant for defense and foreign policy to Senator Charles Mathias (R) from Maryland. In addition, he also spent time as a staff member of the Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate and he was a legislative advisor to Governor William Donald Schaefer from Maryland. In 1990, Van Hollen earned his law degree from Georgetown Law School. After being admitted to the Maryland state bar, Van Hollen joined the law firm of Arent Fox. From 1991 to 2003, he served in the Maryland General Assembly. While in the Maryland State Senate (1995-2003), Van Hollen served on the Budget and Taxation Committee and the Health and Human Services Subcommittee. He worked on efforts to raise the tobacco tax, increase funding for education and prohibit oil drilling in the Chesapeake Bay. In 2003, Van Hollen became the U.S. Representative for Maryland's 8th congressional district. The largest employer in the district is the federal government, so Van Hollen worked on issues relating to it. He secured federal funding for transportation initiatives, homeland security and more.

Biography

Position Elected:
Senator, Maryland
Elected: 2016

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

Religion: Episcopalian

Family: Married (Katherine A. Wilkens), 3 children

Contact: (202) 224-4654
HSOB Room 110
Washington, DC 20510

Stance on Issues

- Favors expanding Obamacare
- Strongly favors prioritizing green energy
- Strongly opposes vouchers for school choice
- Strongly opposes privatized Social Security
- Favors strong regulation of the fracking industry at the federal level

Committees

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs

Committee on Appropriations

Election Results

2016 General

Chris Van Hollen (D)	Votes: 1,659,907	Percent: 60.9%
Kathy Szeliga (R)	Votes: 972,557	Percent: 35.7%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Almanac 2017.

Senator Maggie Hassan

Biography

Maggie Hassan, born February 27, 1958, ran for Senate while she was the governor of New Hampshire. She grew up in the Boston suburbs before acquiring degrees from Brown and Northeastern. Before entering public service, she was an information officer for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services and worked as an attorney for Brigham and Women's Hospital. After an unsuccessful bid in 2002, Hassan was elected to the New Hampshire State Senate in 2004, where she served as majority leader and president pro tempore. As governor, Hassan signed the bill to legalize marijuana for qualified patients. In the 2016 campaign attacked her Senate opponent Kelly Ayotte (R) by linking her to Trump. Hassan ran on a platform of fighting the opioid crisis, investing in education and promoting green energy. She is married with two children, one of whom experiences severe disabilities, and currently she resides in Newfields, New Hampshire.

Biography

Position Elected:
Senator, New Hampshire
Elected: 2016

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Education:
BA, Brown University, 1980
JD, Northeastern University, 1985

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Religion: United Church of Christ

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Family: Married (Thomas), 2 children

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Contact: (202) 224-3324
HSOB Room 330
Washington, DC 20510

Stance on Issues

- Supports LGBT equality
- Supports President Obama's Clean Power Plan
- Opposes the absolute right to gun ownership
- Supports government funding for Planned Parenthood

Committees

Joint Economic Committee

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Committee on Homeland Security & Government Affairs

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Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions

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Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation

Election Results

2016 General

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Maggie Hassan (D)	Votes: 354,649	Percent: 48.0%
Kelly Ayotte (R)	Votes: 353,632	Percent: 47.9%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Research, 2017.

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto

Biography

Catherine Cortez Masto was born in Las Vegas, Nevada of half Italian, half Mexican descent. Her father served as Clark County Commissioner and as an attorney for the county. Cortez Masto would follow in her father's footsteps, pursuing first an undergraduate degree in business administration before getting her law degree from Gonzaga University. She joined the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada in 1991 before moving to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in 1994. In addition to these positions, Cortez Masto served as the chief of staff to former Nevada Democratic Governor, Bob Miller, while also serving as an assistant to the United States attorney general. Both of those positions ended in 2002, at which point she began work as an assistant county manager for Clark County on issues relating to juvenile detention alternatives and child services. After receiving more votes than any other statewide candidate, Cortez Masto became Nevada's attorney general in 2007. Throughout her tenure as attorney general, Cortez Masto focused on issues related to combatting meth manufacturing and sale, neglect of the elderly, and strengthening laws against sex trafficking and violence against women. Cortez Masto could not run for a third term in 2014 due to lifetime term limits on the attorney general position. She was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2016, defeating Republican challenger Joe Heck.

Biography

Position Elected:
Senator, Nevada
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of Nevada-Reno, B.S. 1986;
Gonzaga University, J.D. 1990

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Paul)

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RSOB Room 204
Washington, DC 20510

Stance on Issues

- Supports investing in the clean energy industry
- Supports ending tax inversions for corporations
- Opposes privatizing Social Security
- Supports a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants
- Supports equal pay for equal work legislation

Committees

Committee on Indian Affairs

Special Committee on Aging

Committee on Rules & Administration

Committee on Energy & Natural Resources

Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation

Election Results

2016 General

Catherine Cortez Masto (D)	Votes: 521,994	Percent: 47.1%
Joe Heck (R)	Votes: 495,079	Percent: 44.7%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

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Rep. Tom O'Halleran

Biography

Tom O'Halleran was born in 1946 in Chicago, IL and grew up on a dairy farm. His mother worked intermittently as a secretary and his father worked both as a factory worker and later a janitor. O'Halleran joined the police department in 1966 and served as an officer and later a sergeant in a special operations unit. He received three department commendations and other awards. In 1979, O'Halleran became a government bond trader and served two terms on the Chicago Board of Trade's executive board of directors as chair and vice-chair of the finance, floor operations and planning committees. In 1994, he consulted on design and integration of tech for financial trading floors. O'Halleran retired and moved to Arizona where he became involved in local politics. He was an advocate for Yavapai County in the state legislature and focused on natural resources preservation. He was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2001, serving three terms, and later became a state senator in 2007. O'Halleran served as vice-chair and chair of the Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee in the Arizona House of Representatives, and was a member of Education K-12; Ways and Means; Transportation, Counties and Municipalities; and Environment Committees. In the state Senate, O'Halleran served as vice-chair and chair of the Higher Education Committee. In 2014, he changed his registration from Republican to Independent, blaming the party's inability to legislate on education, water and child-welfare problems. In August, O'Halleran won the Democratic primary for the open seat of Ann Kirkpatrick (D). He went on to win Arizona's 1st district in the general election.

Biography

Position Elected:
House Representative, AZ-1
Elected: 2016

Education:
Lewis University 1965-1966;
DePaul University, 1991-1992

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Pat), 3 children, 3 grandchildren

Contact: (202) 225-3361
CHOB Room 126
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Favors federal role in clean air and water

- Opposes privatization of Social Security

- Supports investment and improvement of veteran care and benefits

- Supports immigration reform and the DREAM act

Committees

Committee on Agriculture

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Tim O'Halleran (D)	Votes: 142,219	Percent: 50.7%
Paul Babeu (R)	Votes: 121,745	Percent: 43.4%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Almanac 2017.

Rep. Andy Biggs

Biography

Andy Biggs was born on November 7, 1958 in Tucson, Arizona. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Asian studies and later received a master's degree in political science from Arizona State University and a JD from University of Arizona. After graduating from ASU, Biggs went on to practice law in Phoenix and then moved back to Gilbert in 1986. After practicing general law, he decided to get involved in politics by running for the Arizona House of Representatives in 2002 where he served four terms as representative for district 22. After serving his time in the Arizona State House, Biggs ran and won State Senate district 12 in 2010 and was reelected in 2012. He served as State Senate majority leader from 2011-12 and became president of the Senate in 2013. After hearing Rep. Matt Salmon was retiring, he decided to run for the open seat. In the primary, Biggs managed to beat three other opponents with 29.5% of the vote, edging out one his opponent by 27 votes. In the general, he went on to beat Democratic candidate Talia Fuentes. Andy Biggs was labelled a "Champion of the Taxpayer" by Americans for Prosperity Arizona Chapter, a "Friend of Liberty" by the Goldwater Institute and received the "Conservative Excellence Award" from the American Conservative Union.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, AZ-5
Elected: 2016

Education:
Brigham Young University, B.S.;
Arizona State University, M.A;
University of Arizona, J.D.

Religion: Mormon

Family: Married (Cindy Biggs). 6 children

Contact: (202) 225-2635
LHOB Room 1626
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Against expanding Obamacare
- Strongly pro-life
- "A" rating by the NRA
- Favors simplified tax code and paying down national debt by cutting spending
- Supports school vouchers

Committees

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Committee on the Judiciary

Election Results

2016 General

Andy Biggs (R)	Votes: 205,184	Percent: 64.1%
Talia Fuentes (D)	Votes: 114,940	Percent: 35.9%

Rep. Ro Khanna

Biography

Rohit Khanna was born on September 13, 1976. He graduated from University of Chicago in 1998 with a bachelor of arts in economics with honors and from Yale Law School with his J.D. in 2001. After graduating from law school, Khanna went on to work for the law firm O'Melveny & Myers. In 2009, Khanna was appointed by President Barack Obama to the position of deputy assistant secretary at the Department of Commerce. As deputy assistant secretary, Khanna worked with the White House Business Council and organized clean technology projects such as the Green Embassy Project. Khanna also was one of the main key players in defending the New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. as some of their plants in Fremont closed. After leaving the Department of Commerce, Ro went on join Wilson Sonsini Godrich and Rosati. In addition to working at the law firm, Khanna is also a visiting professor at Stanford University's Department of Economics. In 2014, Khanna ran against incumbent Mike Honda in the general election but lost by a vote of 51.8% to 48.2%. During the 2016 election cycle, Khanna announced that he would be seeking Honda's seat again. During the primary, he and Mike Honda finished first and second with 39.1% and 37.4%. During the general election, Ro Khanna defeated Honda 61% to 39%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, CA-17
Elected: 2016

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Education: University of Chicago, B.A., 1998
Yale Law School, J.D., 2001

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Religion: Hinduism

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Family: Married (Ritu Ahuja)

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Contact: (202) 225-2631
CHOB Room 513
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors expanding Obamacare
- Pro-choice
- Favors higher taxes on the wealthy
- Favors legalization of marijuana
- Strongly opposes the idea that stricter punishment reduces crime
- Opposes the Keystone XL Pipeline
- Opposes military expansion

Committees

Committee on the Budget

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Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

| Ro Khanna (D) | Votes: 142,268 | Percent: 61.0% |
| Mike Honda (D) | Votes: 90,924 | Percent: 39.0% |

Rep. Jimmy Panetta

Biography

Jimmy Panetta, born October 1, 1969, is the son of former Defense Secretary and CIA Director Leon Panetta. He grew up on the central coast of California and began his legal career in 1996, as a prosecutor for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in Oakland. He was later appointed to the California Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, which provided guidance to the governor's office on criminal justice programs. In 2003, Panetta was commissioned as an intelligence officer with the United States Navy Reserve. Four years later, he took a leave of absence from work and left home to serve on active duty with a special operations task force deployed to Afghanistan. In addition to his legal and criminal justice experience, Panetta has worked on veterans' issues as a board member of the Veterans Transition Center, as well as missile and chemical weapons nonproliferation issues for the State Department and the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Most recently, Panetta served as the Deputy District Attorney in Monterey County before being elected to Congress.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, CA-20
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of California Davis, B.A.
Santa Clara University, J.D.

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Carrie), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-2861
CHOB Room 228
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports comprehensive immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship for children of immigrants and law-abiding families paying taxes

- Supports the Every School Succeeds Act's goal of providing opportunity to every child and reducing overreliance on standardized testing – wishes to expand pre-K and early education options and improve Migrant Education Program

- Supports reforms to improve the ACA

- Wants to expand mental health treatment at VA clinics and develop community mental health centers

Committees

Committee on Natural Resources

Committee on Agriculture

Election Results

2016 General

Jimmy Panetta (D)	Votes: 144,870	Percent: 70.6%
Casey Lucius (R)	Votes: 60,324	Percent: 29.4%

Rep. Salud Carbajal

Biography

Salud Carbajal was born in Mexico and moved to a small mining town in Arizona at the age of five. His father worked in a copper mine until it closed, at which point Salud and his family settled in Oxnard, Arizona. One of eight children, Carbajal was the first in his family to graduate from college, earning a bachelor's degree in Latin American and Iberian studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a master's degree in organizational management from Fielding University. Carbajal was a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve for eight years, including two years of active duty during the Gulf War. Elected to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in 2004, Carbajal has worked to improve local schools, protect the environment and advocate for sustainable, clean energy sources. His prior roles have included chief of staff to previous First District County Supervisor Naomi Schwartz; program director in the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department; assistant executive director of Zone Seca; parent involvement coordinator for the Head Start Program; and program director for the City of Santa Barbara Lower Westside Recreation Program. He has also participated in several task forces and organizations, including President Obama's State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience; the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee's Air, Climate, Energy Workshop; and the Santa Barbara County Joint Affordable Housing Task Force. Carbajal and his wife, Gina, have two children. Carbajal defeated his opponent in the race to represent California's 24th congressional district, Justin Fareed, in November 2016.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, CA-24
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of California at Santa Barbara, B.A.;
Fielding University, M.A.

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Gina), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-3601
CHOB Room 212
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors prioritizing green energy
- Strongly opposes privatizing Social Security and replacing Medicare with a voucher system
- Strongly supports efforts to make college more affordable
- Favors raising the minimum wage

Committees

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Salud Carbajal (D)	Votes: 166,034	Percent: 53.4%
Justin Fareed (R)	Votes: 144,780	Percent: 46.6%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; Chris Meagher, "Can Salud Carbajal really be everything to everyone?" Santa Barbara Independent, March 27, 2008; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Nanette Barragán

Biography

Nanette Barragán was born on September 15, 1976 in Harbor City, California. She is the youngest of 11 siblings who were raised by immigrants from Mexico. She has a B.A. in political science from UCLA and a J.D. from USC. During the Clinton administration, Barragán worked in the Office of Public Liaison doing African-American outreach. In 1999, Barragán worked at the NAACP's Washington bureau on health policy. During college and until 2003, Barragán served as the executive director of the Gillian S. Fuller Foundation where she was in charge of funding worthy nonprofits focused on education, the environmental and youth programs. In 2003 she externed for Justice Carlos Moreno at the California Supreme Court and in 2004 for the Los Angeles Legal Aid Foundation. She then worked at the United States Attorney's office, Central District of California in the Organized Crime and Terror section. Barragán started working as a private practice lawyer with Latham & Watkins, LLP. While at that firm, she led an immigration asylum case spanning three years for a child and mother from Guatemala and withholding of removal was granted. She also provided pro bono assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina. In 2012 Barragán took leave from her law firm to work on Obama's reelection campaign. She then ran for Hermosa Beach City Council where she helped balance the budget that resulted in surplus funds, approved funding for infrastructure in South Park and increased street paving budgets by 20%. In her 2016 campaign for Congress she received several major endorsements including Emily's List, the California League of Conservation Voters, many members of Congress, and the Latino Victory Project.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, CA-44
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of California Los Angeles, B.A.
University of Southern California, J.D.

Religion: Catholic

Contact: (202) 225-8220
LHOB Room 1320
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors investing in clean energy
- Favors college affordability measures
- Favors protecting Social Security and Medicare
- Favors closing tax loopholes and ending subsidies for toxic polluters
- Strongly opposes privatization of Social Security
- Opposes increasing the use of military force internationally

Committees

Committee on Homeland Security

Committee on Natural Resources

Election Results

2016 General

Nanette Barragan (D)	Votes: 93,124	Percent: 52.2%
Isadore Hall (D)	Votes: 85,289	Percent: 47.8%

Rep. Lou Correa

Biography

Lou Correa was born on January 24, 1958 and grew up in Anaheim, California. He holds degrees in Economics from California State University, Fullerton, and a J.D. and MBA from UCLA. Prior to serving in the California State Legislature, he was an investment banker and a real estate broker. Correa served on the California State Assembly for three terms, and then two years on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, representing the state's 1st district. In 2006 and again in 2010, Lou was elected to the California State Senate, representing the 34th District. As a state senator, Correa worked on issues related to public safety, mental health, the affordability of higher education and tax equity. Prior to being elected to Congress, Correa served on the Board of the Orange County Family Justice Center, the Orange County Board of the Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (G.R.I.P.), and the Garden Grove Boys and Girls Club, and he is also a Commissioner of the California High Speed Rail Authority. When Loretta Sanchez (D) announced that she would run for California's open Senate, Correa decided to run for her old seat. Correa defeated fellow Democrat Bao Nguyen in the general election.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, CA-46
Elected: 2016

Education:
California State U., B.A.
UCLA, MBA; J.D.

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Dr. Esther Reynoso), 4 children

Contact: (202) 225-2965
LHOB Room 1039
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports the Affordable Care Act
- Supports raising the minimum wage
- Supports a woman's right to choose
- In favor of federal background checks for online and private gun sales
- In favor of legislation allowing transgender students to identify with the gender of their choice

Committees

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Homeland Security

Election Results

2016 General

Lou Correa (D)	Votes: 115,248	Percent: 70.0%
Bao Nguyen (D)	Votes: 49,345	Percent: 30.0%

Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester

Biography

Lisa Blunt Rochester was born in 1962 in Philadelphia, but her family moved to Wilmington, Delaware in 1969. Her father was a former Democratic president of the Wilmington Council, and her sister was an aide in Joe Biden's Senate office as well as the state director for the Obama-Biden campaign. Blunt Rochester graduated in 1985 from Fairleigh Dickinson University (after spending a year at Villanova and a year at the University of Delaware) with her bachelor's of arts in international relations and received her master's degree in urban affairs and public policy from the University of Delaware in 2003. Her political career began in 1987 when she interned for Congressman Tom Carper, then went to the governor's office with him as a policy advisor and ending up in the governor's cabinet as state secretary of labor from 1998 to 2001. When Carper was elected as senator in 2000, Blunt Rochester stayed in new Democratic Governor Ruth Ann Minner's cabinet as the personnel director. She was recruited to be the CEO of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, a public policy think-tank, where she met her husband Charles Rochester, an engineer working in China. She moved to Shanghai for a brief period after they married in 2006, writing a book profiling women who reinvented themselves while living in a foreign country. Blunt Rochester moved back to the United States with her husband when he was transferred to Boston. She returned to Delaware after her husband passed away in 2014 and decided to run for the open House seat, winning the Democratic primary with almost 45% of the vote and the general election defeating Republican challenger Hans Reigle with 56% of the vote. She is the first woman and person of color to represent Delaware in Congress.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, DE
Elected: 2016

Education:
Farleigh Dickinson University, B.A. 1985; University of Delaware, M.A. 2003

Religion: Christian

Family: Widow, 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-4165
LHOB Room 1123
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports minimum wage increase and overtime expansion
- Supports equal pay for men and women
- Supports Planned Parenthood
- Supports stronger gun regulations
- Favors affordable education and free community college
- Favors expanding Obamacare
- Supports overturning Citizens United and expanding voting rights
- Opposes privatization of Social Security
- Opposes raising the retirement age

Committees

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Committee on Agriculture

Election Results

2016 General

Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)	Votes: 233,554	Percent: 55.5%
Hans Reigle (R)	Votes: 172,301	Percent: 41.0%

Sources: National Journal Almanac, 2017; Ballotpedia, 2017.

Rep. Matt Gaetz

Biography

Matt Gaetz was born on May 7, 1982 in Hollywood, Florida. Gaetz graduated from Florida State University with a B.S. in social science with concentrations in political science, history and geography in 2003, and later with his J.D. from the College of William and Mary in 2007. After graduating from law school, he went on to work with the law firm Keefe, Anchors, Gordon, and Moyle as a lawyer. Shortly after, Gaetz decided to run for the Florida State House of Representatives in District 4 and was unopposed in that first race and each time he ran for reelection. During his time in the Florida House, he served on the Regulatory Affairs, State Affairs Committee and Judiciary Committee, and was the Chairman of the Finance & Tax Committee. While in office, Gaetz worked to strengthen the "Stand Your Ground" law and was a major advocate of tax cuts. During his tenure as member of the state House, the American Conservative Union deemed him a "Defender of Liberty." After Rep. Jeff Miller decided not to run for reelection, Matt Gaetz filed to run for the US House of Representatives. In the primary, Gaetz managed to beat six other Republicans with 36.1% of the vote. In the general, he beat Democratic candidate Steven Specht 69%-31%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-1
Elected: 2016

Education:
Florida State University, B.S. 2003;
College of William and Mary, J.D.,
2007

Religion: Baptist

Contact: (202) 225-4136
CHOB Room 507
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Against expanding Obamacare

- Strongly pro-life

- Lifetime member of the NRA

- Favors simplifying the tax code and paying down national debt by cutting spending

- Supports school vouchers

Committees

Committee on the Budget

Committee on the Judiciary

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General		
Matt Gaetz (R)	Votes: 255,107	Percent: 69.1%
Steve Specht (D)	Votes: 114,079	Percent: 30.9%

Rep. Neal Dunn

Biography

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

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-2
Elected: 2016

Education:
Washington & Lee University, B.S.;
George Washington University,
M.D.

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married, 3 children, 3 grandchildren

Contact: (202) 225-5235
CHOB Room 423
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports repealing Obamacare
- Favors lower tax rates and reduced economic regulations
- Supports the Second Amendment
- Opposes amnesty and sanctuary cities
- Supports Balanced Budget Amendment
- Opposes Common Core
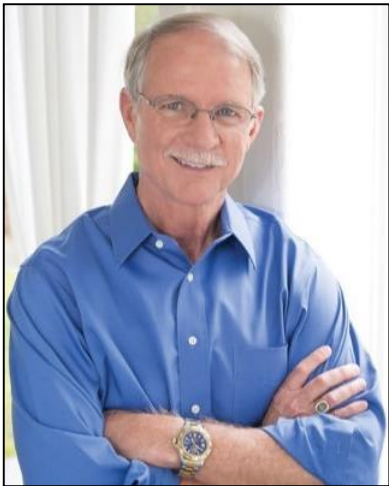- Supports eliminating the Department of Education

Committees

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Committee on Agriculture

Election Results

2016 General

Neal Dunn (R)	Votes: 231,163	Percent: 67.3%
Walter Dartland (D)	Votes: 102,801	Percent: 29.9%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Research, 2017.

Rep. John Rutherford

Biography

John Rutherford was born on September 2, 1952 and has lived in Jacksonville, Florida since he was six. Rutherford earned an associate's degree in police administration from Florida Junior College and then later received a bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida State University. In 1974, Rutherford began his police career as a patrolman. In 1995, Rutherford was appointed the Jacksonville police department's Director of Corrections, a position he held for eight years. In 2003, Rutherford ran for sheriff of Jacksonville and won. As sheriff, he introduced several initiatives to reduce crime, including Operation Safe Streets, gun bounty awards and public awareness programs. Along with greater community engagement, Rutherford focused on better treatment of the mentally ill in order to reduce their recidivism rate. By the end of his tenure in 2011, Jacksonville's violent crime rate was at a 40-year low. He also served as chair of the Florida Sheriff's Association where he advocated for state legislation that would reduce crime. In April 2016, Rutherford announced his intention to run for Florida's open 4th congressional district when Rep. Andrew Crenshaw (R) said he would not seek reelection. Rutherford entered a crowded Republican primary, but managed to win the contest with 38.7% of the vote, while his nearest competitor, Lake Hay, received 20%. Rutherford faced Democrat challenger David Bruderly in the general election. Rutherford ran on a conservative platform including limiting government spending and upholding socially conservative positions like gun rights and being pro-life. John Rutherford beat David Bruderly 70% to 28%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-4
Elected: 2016

Education:
Florida State University, B.S. 1971;
FBI Academy

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Patricia), 2 children, 6 grandchildren

Contact: (202) 225-2501
CHOB Room 230
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly pro-life

- Favors Second Amendment protections

- Strongly opposes Obamacare

- Supports stronger border security and opposes amnesty

- Strongly supports increasing military spending

Committees

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Homeland Security

Election Results

2016 General

John Rutherford (R)	Votes: 287,509	Percent: 70.2%
David Bruderly (D)	Votes: 113,088	Percent: 27.6%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; votejohnrutherford.com; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Al Lawson

Biography

Alfred Lawson, a fourth-generation Floridian, was born in Midway, Florida in 1948. He worked his first job in the Gadsden Community tobacco fields at the age of 8. In high school, Lawson was an accomplished athlete and went on to play basketball at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, where he received his bachelor's of science degree in political science and then earned his master's of science in public administration from Florida State University. He married his college sweetheart, Dr. Delores Brooks, who teaches at Florida A&M University's School of Nursing. Lawson was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1982 as an underdog candidate, serving for 18 years before being elected as a state senator in 2000. He served as the chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, authoring the Preservation 2000 environmental law, which created the largest state-funded land acquisition program in the country. In 2005, Lawson sponsored and passed legislation creating the First Generation Matching Grant scholarship program. In addition, he hosts an annual basketball tournament, which has provided nearly $300,000 in academic scholarships to North Florida youth over the past 25 years. Lawson ran twice for the Democratic nomination in Florida's 2nd district, losing narrowly in the 2010 primary to seven-term incumbent Allen Boyd and in the 2012 general election against incumbent Steve Southerland. After redistricting, Lawson defeated Florida political icon Corrine Brown, who is under indictment for corruption, in the 5th district's Democratic primary. He defeated Republican Glo Smith in the general election with 64% of the vote.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-5
Elected: 2016

Education:
Florida A&M University, B.S. 1970;
Florida State University, M.S.P.A.
1973

Religion: Episcopal

Contact: (202) 225-0123
LHOB Room 1337
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Favors reform for affordable college
- Favors protecting veterans' benefits
- Favors criminal justice reform
- Favors investing in infrastructure

Committees

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Agriculture

Election Results

2016 General		
Al Lawson (D)	Votes: 194,549	Percent: 64.2%
Glo Smith (R)	Votes: 108,325	Percent: 35.8%

Rep. Stephanie Murphy

Biography

Stephanie Murphy, born September 16, 1978, is an educator, businesswoman and national security specialist. Before entering public service, Murphy was a strategy consultant at Deloitte Consulting. She then served as a national security specialist for the Secretary of Defense and later worked at Sungate Capital, leading investment efforts and implementing government affairs initiatives. She also taught business and social entrepreneurship at Rollins College. Murphy is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a board member of the Center for Innovative Healthcare and Mead Botanical Gardens. Murphy is a strong advocate of LGBT rights, and was a prominent voice in support of the community in the aftermath of the attacks at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando. She speaks Vietnamese and lives in Winter Park with her husband and two children.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-7
Elected: 2016

Education:
BA, William and Mary, 2000
MS, Georgetown, 2004

Religion: Christian

Family: Married (Sean), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-4035
LHOB Room 1237
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports LGBT equality
- Opposes the absolute right to gun ownership
- Supports reducing the use of fossil fuels
- Supports government funding for Planned Parenthood

Committees

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Stephanie Murphy (D)	Votes: 182,039	Percent: 51.5%
John Mica (R)	Votes: 171,583	Percent: 48.5%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Research, 2017.

Rep. Darren Soto

Biography

Darren Soto was born in 1978 in Ringwood, New Jersey to a Puerto Rican father and an Italian-American mother. He worked for Prudential Insurance in finance from 1998 to 2001 while attending Rutgers University, graduating with a bachelor's in economics in 2000 and receiving his law degree from George Washington University in 2004. Soto practiced as a commercial and civil rights attorney in Central Florida prior to serving as a state representative from 2007 until 2012. After redistricting in 2012, Soto ran for state senator in the newly created 14th district and won the general election with over 70% of the vote. In his first term as state senator, Soto passed legislation expediting the time for immigrant children receiving deferred action to acquire a driver's license, which was vetoed by Governor Rick Scott, sparking statewide protests. Soto also played an integral role in reducing the statute of limitations from five years to one year for banks to collect foreclosure debt. In 2014, he passed historic legislation giving Florida Supreme Court authority to admit immigrant lawyers into the Florida Bar. In 2015, he was instrumental in securing $11.9 million in funding for Valencia College's Poinciana campus, $20 million to restore the Kissimmee River and proposing legislation to ban fracking in Florida. He is the first Puerto Rican from Florida elected to Congress.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-9
Elected: 2016

Education:
Rutgers University, B.A. 2000;
George Washington University,
J.D. 2004

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Amanda)

Contact: (202) 225-9889
LHOB Room 1429
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors stricter gun regulations
- Strongly favors abortion rights
- Opposes privatization of Social Security
- Supports banning fracking on public lands
- Opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership
- Strongly favors prioritizing green energy
- Supports protections against LGBT discrimination in employment, housing and education
- Strongly favors pathway to citizenship

Committees

Committee on Natural Resources

Committee on Agriculture

Election Results

2016 General

Darren Soto (D)	Votes: 195,311	Percent: 57.5%
Wayne Liebnitzky (R)	Votes: 144,450	Percent: 42.5%

Rep. Val Demings

Biography

Valdez Demings was born in Jacksonville, Florida to a working class couple, the youngest of seven children. Her mother was a maid and her father was a janitor. She was the first in her family to graduate from college, receiving a B.S. in criminology from Florida State University. She began working as a social worker in Jacksonville, but eventually set her sights on becoming a police officer. She moved to Orlando and enrolled in the Police Academy, where she became the class president. She was awarded the Board of Trustee's Award of Overall Experience and quickly earned a reputation for being an effective and driven officer. She served as a police officer for 27 years, including as Orlando's chief of police. During her tenure, she focused on community engagement in an attempt to address some of the root causes of violent crime in the Orlando area. In 2012, Demings decided to run in Florida's 10th congressional district against Republican incumbent Representative Daniel Webster. It was a difficult contest given the 10th district's Republican leanings, but she managed to mount a relatively effective campaign, losing by a 3.4% margin. Demings decided to try again when the 10th Congressional District was redistricted, making it more friendly to Democrats. She faced Thuy Lowe in the election, as Rep. Daniel Webster instead opted to run in the newly open 11th congressional district. The results of the election were 64.9%-35.1%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-10
Elected: 2016

Education:
Florida State University, B.S. 1979
Webster University, M.A.

Religion: African Methodist Episcopal

Family: Married (Jerry), 3 children

Contact: (202) 225-2176
CHOB Room 238
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports stronger gun control measures
- Opposes the privatization of Social Security and Medicare
- Supports more public assistance for public higher education
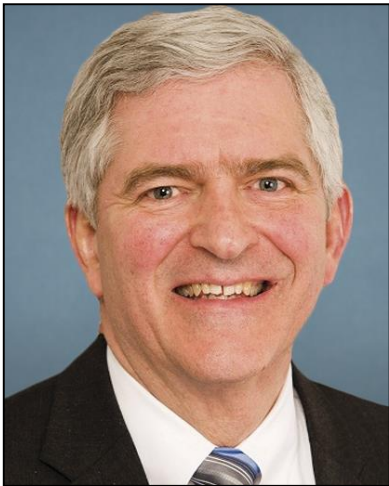- Supports more education investment especially in STEM programs

Committees

Committee on Homeland Security

Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

Election Results

2016 General

Val Demings (D)	Votes: 198,491	Percent: 64.9%
Thuy Lowe (R)	Votes: 107,498	Percent: 35.1%

Rep. Daniel Webster

Biography

Daniel Webster was born in Charleston, W.Va., and is distantly related to his 19th century namesake, considered one of the greatest senators and orators in history. His family moved to Florida when he was 7 years old because a doctor told them the climate would help cure Webster's sinus problems. He graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1971 with a degree in electrical engineering and began working in his family's heating and air conditioning business. In 1972, he married Sandra Jordan, and the couple had six children. Webster eventually took over the family business. Webster won a seat in the state House in 1996 and later became the first Republican speaker of the Florida House in 122 years. In 1998, Webster moved on to the state Senate, where he pushed to reduce the amount of gun control regulation and to restrict abortion rights. With the backing of national Republicans, he challenged Alan Grayson in 2010 for Florida's 8th congressional district. He focused his campaign on his opposition to the size of the federal government and President Barack Obama's health care law. Webster won decisively 56% to 38%. In the House, Webster was given a seat on the Rules Committee. He became the first GOP freshman to get a substantive bill through the House, with a measure aimed at limiting executive bonuses at companies that received financial industry bailout funds. He expressed support for House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan's attempts to rein in spending and overhaul Medicare. After redistricting, Webster decided to run in 2016 for Florida's 11th congressional district because the 10th congressional district only contained 40% of his original constituents.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-11
Elected: 2016

Education:
GA Institute of Technology, B.S.
1971

Religion: Baptist

Family: Married (Sandy Jordan), 6 children, 7 grandchildren

Contact: (202) 225-2176
LHOB Room 1039
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly pro-life
- Favors Second Amendment protections
- Strongly supports vouchers for school choice
- Strongly opposes amnesty for undocumented immigrants
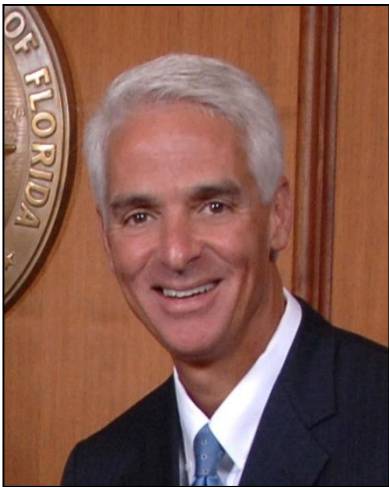- Strongly opposes Obamacare

Committees

Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Committee on Natural Resources

Election Results

2016 General

Daniel Webster (R)	Votes: 258,016	Percent: 65.4%
Dave Koller (D)	Votes: 124,713	Percent: 31.6%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Charlie Crist

Biography

Charlie Crist was born on July 24, 1956 in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He graduated high school in St. Petersburg, Florida and went on to attend Wake Forest University for two years and then earned his undergraduate degree from Florida State University. He subsequently received his J.D. from Samford University Cumberland School of Law. Crist went on to work as general counsel to Minor League Baseball, headquartered in St. Petersburg. He was a candidate for public office for the first time in 1986 as a Republican running for a state Senate seat in Pinellas County. He lost and returned to practicing law briefly until he became an aide to Connie Mack III in his successful 1988 U.S. Senate campaign. Crist describes Mack as his political mentor. Crist was elected in 1992 to the Florida Senate from the 20th District, which encompassed parts of St. Petersburg and South Tampa. He was reelected in 1994. He was elected Florida education commissioner in 2000 and in 2002 he was elected Florida's attorney general. As attorney general, Crist disagreed with Governor Jeb Bush on certain issues and received criticism for his handling of the Terri Schiavo case. In 2007 Crist was inaugurated governor of Florida, but angered fellow Republicans for supporting Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Crist did not run for reelection in 2010 and instead ran for the U.S. Senate against former Florida House Speaker Marco Rubio. After losing the Republican primary to Rubio, Crist ran in the general election as an independent and lost to Rubio. He then worked as a lawyer at Morgan & Morgan in Tampa. He lost the 2014 Florida gubernatorial election in which he was a Republican. He then switched parties again and was elected to represent Florida's 13th District as a Democrat.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-13
Elected: 2016

Education: University of Florida,
B.A., 1978
Samford University Law School,
J.D., 1981

Religion: Methodist

Family: Married (Carole Rome), 2
stepchildren

Contact: (202) 225-5961
CHOB Room 427
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors expanding Obamacare
- Supports same sex marriage
- Supports lifting the U.S. embargo against Cuba
- Favors environmental protection measures
- As governor, Crist supported capital punishment
- Shifted from strictly pro-life in his early career to a more nuanced position on abortion as a Democrat

Committees

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General

Charlie Crist (D)	Votes: 184,693	Percent: 51.9%
David Jolly (R)	Votes: 171,149	Percent: 48.1%

Rep. Brian Mast

Biography

Brian Mast was born in Grand Rapids, MI in 1980. He enlisted in the U.S. Army out of high school and served from 2000 to 2012, filling a variety of different roles, including explosive ordnance disposal, airborne infantry and combat engineer, and ultimately ending up at the U.S. Army's Joint Special Operations Command. Mast sustained severe injuries from an accident that occurred while he was serving in Afghanistan, and he received awards for valor, merit, sacrifice and achievement. Since his retirement from the army, he has worked in the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Emergency Operations and thereafter as an explosive specialist with the TSA.

Biography

Position Elected:
House Representative, FL-18
Elected: 2016

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Education:
Palm Beach Atlantic U. 2000-2002
American Military U. 2008-2010
Harvard Extension School, ALB, 2013-2015

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Religion: Christian

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Family: Married (Brianna)m 3 children

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Contact: (202) 225-3026
RHOB Room 2182
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly against Obamacare

- Strongly against abortion

- Supports building the Keystone XL pipeline

- Does not support gun-control legislation

- Does not support government funding for the development of renewable energy

Committees

Committee on Foreign Affairs

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Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Election Results

2016 General

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Brian Mast (R)	Votes: 201,488	Percent: 53.6%
Randy Perkins (D)	Votes: 161,918	Percent: 43.1%

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Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Almanac 2016; votesmart.org, 2016; LinkedIn, 2016.

Rep. Francis Rooney

Biography

Francis Rooney was born in Oklahoma in 1953. One of six children, Rooney earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in 1975 and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1978. Rooney has spent over three decades in business, serving as chairman of Rooney Holdings, Inc. and, since 2008, as chief executive officer of Manhattan Construction Group. Rooney has been an active participant in GOP politics, working to elect conservatives to office in Florida and throughout the U.S. He was appointed the U.S. ambassador to the Holy See in 2005, a position he held until 2008. Rooney has served on a number of boards and councils, including the Board of Advisors of the Panama Canal Authority and the Strategic Planning Committee of the St. Francis Health System. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Southwest Florida and have three children and two grandchildren. Rooney defeated his opponent in the race to represent Florida's 19th congressional district, Robert Neeld, in November 2016, winning by 66% to 34%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, FL-19
Elected: 2016

Education:
Georgetown University, A.B. 1975;
Georgetown University Law
Center, J.D. 1978

Religion: Roman Catholic

Family: Married (Kathleen), 3 children, 2 grandchildren

Contact: (202) 225-2536
CHOB Room 120
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly opposes the Affordable Care Act
- Strongly favors reducing spending and the national debt
- Strongly supports the Second Amendment
- Favors congressional term limits

Committees

Joint Economic Committee

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Election Results

2016 General

Francis Rooney (R)	Votes: 239,225	Percent: 65.9%
Robert Neeld (D)	Votes: 123,812	Percent: 34.1%

Rep. Drew Ferguson

Biography

Born and raised in West Point, Georgia, Drew Ferguson earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and his degree in dental medicine from the Medical College of Georgia. After completing his education, Ferguson established a family dental practice and joined the faculty of the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry in 1998. As an active participant in his local community, Ferguson served on the West Point Board of Alderman, the West Point 2100 Foundation Board, the West Point Development Authority and the Valley Partnership of Joint Economic Development. Elected as the mayor of West Point in 2008, Ferguson has focused on cutting bureaucratic red tape and lowering the barriers for local businesses. Ferguson and his wife, Elizabeth, have four children. Ferguson defeated his opponent in the race to represent Georgia's 3rd district, Angela Pendley, in November 2016, winning by 68% to 32%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, GA-3
Elected: 2016

Education:
The University of Georgia , B.A. 1988;
Medical College of Georgia, D.M.D. 1992

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Elizbeth), 4 children

Contact: (202) 225-5901
LHOB Room 1032
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors strengthening the military
- Supports a constitutional amendment that would place term limits on members of Congress
- Strongly opposes the Iran deal

Committees

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Election Results

2016 General

Drew Ferguson (R)	Votes: 207,218	Percent: 68.3%
Angela Pendley (D)	Votes: 95,969	Percent: 31.7%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; Ben Neims, "The Citizen Q&A — West Point Mayor Ferguson seeks 3rd district seat," The Citizen, March 16, 2016.

Rep. Colleen Hanabusa

Biography

Colleen Hanabusa was born on May 4, 1951 in Wai'anae, Hawaii. She received her B.A. in economics and sociology and M.A. in sociology from the University of Hawaii. She also earned her J.D. from the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law. After graduating from law school, Hanabusa built a successful private legal practice as a labor lawyer across several firms before founding her own, Colleen Hanabusa AALLC, in 1998. That November, Hanabusa was elected as the state senator for Hawaii's 21st District. She went on to serve as Senate majority leader from 2003 to 2007, when she became president of the Senate, the first woman to hold the role. In May 2010, Hanabusa unsuccessfully ran for the House of Representatives in a special election. She later won the Democratic primary in September and went on to win the 1st District in that year's regular election, and again in her 2012 reelection bid. Following the death of Senator Daniel Inouye, Hanabusa staged a bid for his seat in a 2014 election but lost to incumbent Brian Schatz, who had been picked to serve out the rest of Senator Inouye's term. In May 2016, Hanabusa's successor in the House, Mark Takai, announced he was not running for reelection. Hanabusa subsequently announced that she would once again run for her old seat. Takai later died of cancer, but not before endorsing Hanabusa as his successor. She also successfully ran in Hawaii's 2016 special election to finish Takai's term in the 114th Congress.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, HI-1
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of Hawaii at Manoa, B.A. 1973;
University of Hawaii at Manoa, M.A. 1975;
William S. Richardson School of Law, J.D. 1977

Religion: Buddhism

Family: Married (John Souza)

Contact: (202) 225-2726
CHOB Room 422
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly opposes efforts to privatize Social Security
- Opposes efforts to expand and support free trade
- Supports abortion rights
- Supports a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants
- Strongly opposes expanding the military

Committees

Committee on Natural Resources

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Colleen Hanabusa (D)	Votes: 129,083	Percent: 65.1%
Shirlene Ostrov (R)	Votes: 44,090	Percent: 22.2%

Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi

Biography

Krishnamoorthi was born in 1973 in India and raised in Peoria, Illinois, where he attended public schools and graduated as valedictorian of his high school class. Krishnamoorthi earned a B.S. summa cum laude in mechanical engineering from Princeton University in 1995 and a J.D. with honors from Harvard Law School in 2000. Following law school, Krishnamoorthi clerked for a federal judge in Chicago and later became a partner in the international law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. In 2004, he served as issues director for Barack Obama's U.S. Senate campaign, and in 2008 he was an advisor to his presidential campaign. Krishnamoorthi has also served as a special assistant attorney general in the Illinois District Attorney's Public Integrity Unit. Additionally, he was a member of the Illinois Housing Development Authority and Illinois Deputy Treasurer. Krishnamoorthi is currently the president of Sivananthan Labs and Episolar, Inc., a group of small businesses that develop and sell national security and renewable industry products. He is a co-founder of InSPIRE, a non-profit organization that provides training in solar technology to inner-city students and veterans, and a former vice-chairman of the Illinois Innovation Council. In 2016, Krishnamoorthi ran for representative of Illinois' eighth district following incumbent Tammy Duckworth's Senate run. He went on to defeat Pete DiCianni in the November 2016 elections.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, IL-8
Elected: 2016

Education:
Princeton University, B.S. 1995;
Harvard University, J.D. 2000

Religion: Hindu

Family: Married (Priya), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-3711
CHOB Room 515
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Favors investing in clean energy technologies

- Strongly supports abortion rights

- Supports raising the minimum wage to $10.10

- Supports opposes privatized Social Security and Medicare

- Favors "common-sense" gun regulation, including regulation to stop suspected terrorists from buying guns

Committees

Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Election Results

2016 General

Raja Krishnamoorthi (D)	Votes: 144,954	Percent: 58.3%
Pete DiCianni (R)	Votes: 103,617	Percent: 41.7%

Rep. Brad Schneider

Biography

Brad Schneider was born on August 20, 1961 in Denver, Colorado. He received a bachelor's of science in industrial engineering from Northwestern University in 1983 and an M.B.A. from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management in 1988. Before beginning his political career, he worked primarily as a management consultant in Deerfield, Illinois helping family-owned businesses. He owned and managed a life insurance agency from 1997 to 2003. In 2008, he started his own consulting company, Cadence Consulting Group. He is very active with the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Schneider represented Illinois's 10th district from 2013 to 2015, serving on the House Committees on Small Business and Foreign Affairs, but he lost his 2014 re-election bid in a rematch against former Republican Congressman Robert Dold, the incumbent whom Schneider had beaten by only 3,326 votes in 2012. Schneider was able to reclaim his seat in 2016, facing Dold for the third time. Schneider won the general election with 52% of the vote.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, IL-10
Elected: 2016

Education:
Northwestern University, B.S. 1983; Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, M.B.A. 1988

Religion: Judaism

Family: Married (Julie Dann), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-4835
LHOB Room 1432
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports stronger gun regulations
- Supports overturning Citizens United and campaign finance reform
- Favors affordable education
- Favors Clean Power Plan
- Supports Obamacare
- Supports DREAM Act and DACA/DAPA
- Favors providing economic aid to Ukraine
- Opposes privatization of Social Security
- Opposes increased restrictions on abortion

Committees

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Committee on the Judiciary

Election Results

2016 General

Brad Schneider (D)	Votes: 150,435	Percent: 52.6%
Robert Dold (R)	Votes: 135,535	Percent: 47.4%

Rep. Darin LaHood

Biography

LaHood was first elected to the House in the 2015 special election following the resignation of Rep. Aaron Schock. From 2011 to 2015, LaHood was a member of the Illinois State Senate. Prior to that, he served as a professor at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and a prosecutor for the US Attorney for Nevada. LaHood endorsed presidential candidate Marco Rubio in the 2016 presidential election. For the 2016 campaign, LaHood ran on a platform against Obamacare, as well as a promise to provide jobs, to cut spending and to bolster national security. LaHood defeated his opponent in the race to represent Illinois's 18th congressional district, Junius Rodriguez, in November 2016, winning by 72.2% to 27.8%.

Biography

Currently:
Representative, IL-18
Elected: 2015
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Education:
Loras College, B.A.; John Marshall Law School, J.D.
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Religion: Catholic
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Family: Married (Kristen) , 3 children
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Contact: (202) 225-6201
LHOB Room 1424
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly against Obamacare
- Wants to cut federal spending
- Treatment for opioid abuse

Committees

House Committee on Science, Space and Technology
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House Committee on Natural Resources
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Joint Economic Committee

Election Results

2015 General
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Darin LaHood (R)	Votes: 250,506	Percent: 72.1%
Junius Rodriguez (D)	Votes: 96,770	Percent: 27.9%

Sources: National Journal Almanac, 2016.

Rep. Jim Banks

Biography

Jim Banks was born in Columbia City, IN in 1979. Banks earned his undergraduate degree from Indiana University and his MBA from Grace College and Seminary, and he is now a commercial real estate broker for the Bradley Company in Fort Wayne. He was elected to the state general assembly in 2010. He is the chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs and the Military Committee. In addition, he serves on the Education & Workforce Development, Pensions & Labor and Homeland Security & Transportation Committees. He is in the U.S. Navy Reserve and took a leave of absence from the Indiana State Senate in 2014 and 2015 in order to deploy to Afghanistan. His wife, Amanda Banks, took his place in office and acted as state senator. Jim Banks won the primary for the open seat with 34% of the vote. He went on to defeat Democratic challenger Tommy Schrader with 70% of votes

Biography

Position Elected:
House Representative, IN-3
Elected: 2016

Education:
Indiana University at Bloomington, B.A.;
Grace College, M.B.A.

Religion: Evangelical

Family: Married (Amanda), 3 children

Contact: (202) 225-4436
CHOB Room 509
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly against Obamacare
- Strongly against abortion
- Supports building the Keystone XL pipeline
- Does not support gun-control legislation

Committees

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Jim Banks (R)	Votes: 201,396	Percent: 70.1%
Tommy Schrader (D)	Votes: 66,023	Percent: 23%

Rep. Trey Hollingsworth

Biography

Joseph A. "Trey" Hollingsworth III was born on September 12, 1983 and raised in Clinton, Tennessee. In September 2015, Hollingsworth moved to Jeffersonville, Indiana, just one month before deciding to run for the open seat vacated by Todd Young (R), who decided to run for Senate. During the primary, Hollingsworth flooded the airwaves with ads touting his business acumen and outsider status to defeat four other GOP candidates – Attorney General Greg Zoeller, state Senators Erin Houchin and Brent Waltz, and Robert Hall. At the age of 15, Hollingsworth made news when a Washington Post columnist wrote an article on the teenager's experience at an entrepreneurship camp in Oregon titled, "How I got rich on my summer vacation." After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004, Hollingsworth became a managing partner and majority owner of his family's company Hollingsworth Capital Partners, which focused on refurbishing vacant factories. The company grew rapidly and acquired holdings in the South and Midwest. In 2008, Hollingsworth and a group of partners opened Alexin, an aluminum casting plant in Indiana. During the general election, Hollingsworth repeatedly attacked Shelli Yonder for aligning with Hillary Clinton's policies. Yonder, whose roots in the Hoosier state run deep, repeatedly attacked Hollingsworth as newcomer who attempted to purchase the district's Congressional seat. In the end, Hollingsworth prevailed in the Republican leaning district due to his anti-establishment message and business credentials.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, IN-9
Elected: 2016

Education:
U. of Pennsylvania, B.A., 2004

Religion: Christian

Family: Married (Kelly)

Contact: (202) 225-5315
LHOB Room 1641
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports simplifying and flattening the tax code

- In favor of repealing the Affordable Care Act

- In favor of Congressional term limits

- Opposes a pathway to legal status for undocumented immigrants and prioritizes strengthening U.S. borders

- Opposes new restrictions on gun purchases

- Pro-life

Committees

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General

Trey Hollingsworth (R)	Votes: 174,791	Percent: 54.1%
Sheli Yoder (D)	Votes: 130,627	Percent: 40.5%

Rep. Roger Marshall

Biography

Roger Marshall is an OB-GYN in Great Bend, Kansas. He was born in El Dorado, Kansas on August 9, 1960. He has been married to his wife Laina for 32 years and is the father of four children. He also served as chairman of the board of Great Bend Regional Hospital for 14 years. A lifelong Republican, Dr. Marshall is committed to bring his medical and family experience to Congress. He has served seven years in the Army Reserves, where he trained a mobile hospital support unit, rising to the rank of captain. He is also a board member of Farmers Bank and Trust, and served as commissioner of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism before running for Congress. Marshall beat out Republican incumbent Tim Huelskamp in a fierce primary where over $2.5 million was spent between the two candidates.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, KS-1
Elected: 2016

Education:
Kansas State University, B.S.; M.D

Religion: Christian

Family: Married (Laina), 4 children, 1 grandchild

Contact: (202) 225-2715
CHOB Room 312
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Wants to repeal Obamacare
- Pro-life
- Supports 2nd Amendment rights

Committees

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Committee on Agriculture

Election Results

2016 General

Roger Marshall (R)	Votes: 169,992	Percent: 65.9%
Kerry Burt (L)	Votes: 67,739	Percent: 26.3%
Alan LaPolice (I)	Votes: 19,366	Percent: 7.5%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. James Comer

Biography

James Comer was born on August 19, 1972 and grew up in rural Monroe County, Kentucky. He always dreamed of becoming a farmer. After graduating from Western Kentucky University he borrowed $120,000 to purchase his first farm and began his business. Today that business is one of the largest farming operations in south central Kentucky. He served for 11 years in the Kentucky House of Representatives and was the Kentucky commissioner of agriculture from 2012 to 2016. He has three kids with his wife Tamara Jo. After a close primary run for governor in 2015, he switched to running for Congress and earned 60% of the vote in his primary. Comer defeated Democratic challenger Sam Gaskins in the general election with 73% of the vote.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, KY-1
Elected: 2016

Education:
Western Kentucky Uni., B.A. 1993

Religion: Baptist

Family: Married (Tamera Jo), 3 children

Contact: (202) 225-3115
LHOB Room 1513
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution
- Supports the 2nd Amendment
- Pro-life
- Opposes gay marriage
- Opposes amnesty and sanctuary cities
- Supports building a wall along the southern border

Committees

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Agriculture

Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

Election Results

2016 General

James Comer (R)	Votes: 216,959	Percent: 72.6%
Sam Gaskins (D)	Votes: 81,710	Percent: 27.3%

Rep. Clay Higgins

Biography

Clay Higgins was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and is the seventh of eight siblings. He grew up in Covington, Louisiana and attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Higgins served in the Military Police Corps of the U.S. Army and the National Guard for six years before becoming the manager of a car dealership in Opelousas, Louisiana. He then became a reserve officer for the Opelousas Police Department. He spent four years there, then moved to the Port Barre Police Department for three years. Higgins then joined the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office in 2011, where he eventually became the public information officer. He then got promoted to captain. While he was public information officer, Higgins made videos for Crime Stoppers that ultimately went viral. He garnered the nickname "Cajun John Wayne." In February 2016 he resigned because of controversy over one of his videos. In March he became a reserve deputy marshal in Lafayette. In the jungle primary on November 8th, 2016 for Louisiana's 3rd congressional district, Higgins came in second behind Scott Angelle. He then won the runoff election in December with 56.1% of the vote.

Biography

Currently:
Representative, LA-3
Elected: 2016

Education:
Louisiana State University

Religion: Christian

Family: Married (Becca), 4 children (1 deceased)

Contact: (202) 225-2031
LHOB Room 1711
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Opposes bans on oil and gas exports
- Supports repealing Obamacare
- Supports Trump's tough stance on immigration
- Supports an absolute right to gun ownership

Committees

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Homeland Security

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Election Results

2016 General

Clay Higgins (R)	Votes: 77,671	Percent: 56.1%
Scott Angelle (R)	Votes: 60,762	Percent: 43.9%

Sources: National Journal Almanac, 2017; Ballotpedia, 2017; Paulina Firozi, "Clay Higgins wins LA House seat," The Hill, December 10, 2016..

Rep. Mike Johnson

Biography

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

Biography

Currently:
Representative, LA-4
Elected: 2016

Education:
Louisiana State, B.A., J.D.

Religion: Southern Baptist

Family: Married (Kelly), 4 children

Contact: (202) 225-2777
CHOB Room 327
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly opposes expanding Obamacare
- Strongly favors pro-life legislation
- Strongly opposes gun-control legislation
- Opposes national environment policy
- Favors lowering taxes
- Favors illegal immigrants returning to country of origin
- Favors strengthening borders

Committees

Committee on the Judiciary

Committee on Natural Resources

Election Results

2016 General

| Mike Johnson (R) | Votes: 87,370 | Percent: 65.2% |
| Marshall Jones (D) | Votes: 46,579 | Percent: 34.8% |

Rep. Anthony Brown

Biography

Anthony Brown was born on November 21, 1961, in Huntington, New York. He attended Harvard College, where he majored in government and joined the Army ROTC program. After graduating in 1984, Brown was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army. He later completed a tour of active duty in Germany as a helicopter pilot with the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, where he reached the rank of aviation officer. He remained an active member of the Army Reserve — where he is currently a lieutenant colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corps — and completed short tours in Panama and Canada after his time in Europe. Brown entered Harvard Law School after his tour of duty and graduated in 1992, going on to clerk for then-Chief Judge Eugene Sullivan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Starting in 1999, Brown served four consecutive terms in the Maryland House of Delegates, where he represented the state's 25th legislative district. He served as Majority Whip in the House from 2004 to 2006. In 2004, Brown was deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he served with the 353rd Civil Affairs Command as a senior consultant to Iraqi Ministry of Displacement and Migration. He earned the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Iraq. In 2006, he ran for the position of lieutenant governor of Maryland, sharing the ticket with Martin O'Malley. O'Malley and Brown won the election and were later reelected in 2010. From 2010 to 2011, Brown served as chair of the National Lieutenant Governors Association. He ran for governor in Maryland's 2014 elections but lost Republican Larry Hogan. In 2016 he successfully ran for Congress, where he represents Maryland's fourth district.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, MD-4
Elected: 2016

Education:
Harvard College, B.A. 1984;
Harvard University, J.D. 1992

Religion: Roman Catholic

Family: Married (Karmen Bailey Walker), 2 children, 1 step-child

Contact: (202) 225-8699
LHOB Room 1505
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly opposes efforts to privatize Social Security

- Supports raising the federal minimum wage to $15 per hour

- Supports President Obama's proposal to make community college free

- Supports a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and President Obama's DACA and DAPA programs

- Favors "common-sense" gun regulation, including regulation to stop suspected terrorists from buying guns

Committees

Committee on Ethics

Committee on Natural Resources

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Anthony Brown (D)	Votes: 237,501	Percent: 74.1%
George McDermott (R)	Votes: 68,670	Percent: 21.4%
Benjamin Lee Krause (L)	Votes: 8,204	Percent: 2.6%
Kamesha Clark (G)	Votes: 5,744	Percent: 1.8%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; Anthonybrown.com; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Jamie Raskin

Biography

Jamie Raskin was born on December 13, 1962 in Washington DC. He graduated from Harvard University with a bachelor's Degree in government in 1983 and from Harvard Law School in 1987, where he was editor of the law review. Shortly after graduating law school, Jamie Raskin joined American University Washington College of Law as a faculty member specializing in constitutional law. In 2006, he ran for the Maryland State Senate where he upset the 32-year incumbent and former President Pro Tem of the Senate Ida Ruben. In 2012, Raskin was promoted to majority whip of the Maryland State Senate. During his time there, he was a major advocate for criminal justice and environmental reform, proposing policies to reform mandatory minimums for drug sentencing and instituting requirements for all state agencies and institutions to follow green purchasing rules and have composting and recycling plans. After Rep. Chris Van Hollen decided to pursue bid for the Senate, Raskin announced that he would run for the open House seat. In the primary, he beat eight competitors and gained 33.6% of the vote in the primary. In the general election, Raskin ran against Dan Cox and beat him in the safe Democratic district by a vote of 59% to 36%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, MD-8
Elected: 2016

Education:
Harvard University, B.A. 1983;
Harvard University, J.D.. 1985;

Religion: Jewish

Family: Married (Sarah Bloom), 3 children

Contact: (202) 225-5341
CHOB Room 431
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Favors expanding Obamacare
- Strongly favors prioritizing green energy
- Strongly opposes vouchers for school choice
- Strongly opposes privatized Social Security
- Favors strong regulation of the fracking industry at the federal level
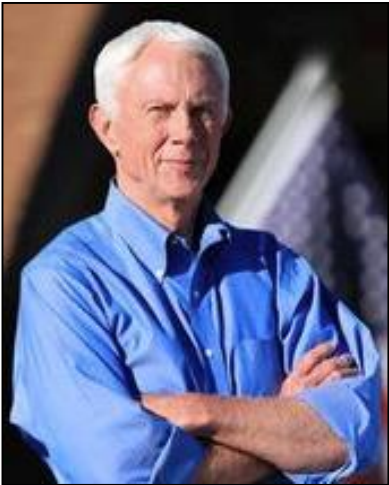
Committees

Joint Committee on Printing

Committee on the Judiciary

Committee on Administration

Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

Election Results

2016 General

Jamie Raskin (D)	Votes: 220,657	Percent: 60.6%
Dan Cox (R)	Votes: 124,651	Percent: 34.2%

Rep. Jack Bergman

Biography

Retired three-star Marine Corps Lt. Gen. John W. "Jack" Bergman was born in February 1947 and grew up in Minnesota. Prior to running for Congress, Bergman's military service spanned 40 years, from 1969 to 2009, during which he served as commanding general of the Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North. Bergman also has experience as a pilot for Northwest Airlines and in the medical equipment field. Following Rep. Dan Benishek's (R) decision to not run for reelection, Bergman defeated Michigan State Senator Tom Casperson and former Michigan State Senator Jason Allen in the district's primary. In the general election, Bergman prevailed over Democrat Lon Johnson in the mostly rural district that encompasses all of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and the upper third of the lower peninsula. Hotly contested issues in the race revolved around whether either candidate was truly from the 1st district and Social Security reform. Despite Johnson's fundraising advantage, Bergman ultimately won the tough-fought race, in part, by appealing to his status as a political outsider.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, MI-1
Elected: 2016

Education:
Gustavus Adolphus College, B.A. 1969
U. of West Florida, M.B.A

Religion: Lutheran

Family: Married (Cindy), 5 children, 8 grandchildren

Contact: (202) 225-4735
CHOB Room 414
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

- In favor of repealing the Affordable Care Act

- Supports a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution

- Pro-life

- Opposes a pathway to legal status for undocumented immigrants

Committees

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Natural Resources

Election Results

2016 General

| Jack Bergman (R) | Votes: 197,777 | Percent: 54.9% |
| Lon Johnson (D) | Votes: 144,334 | Percent: 40.1% |

Rep. Paul Mitchell

Biography

Paul Mitchell was born on November 14, 1956 in Boston and is the oldest of seven siblings. Mitchell graduated from Michigan State University and went on to work for the State of Michigan and Chrysler. He then became an Operating Partner at Huron Capital Partners, LLC and specialized in the Consumer Education sector. In 2005, he partnered with Huron to recapitalize the business and provide capital for a renewed growth strategy. Mitchell served as a commissioner with the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools and as chairperson of the Health Education Leadership Coalition. He serves as a board member of the Michigan Association of Career Colleges and Schools. In 1985 he joined Ross Education and was CEO of Ross Education for six years starting in 2011. His key initiatives at Ross Education included adding new programs, opening seven new branch locations, completed a strategic add-on acquisition and making substantial investments in people, facilities and systems.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, MI-10
Elected: 2016

Education:
Michigan State University, B.A.;
Attended the School of Labor and Industrial Relations at Michigan State University

Religion: Protestant

Family: Married (Sherry), 6 children

Contact: (202) 225-2106
CHOB Room 211
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors the growth of the "Defense Corridor" in Michigan's 10th district
- Favors eliminating Obamacare and replacing it with market based healthcare reform
- Strongly opposes the "regulatory burden" of agencies like the EPA
- Opposes the estate tax
- Favors work requirements for welfare programs

Committees

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

Committee on Tranpsortation & Infrastructure

Election Results

2016 General

Paul Mitchell (R)	Votes: 215,132	Percent: 63.1%
Frank Accavitti (D)	Votes: 110,112	Percent: 32.3%
Lisa Lane Gioia (L)	Votes: 10,612	Percent: 3.1%

Sources: Bloomberg, Executive Profile Paul Mitchell; Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Jason Lewis

Biography

Jason Lewis, born in 1955, was a conservative radio talk show host for more than two decades. Lewis began his career in the private sector: his grandfather had started Lewis Motor Supply Inc., and the family owned the company until the mid-1980s. He ran for Congress in Colorado in 1990 while working towards his master's degree but lost in a liberal district. Lewis subsequently went into talk radio. He had a series of successful shows and notably he worked as the co-host of a public affairs program on Minnesota Public Television. He wrote a book, *Power Divided is Power Checked,* in 2010 on the importance of states' rights.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, MN-2
Elected: 2016

Education:
U. of Northern Iowa, B.A.;
U. of Colorado Denver, M.A.

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Leigh), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-2271
CHOB Room 418
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly against Obamacare
- Wants to cut federal spending
- Supports pro-life legislation
- Supports building the Keystone XL pipeline

Committees

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Election Results

2016 General

Jason Lewis (R)	Votes: 173,970	Percent: 47.0%
Angie Craig (D)	Votes: 167,315	Percent: 45.2%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Almanac 2017; votesmart.org, 2016.

Rep. Don Bacon

Biography

Don Bacon was born in 1964. He grew up on a farm in the Midwest. He worked his way through college, where he studied political science. He graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1984. After graduating, Bacon joined the Air Force and served for almost 30 years, retiring as a brigadier general. He deployed four times during his career to the Middle East, including commanding an electronic warfare squadron during the invasion of Iraq. While in the Air Force, he won a Distinguished Service Medal, two Legion of Merits awards and two Bronze Stars. In 2009, he was selected as Europe's top Air Force wing commander. After leaving the Air Force, Bacon worked for Congressman Jeff Fortenberry as his military advisor. He is now an assistant professor at Bellevue University, where he teaches courses on leadership and American values course. Bacon lives in Papillion, Nebraska with wife and four children.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NE-2
Elected: 2016

Education:
Northern Illinois University, B.A. 1984;
University of Phoenix, M.S.M., 1995

Religion: Christian

Family: Married (Angie), 4 children

Contact: (202) 225-4155
LHOB Room 1516
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors strong national defense
- Supports increased restrictions on abortion
- Strongly favors repealing Obamacare

Committees

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Agriculture

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Don Bacon (R)	Votes: 141,066	Percent: 48.9%
Brad Ashford (D)	Votes: 137,602	Percent: 47.7%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Jacky Rosen

Biography

Jacky Rosen was born in 1957 and raised in Chicago. The first in her family to graduate college, Rosen attended the University of Minnesota, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1979. During her time at school, she discovered an affinity for computer science, and developed her skills independently in the school's math lab in her free time. Her parents moved to Las Vegas while she was in college, so following graduation, Rosen moved west too, where she worked at Summa Corporation as a computer programmer and stayed there throughout the 1980s. Rosen then worked at Southwest Gas, before starting her own consulting firm. She has also been involved with her faith-based community, serving as the president of Congregation Ner Tamid until this June. During her time as president, Rosen worked on issues such as energy conservation, senior taxes and homelessness. Rosen defeated Republican Danny Tarkanian in the general election to win the congressional seat, after defeating five opponents in the Democratic primary in June 2016.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NV-3
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of Minnesota, B.A., 1979

Religion: Jewish

Family: Married (Larry), 1 child

Contact: (202) 2252-3252
CHOB Room 413
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports comprehensive immigration reform with an earned pathway to citizenship
- Supports universal background checks on gun sales
- Opposes defunding Planned Parenthood
- Opposes privatizing the VA system
- Opposes the privatization of Social Security

Committees

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Election Results

2016 General

Jacky Rosen (D)	Votes: 146,869	Percent: 47.2%
Danny Tarkanian (R)	Votes: 142,926	Percent: 46.0%

Rep. Ruben Kihuen

Biography

Ruben Kihuen was born on April 25, 1980 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. He moved to the United States when he was eight years old. Kihuen's father was a labor worker in Orange County, California before the family moved to Las Vegas in the 1990s when he became a middle school science teacher. Kihuen graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with a Bachelor of Science in education. In high school and college he volunteered for the campaigns of Senator Harry Reid, Virginia Governor Mark Warner, and Houston Mayor Lee Brown. As of 2011, Kihuen was enrolled in the Master of Public Administration degree at the University of Oklahoma. In 2002 Kihuen became a deputy field director for the Nevada Democratic Party then served as regional representative to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. He also worked as a student recruiter and academic advisor for the College of Southern Nevada. He was first elected to the state assembly in 2006 and served two terms before running for state senate in 2010. In 2013 he served as the state's majority whip for the Democrats in the Senate. In 2016, Kihuen defeated Republican first term incumbent Cresent Hardy for the House seat representing Nevada's 4th congressional district. Kihuen was also the only 2016 House recruit to speak at the Democratic National Convention.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NV-4
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of Nevada, B.S., 2004;
University of Oklahoma

Religion: Catholic

Contact: (202) 225-9894
CHOB Room 313
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors free college education
- Strongly favors raising the minimum wage
- Supports a pathway to citizenship for undocumented residents
- Opposes the repeal of the ACA

Committees

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General		
Ruben Kihuen (D)	Votes: 128,985	Percent: 48.5%
Cresent Hardy (R)	Votes: 118,328	Percent: 44.5%

Rep. Carol Shea-Porter

Biography

Carol Shea-Porter was born on December 2, 1952 in New York City and is a direct descendant of John Stark, a general in the Continental Army who coined the term "live free or die," which is now New Hampshire's motto. She grew up in the Seacoast Region of New Hampshire. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.A. in social services and a master's in public administration. Before getting involved in politics she worked as a social worker and community college instructor and lived in Colorado, Louisiana and Maryland. In 2004 she worked for General Wesley Clark's presidential campaign and volunteered for John Kerry's presidential run. Shea-Porter became the first woman to represent New Hampshire in the House of Representatives when she was elected in the 1st district in 2006. She lost her seat to Frank Guinta, the then mayor of Manchester, in 2010, but regained it narrowly in 2012. She lost the seat again to Guinta in 2014 by four points. She most recently regained the seat in the 2016 election.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NH-1
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of New Hampshire,
B.A., 1975; M.A. 1979

Religion: Roman Catholic

Family: Married (Gene), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-5456
LHOB Room 1530
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors expanding Obamacare
- Pro-choice
- Favors higher taxes on the wealthy
- Favors legalization of marijuana
- Strongly opposes the idea that stricter punishment reduces crime
- Opposes the Keystone XL Pipeline
- Opposes military expansion

Committees

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Carol Shea-Porter (D)	Votes: 162,080	Percent: 44.3%
Frank Guinta (R)	Votes: 157,176	Percent: 43.0%

Sources: Sheaporter.com; Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Josh Gottheimer

Biography

Josh Gottheimer, born in 1975, to a nursery school teacher and a father who started his own business when he was 18. Josh was born and raised in New Jersey. He was first introduced to politics as a high school student when he served as a United States Senate Page for Frank Lautenberg. Josh left New Jersey to attend the University of Pennsylvania, after which he became a Thouron Fellow at Oxford. Upon returning from Oxford, Gottheimer joined the Clinton Administration in 1998 as a speechwriter and stayed there until 2001. He had previously worked on the rapid response team for Bill Clinton during his 1996 reelection campaign. After leaving the Clinton Administration, Gottheimer attended law school at Harvard University. He simultaneously worked for Wesley Clark's 2004 presidential campaign and John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign. After the 2004 election, Gottheimer worked for the Ford Motor Company and eventually became the executive vice president for Burson-Marsteller. Gottheimer also served at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and was its first Director of Public-Private Initiatives. Gottheimer currently works as a General Manager for corporate strategy. His race against incumbent Scott Garrett was heavily funded as Democrats fought to unseat Garret, a seven-term Republican frequently labeled as one of the most conservative members of Congress.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NJ-5
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1997;
Harvard University, J.D., 2004

Religion: Jewish

Family: Married (Marla Brooke Tusk), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-4465
CHOB Room 213
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports the unrestricted right of a woman's right to choose
- Supports government funding for the development of renewable energy
- Supports gun-control legislation
- Opposes repealing the Affordable Care Act
- Supports increases in infrastructure spending
- Opposes raising taxes

Committees

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General

Josh Gottheimer (D)	Votes: 172,587	Percent: 51.1%
Scott Garrett (R)	Votes: 157,690	Percent: 47.2%

Rep. Tom Suozzi

Biography

Tom Suozzi was born in 1962 in Glen Cove, NY. Suozzi attended Chaminade High School before earning his undergraduate degree from Boston College in 1984 and his law degree from Fordham University School of Law in 1989. Suozzi was the mayor of Glen Cove from 1994-2001 and the Nassau County executive from 2002-2009. In 2004, Suozzi spearheaded FixAlbany.com, an initiative that targeted corruption in New York state politics and sought to enact a limit on local Medicaid expenses. He also led a state commission that put forth the first cap on property taxes, which was subsequently passed into law. Currently of counsel at Harris Beach, Suozzi has previously served as a senior advisor at investment banking firm Lazard, a litigator at Shearman & Sterling, a law clerk for the chief judge of the Eastern District and an auditor for Arthur Andersen & Co. Suozzi and his wife Helene have three children. Suozzi defeated his opponent in the race to represent New York's 3rd congressional district, Jack Martins, in November 2016.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NY-3
Elected: 2016

Education:
Boston College, B.A., 1984;
Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1989

Religion: Roman Catholic

Family: Married (Helene), 3 children

Contact: (202) 225-3335
CHOB Room 226
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports Hillary Clinton's "New College Compact"
- Strongly favors prioritizing green energy
- Strongly opposes privatized Social Security
- Favors the use of NY tax money to invest in local infrastructure projects

Committees

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Tom Suozzi (D)	Votes: 171,775	Percent: 53.0%
Jack Martins (R)	Votes: 152,304	Percent: 47.0%

Rep. Adriano Espaillat

Biography

Adriano Espaillat was born on September 27, 1954 in Santiago, Dominican Republic. He graduated from Bishop Dubois High School in New York City in 1974 and graduated Queens College with a B.S. in political science in 1978. Shortly after graduating, Adriano Espaillat completed postgraduate courses in public administration at New York University and the Rutgers University Leadership for Urban Executives Institute. Early on in his career in public service, Espaillat was involved in legal affairs, serving as a court services coordinator at the NYC Criminal Justice Agency and later on becoming a certified resolution mediator for the Washington Heights Inwood Conflict Resolutions and Medication Center. In the 1990s, he served on Community Planning Board 12, as director of the Washington Heights Victims Services Community Office, and as the director of Project Right Start, a national initiative designed to combat substance abuse by educating parents of pre-K students. In 1996, Espaillat ran for New York State Assembly and defeated 16-year incumbent John Murtaugh making him the first Dominican-American elected to a state legislature. In 2002, he was elected chair of the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus. In 2010, Espaillat ran for New York State Senate and defeated Assemblyman Guillermo Linares. After incumbent Charles Rangel decided not to run for reelection, Espaillat filed to run for Congress where he beat eight Democratic challengers with 36% of the vote. He later went on to win the general election, beating Republican nominee Tony Evans with a vote of 89% to 7%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NY-13
Elected: 2016

Education:
Queens University, B.S., 1978

Religion: Roman Catholic

Family: Married (Marthera Madera), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-4365
LHOB Room 1630
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Favors expanding Obamacare
- Strongly favors prioritizing green energy
- Strongly opposes vouchers for school choice
- Strongly opposes privatized Social Security
- Favors strong regulation of the fracking industry at the federal level

Committees

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Election Results

2016 General

Adriano Espaillat (D)	Votes: 207,194	Percent: 88.8%
Tony Evans (R)	Votes: 16,089	Percent: 6.9%
Daniel Rivera (G)	Votes: 8,248	Percent: 3.5%

Rep. John Faso

Biography

John Faso was born on August 25, 1952 in Massapequa, New York. Attending high school in Queens, Faso graduated in 1970 and went on to study at the State University of New York at Brockport. Following graduation, Faso worked as a Nassau County grants officer, before attending Georgetown University Law Center from 1976 to 1979. Faso then worked as a congressional staffer for Representative John Wydler (R-NY) from 1978 until 1981, in the New York State Senate Office in Washington from 1981 to 1983, and then as a commissioner for the New York State Legislature Bill Drafting Commission for three years. Faso also worked as counsel at Rapport, Meyers, Whitbeck, Shaw and Rodenhausen, and ran successfully for New York State Assembly in 1986, representing the 102nd district, a seat he would hold until 2002. In 1998, Faso became minority leader, and in 2002 he gave up his seat to run for state comptroller, but lost to Democrat Alan Hevisi. In 2003, he became a member of the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority and partner at Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, also lobbying the federal government in Washington, D.C. In 2006, Faso won the Republican nomination for New York governor, but lost in the general election to Elliot Spitzer. He also ran in the 2009 special election to fill Sen. Kristen Gillibrand's seat for representative of the 20th district of New York, but withdrew before the Republican primary. Faso won the Republican nomination for the 19th district congressional race in New York against Andrew Heaney, receiving incumbent Rep. Chris Gibson's endorsement.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NY-19
Elected: 2016

Education:
SUNY at Brockport, B.A., 1974;
Georgetown University Law
Center, J.D., 1979

Religion: Roman Catholic

Family: Married (Mary Frances), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-5614
LHOB Room 1616
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Opposes a federal assault weapons ban

- Supports repealing and replacing Obamacare

- Supports lowering taxes

- Opposes the use of US ground troops in Syria

- Opposed a measure enabling safe access to abortion clinics

Committees

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Agriculture

Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Election Results

2016 General

John Faso (R)	Votes: 166,171	Percent: 54.1%
Zephyr Teachout (D)	Votes: 141,224	Percent: 45.9%

Rep. Claudia Tenney

Biography

Claudia Tenney was born February 4, 1961 in New Harford, New York. Her father, John Tenney, was a New York State Supreme Court justice. She received her undergraduate degree from Colgate University before pursuing a law degree at the University of Cincinnati. She began her career with the Consulate General of Yugoslavia, where she served as an intermediary between ABC Sports and the Yugoslavian government leading up to the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo. In 1996, she started the Tenney Media Group and served as its publisher and corporate counsel. Tenney is also the moderator of a radio television show called "Common Cents." In 2010, she began her career in politics after winning election to the 115th Assembly District, which covers parts of Oswego and Oneida Counties. She won reelection in 2012 to the newly formed 101st District. In 2014, she ran for Congress in New York's 22nd District and was narrowly defeated by the incumbent.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NY-22
Elected: 2016

Education:
Colgate University, B.A., 1983;
University of Cincinnati, J.D., 1987

Religion: Presbyterian

Contact: (202) 225-3665
CHOB Room 512
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports the second amendment
- Opposes ObamaCare
- Opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership
- Supports pro-life legislation
- Opposes amnesty for illegal immigrants
- Supports lowering taxes as a means of promoting economic growth

Committees

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General

Claudia Tenney (R)	Votes: 129,444	Percent: 46.5%
Kim Myers (D)	Votes: 114,266	Percent: 41.1%

Rep. Ted Budd

Biography

Ted Budd was born on October 21, 1971 and raised on a cattle and commercial chicken farm in Davie County, North Carolina. Prior to being elected to Congress, Budd worked for his family's facility-services business, The Budd Group, and was the owner of ProShots, a shooting-sports retail store, training center and indoor range. Budd met his wife, Amy Kate Budd, while on a mission trip to the former Soviet Union. In February 2016, redistricting in North Carolina changed the constituency of the state's 13th district. Consequently, incumbent George Holding (R) decided to run for re-election in the North Carolina's 2nd district, thus opening the door for Budd to run without facing a powerful incumbent. Billing himself as a political outsider, Budd won a crowded 16-contender primary for North Carolina's 13th district, garnering less than 40% of the vote. Assisting in his victory, the Club for Growth Action backed Budd's candidacy and spent nearly $500,000 on his behalf. In the general election, Budd faced Democrat Bruce Davis, a Marine Corps military veteran. In the solidly Republican district, Budd prevailed over Davis in the general election.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, NC-13
Elected: 2016

Education:
Appalachian State U., B.S.B.A., 1994
Dallas Theological Seminary, Th.M., 1998
Wake Forest U, M.B.A., 2007

Religion: Christian

Family: Married (Amy Kate), 3 children

Contact: (202) 225-4531
CHOB Room 118
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports repealing the Affordable Care Act
- Pro-life
- Opposes additional restrictions on purchasing guns
- Supports construction of a border wall

Committees

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General

Ted Budd (R)	Votes: 199,443	Percent: 56.1%
Bruce Davis (D)	Votes: 156,049	Percent: 43.9%

Rep. Warren Davidson

Biography

Republican Warren Davidson was elected to Congress in a special election in 2016 following the resignation of John Boehner who served as the district's representative for 25 years. After graduating from West Point, Rep. Davidson served with distinction in the Old Guard, the 75th Ranger Regiment, and the 101st Airport Division. Davidson later returned to Ohio to work for his family's manufacturing business, an experience that inspired him to start his own business and get an MBA from Notre Dame. Rep. Davidson successfully transitioned his father's company from a small job shop to a large contract manufacturing company. He also founded and serves as president of Global Source Molds, a tool builder company. Ohio's 8th district is one of the most conservative in the state. Davidson has pledged to pay closer attention to the district as he has deep ties to the community. In the House, he is a member of the Freedom Caucus. On September 13th, Davidson introduced his first bill, which would require members of Congress to get their health care from the Veterans Affairs Department, a move he believes will give lawmakers a better understanding of the VA's issues. He is currently running for reelection. On November 8, 2016, Davidson won the general election to represent the 8th district for a full term.

Biography

Currently:
Representative, OH-8
Elected: 2016

Education:
U.S. Military Academy at West Point , B.A.
University of Notre Dame, MBA

Religion: Christian

Family: Married (Lisa Davidson), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-6205
Longworth House 1004
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors tough national defense against terrorism
- Strongly favors repealing Obamacare
- Strongly favors boarder security and opposes amnesty
- Strongly opposes abortion

Committees

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General Election

Warren Davidson (R)	Votes: 223,833	Percent: 68.8%
Steve Fought (D)	Votes: 87,794	Percent: 27.0%

Sources: Deirdre Shesgreen "Boehner's successor says he'll be more focused on the 8th district," Cincinnati Enquirer, June 10, 2016; Ballotpedia 2017; National Journal Almanac, 2017..

Rep. Dwight Evans

Biography

Dwight Evans was born on May 16, 1954 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and graduated from La Salle University in 1975. Shortly after graduating, Evans went on to work as a teacher in the school district of Philadelphia and for the Urban League as a community activist. In 1980, Dwight Evans ran for State Representative in the 203rd legislative district of Pennsylvania and won. During his tenure as state representative, Evans made education and gun violence a priority in his policy platform. In 1997, Evans crafted the Charter School Law, which increased the number of choices parents had in choosing elementary and secondary schools. In 2005, he was a main author of the Blueprint for a Safer Philadelphia, which advocated for Congressional leaders to be active in keeping handguns out of the hands of children, and he also passed a measure requiring a five-year mandatory sentence for possession of a firearm if the person has been convicted of two prior crimes involving serious violence or drug trafficking. In 1990, Evans became the first African American to serve on the House Appropriations Committee for the Pennsylvania State Legislature. Dwight Evans decided to run for Congress after Chaka Fattah was indicted on charges of bribery, money laundering, and mail fraud. In the primary, Dwight Evans beat three other candidates, including incumbent Chaka Fattah, with 42.3% of the vote. In the general election, he went on to beat Republican James Jones.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, PA-2
Elected: 2016

Education:
La Salle University, B.A, 1975

Religion: Baptist

Family: Married (Lisa), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-6205
LHOB Room 1004
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Favors expanding Obamacare
- Strongly favors prioritizing green energy
- Strongly opposes vouchers for school choice
- Strongly opposes privatized Social Security
- Favors strong regulation of the fracking industry at the federal level

Committees

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Science, Space & Technology

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General

Dwight Evans (D)	Votes: 322,514	Percent: 90.2%
James Jones (R)	Votes: 35,131	Percent: 9.8%

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick

Biography

Brian Fitzpatrick, born December 17th, 1973, is the brother of the incumbent, Mike Fitzpatrick, who is retiring. He was raised in Bucks County and attended LaSalle University, Penn State University and the Dickinson School of Law. Fitzpatrick graduated first in his academic class at Quantico, the FBI academy. He is a licensed certified public accountant and attorney. Brian Fitzpatrick has been an FBI special agent for the past 15 years and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was also the national director for the FBI's Campaign Finance and Election Crimes Enforcement Program and serves as a national supervisor for the FBI's Political Corruption Unit. In 2015, Fitzpatrick received the FBI Director's Leadership Award.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, PA-8
Elected: 2016

Education:
La Salle University, B.A., 1996;
Pennsylvania State University,
M.B.A., J.D., 2001

Religion: Roman Catholic

Contact: (202) 225-4276
CHOB Room 514
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports term limits for all Members of Congress
- Opposes Obamacare
- Supports equal pay for equal work legislation
- Supports interest-free student loans for certain educational programs
- Supports lowering taxes to promote economic growth

Committees

Committee on Small Business

Committee on Homeland Security

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Election Results

2016 General

Brian Fitzpatrick (R)	Votes: 207,263	Percent: 54.5%
Steve Santarsiero (D)	Votes: 173,555	Percent: 45.6%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Lloyd Smucker

Biography

Lloyd K. Smucker was born on January 23, 1964 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He attended Franklin & Marshall College and Lebanon Valley College, and later founded a commercial construction firm called Smucker Company. He served as president of the Smucker Company for 25 years. Smucker also served as a member of the West Lampeter Township Planning Commission for four years, and later as the township supervisor for two terms. He successfully ran for the Pennsylvania State Senate in 2008 representing the state's 13th district, and won reelection in 2012. During his time in the State Senate, Smucker chaired the Senate Education Committee and advocated for local control over educational standards and policy. He ran for Congress in 2016 after incumbent Joseph Pitts (R) retired and left an open seat for Pennsylvania's 16th district. Smucker defeated Chet Beiler in the Republican primary and successfully ran against Democrat Christina Hartman and Libertarian Shawn Patrick House.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, PA-16
Elected: 2016

Education:
Franklin & Marshall College;
Lebanon Valley College

Religion: Lutheran

Family: Married (Cindy), 3 children

Contact: (202) 225-2411
CHOB Room 516
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly supports repealing Obamacare
- Advocates for a stricter ban on illegal immigration and supports ending sanctuary cities
- Opposes Common Core requirements and supports local control of education policy
- Strongly opposes abortion rights
- Strongly opposes gun regulation

Committees

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Election Results

2016 General

Lloyd Smucker (R)	Votes: 168,669	Percent: 53.8%
Christina Hartman (D)	Votes: 134,586	Percent: 42.9%
Shawn Patrick House (L)	Votes: 10,518	Percent: 3.4%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Research, 2017.

Rep. David Kustoff

Biography

David Kustoff, born October 8th, 1966, won the Republican primary in Tennessee's 8th district in a crowded field with 13 candidates, edging out runner up George Flinn Jr. 27%-23%. Kustoff focused his campaign on fighting terror, law and order, ending illegal immigration, conservative social values and creating jobs. He opened a law firm in 1998 before being appointed US attorney for the Western District of Tennessee by President George W. Bush in 2006. He oversaw some of the Tennessee Waltz trials that sent Senator John Ford and 12 others to jail. In 2002, he ran unsuccessfully ran for Congress in Tennessee's 7th district, losing to Rep. Marsha Blackburn. Kustoff has a wife, Roberta, and two children. He sits on the board of BankTennessee, a community bank and on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, TN-8
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of Memphis, B.B.A., 1989; J.D., 1992

Family: Married (Roberta), 2 children

Religion: Jewish

Contact: (202) 225-4714
CHOB Room 508
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Opposes same-sex marriage
- Believes in the 'unequivocal right to keep and bear arms'
- Opposes Common Core education standards
- Opposes Obamacare

Committees

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General

David Kustoff (R)	Votes: 194,386	Percent: 68.8%
Rickey Hobson (D)	Votes: 70,925	Percent: 25.1%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Research, 2016.

Rep. Vicente Gonzalez

Biography

Vicente Gonzalez was born to a military family in Corpus Christi, Texas. His mother stressed the importance of education, which motivated Gonzalez to go back to school and get his GED. Afterwards, Gonzalez attended community college classes and eventually earned his B.A. at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. Soon after receiving his B.A., Gonzalez continued to heed his mother's advice, pursuing a law degree at Texas A&M. While in law school, Gonzalez interned in a Congressional office to learn more about government. After graduating from law school, Gonzalez founded his own law firm, V. Gonzalez and Associates P.C. The firm focuses on business litigation, catastrophic accidents and property damage. Gonzalez has taken on several major cases including helping South Texas school districts recover millions of dollars from contractors who misspent bond money. Gonzalez announced his candidacy for Texas's 15th congressional district in November 2015 after Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D) announced he was retiring. Gonzalez faced off against Edinburg School Board Member Juan "Sonny" Palacios, Jr in the Democratic primary. Gonzalez largely self-financed his campaign so he would not have to accept corporate contributions. Even though his campaign was self-financed, he outspent his rival substantially. He won the Democratic primary with 66% of the vote, and he went on to defeat Tim Westley in the general election.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, TX-15
Elected: 2016

Education:
Embry Riddle Aeronautical
University, B.A., 1992;
Texas A&M University, J.D., 1996;

Religion: Catholic

Family: Married (Lorena Saenz)

Contact: (202) 225-2531
CHOB Room 113
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports Obamacare but wants to reform it to expand access and contain costs
- Strongly opposes privatized Social Security
- Supports paying for the first two years of higher education
- Strongly supports military spending
- Supports paid family and maternity leave

Committees

Committee on Financial Services

Election Results

2016 General

| Vicente Gonzalez (D) | Votes: 101,712 | Percent: 57.3% |
| Tim Westley (R) | Votes: 66,877 | Percent: 37.7% |

Rep. Jodey Arrington

Biography

Jodey Arrington was born on March 9, 1972 in Plainview in Hale County, South Texas. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a B.A. in 1994 and a master's degree in 1997. In 1996, Arrington was hired by Governor George W. Bush as an appointments manager. After Bush's election as president in 2000, Arrington was asked to join the White House staff special assistant to the president and associate director of presidential personnel, where he served under Clay Johnson III. For the next year, Arrington briefed and made recommendations to the president, Vice-President Dick Cheney and Chief of Staff Andy Card. He specialized in appointments relating to energy, the environment and natural resources. In late December 2001, at age 28, Arrington became one of the youngest chiefs of staff in the history of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. After a year he moved back to Texas to become the chief of staff at the Texas Tech University System, including Texas Tech University, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and Angelo State University. It has over 40,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The system has a budget of roughly $1.3 billion and has campuses throughout the state. In 2014 he became president of Scott Laboratories in Lubbock, Texas. Arrington ran unsuccessfully in 2014 in a special election for the Texas State Senate district 28. He was defeated by fellow Republican Charles Perry, 53% to 30%, who still holds the seat. Arrington was the recipient of the 2003 Distinguished Public Service Award as part of the 22nd annual Center for Public Service Symposium in Lubbock, Texas.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, TX-19
Elected: 2016

Education:
Texas Tech University, B.A., 1994;
M.A., 1997

Religion: Christian

Family: Married (Anne), 3 children

Contact: (202) 225-4005
LHOB Room 1029
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Favors expanding border control and enforcing existing laws against illegal immigration
- Favors a stronger military presence on the world stage
- Strongly opposes EPA "overregulation" of agriculture and energy production
- Opposes abortion
- Opposes same sex marriage being legalized on a federal level
- Strongly favors protecting the right to bear arms

Committees

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Agriculture

Election Results

2016 General

Jodey Arrington (R)	Votes: 176,314	Percent: 86.7%
Troy Bonar (L)	Votes: 17,376	Percent: 8.5%
Mark Lawson (G)	Votes: 9,785	Percent: 4.8%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Scott Taylor

Biography

Scott Taylor was raised in Hebron, Maryland by a single mom. When he turned 11, he began working on a local farm. In 1997, after graduating high school, Scott enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Navy SEAL. Taylor served as a SEAL in South and Central America. He reenlisted after 9/11 and was sent to Iraq in 2005. While on a combat mission in Iraq, Scott was severely injured and eventually returned to the United States. Upon his return, Taylor became a security and asset protection advisor for multinational companies and a real estate broker. He first ran to represent Virginia's 2nd congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010. In 2013, he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates to represent the 85th district. While in office, he focused on energy, workforce and veterans' issues. Taylor is also an author, political commentator and contributing writer.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, VA-2
Elected: 2016
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Education:
Harvard University Extension
School, A.L.B., 2013
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Religion: Christian
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Family: 1 child
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Contact: (202) 225-4215
CHOB Room 412
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly favors defense procurement and acquisition reform and affordable benefits for military families

- Strongly favors repealing Obamacare

- Strongly opposes gun control

- Strongly opposes abortion

Committees

Committee on Appropriations
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Election Results

2016 General
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Scott Taylor (R)   Votes: 190,475   Percent: 61.3%
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Shaun Brown (D)   Votes: 119,440   Percent: 38.5%
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Rep. Donald McEachin

Biography

Donald McEachin was born in 1961 in Nuremberg, Germany, to an Army veteran and a public school teacher and grew up in Richmond, Virginia. McEachin graduated from American University with a bachelor's degree in political science and government and then went on to the University of Virginia School of Law for his J.D. From 1996 to 2002 and 2006 to 2008, McEachin served in the Virginia House of Delegates, the lower house of Virginia's state legislature. Since 2008, McEachin has been a member of the Virginia Senate, representing the state's 9th District. While in the state senate, McEachin has served on the Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, Courts of Justice Committee, Privileges and Elections Committee, Commerce and Labor Committee, and General Laws and Technology Committee. He worked on efforts to create jobs in Virginia, invest in public schools and increase health care coverage. In addition to his legislative work, McEachin is a partner at the Virginia law firm he co-founded, McEachin & Gee. He received his master of divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in 2008. He has been married to his wife, Colette, for 28 years, and they have three children. McEachin defeated his opponent in the race to represent Virginia's 4th congressional district, Mike Wade, in November 2016, winning by 57% to 43%.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, VA-4
Elected: 2016

Education:
American University, B.A. 1982;
University of Virginia, J.D. 1986;
Virginia Union University, M.Div, 2008

Religion: Baptist

Family: Married (Collette Wallace), 3 children

Contact: (202) 225-6365
CHOB Room 314
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Favors expanding Medicaid
- Strongly favors reforming the criminal justice system
- Strongly opposes replacing Medicare with a voucher system
- Strongly supports prioritizing green energy

Committees

Committee on Natural Resources

Committee on Armed Services

Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards

Election Results

2016 General

Donald McEachin (D)	Votes: 200,136	Percent: 57.7%
Mike Wade (R)	Votes: 145,731	Percent: 42.0%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; National Journal Almanac, 2017.

Rep. Tom Garrett

Biography

Thomas A. Garrett, Jr. was born on March 27, 1972 in Atlanta, Georgia. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond and his J.D. from the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law. From 1995 to 2000, Garrett served in the Army as a combat arms officer, reaching the rank of captain. He was a platoon leader during the Joint Guard and Joint Endeavor operations in Bosnia. He has received the Army Commendation medal, Army Achievement medal and NATO medal for his service. After his time in the Army, Garrett served as assistant attorney general under Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell. In 2007, he successfully ran the office of commonwealth attorney for Louisa County. Garrett was elected to the Virginia State Senate in 2011, where he represents Virginia's 22nd district. With incumbent Robert Hurt (R) planning to retire in 2016, Garrett decided to run for Virginia's 5th district seat in the House of Representatives. He won the Republican primary in May 2016, and defeated Democrat Jane Dittmar in the November general election.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, VA-5
Elected: 2016

Education:
University of Richmond, B.A., 1994; J.D., 2002

Religion: Disciples of Christ

Family: Married (Flanna), 2 children

Contact: (202) 225-4711
CHOB Room 415
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly supports reforms to lower taxes and simplify the tax code
- Advocates for ending illegal immigration by supporting a border wall, ending benefits and employment for undocumented immigrants, and defunding sanctuary cities
- Opposes Common Core requirements and supports local control of education policy
- Strongly opposes abortion rights
- Strongly opposes gun regulation

Committees

Committee on Homeland Security

Committee on Education & the Workforce

Committee on Global Affairs

Election Results

2016 General

Tom Garrett (R)	Votes: 207,758	Percent: 58.2%
Jane Dittmar (D)	Votes: 148,339	Percent: 41.6%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2076; National Journal Research, 2017.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal

Biography

Pramila Jayapal was born on September 21, 1965 in India and raised in Indonesia and Singapore. At the age of 16, she moved to the U.S. to attend Georgetown University. After graduating, she went to work on Wall Street as a financial analyst and later got an M.B.A from Northwestern University. She briefly worked in the medical equipment industry before pursing a career in social justice. After the terrorist attacks on 9/11, Jayapal started Hate Free Zone to act as an advocacy group for South Asians, Arabs and Muslims. The organization's name was changed to OneAmerica in 2008, and Jayapal stepped down from her leadership role in 2012. Jayapal has been actively involved in issues related to women's rights, minority rights and economic inclusivity. In 2013, Jayapal was honored by the White House as a "Champion of Change." Jayapal was also instrumental in helping to pass the DREAM Act in 2014. In 2015, Jayapal was elected to the Washington State Senate representing the 37th district. In the state legislature, Jayapal has worked on significant pieces of legislation, including tuition-free community college, the Washington Voting Rights Act, automatic voter registration and measures to help survivors of sexual assault. After Rep. Jim McDermott said he would not seek reelection, Jayapal announced she would run for his open House seat. She ran in a crowded primary field, but eventually received a plurality of 42.1%. She faced off against fellow Democrat Brady Walkinshaw in the general election.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, WA-7
Elected: 2016

Education:
Georgetown University, B.A., 1986; Northwestern University, M.B.A., 1990

Religion: Hinduism

Family: Married (Steve Williamson), 1 child; 1 stepchild

Contact: (202) 225-3106
CHOB Room 319
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Supports a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants
- Supports making public universities and colleges tuition free
- Supports more clean energy investment and more environmental protections
- Supports a single-payer healthcare system

Committees

Committee on the Budget

Committee on the Judiciary

Election Results

2016 General

Pramila Jayapal (D)	Votes: 212,010	Percent: 56.0%
Barad Wilkinshaw (D)	Votes: 166,744	Percent: 44.0%

Rep. Mike Gallagher

Biography

Mike Gallagher, a seventh-generation Wisconsin native, was born in Green Bay in 1984. He moved with his mother to Costa Mesa, California after his parents divorced in 1987, though he spent his summers with his father in Green Bay. He earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 2006, along with a certificate in Near Eastern studies. Gallagher joined the United States Marine Corps the day he graduated from college, serving seven years on active duty as a human intelligence/counterintelligence officer and regional affairs officer for the Middle East and North Africa, eventually reaching the rank of captain. He earned his master's of science degree in strategic intelligence from the National Intelligence University in 2010, as well as a master's of arts degree in security studies from Georgetown in 2012 followed by a Ph.D in government with a concentration in international relations in 2015. He also served on General Petraeus's Central Assessment Team in the Middle East and spent three years working in the U.S. intelligence community. Subsequently, Gallagher served as the lead Republican staffer for the Middle East, North Africa and counterterrorism on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and as the national security advisor for Governor Walker's presidential campaign before moving to the private sector as the senior global market strategist at Breakthrough Fuel, a Green Bay-based energy and supply chain management country. Gallagher entered the race for Rep. Reid Ribble's open seat, winning with 75% of the vote in the Republican primary.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, WI-8
Elected: 2016

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Education:
Princeton University, B.A., 2006;
National Intelligence University,
M.S., 2010; Georgetown
University, M.A., 2012; M.A. 2013;
Ph.D. 2015

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Religion: Catholic

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Contact: (202) 225-5665
LHOB Room 1007
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Favors lower tax rates
- Strongly favors Balanced Budget Amendment
- Opposes increased government spending
- Opposes privatization of Social Security
- Opposes abortion rights
- Favors repealing Obamacare

Committees

Committee on Homeland Security

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Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Mike Gallagher (R)	Votes: 227,892	Percent: 62.7%
Tom Nelson (D)	Votes: 135,682	Percent: 37.3%

Rep. Liz Cheney

Biography

Liz Cheney, born July 28, 1966, is the oldest daughter of former Vice-President Dick Cheney. Growing up the Cheney family split time between Casper, Wyoming and Washington, D.C. She received her undergraduate degree from Colorado College and went on to receive her law degree from the University of Chicago. In between graduating college and starting law school, Liz worked with the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Following government work, she joined the Armitage Associates LLP, a consulting firm. After finishing law school, Liz practiced international law in the private sector. In 2002, she was appointed deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, where she served for two years. In 2004, she joined the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign. In 2005, Cheney returned to the State Department as principal deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs. With the change in administration Cheney left the State Department and from 2009-2013 served as the chairman of Keep America Safe, a non-profit organization. Cheney had mounted a campaign for the Wyoming Senate seat in 2014, but she withdrew from the race in January 2014, citing health issues. When the incumbent for the Wyoming at-large seat announced her retirement, Cheney decided to run again in 2016.

Biography

Position Elected:
Representative, WY
Elected: 2016

Education:
Colorado College, B.A., 1988;
University of Chicago, J.D., 1996;

Religion: Methodist

Family: Married (Phillip Perry), 5 children

Contact: (202) 225-2311
CHOB Room 416
Washington, DC 20515

Stance on Issues

- Strongly opposes expanding Obamacare
- Strongly opposes abortion as an unrestricted right
- Strongly favors expanding the military
- Strongly opposes higher taxes on the wealthy
- Opposes granting amnesty to illegal immigrants
- Supports second amendment rights

Committees

Committee on Rules

Committee on Natural Resources

Committee on Armed Services

Election Results

2016 General

Liz Cheney (R)	Votes: 156,176	Percent: 62%
Ryan Greene (D)	Votes: 75,466	Percent: 30%