

Rep. Greg Gianforte (R-MT-AL)



Background

Republican Greg Gianforte won the 2017 special election for representative after an unsuccessful attempt in the 2016 gubernatorial election. A native of San Diego, his family moved to Philadelphia, PA at an early age. He attended the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, where he received degrees in computer science. He started his career in software development in New Jersey, building a company that he sold to McAfee in 1994 for \$10 million. He retired to Bozeman, MT, which he loved for its outdoor activities. He then developed a new business, RightNow Technologies, which focused on customer service software. It went public in 2004, and was bought by Oracle in 2011 for \$1.5 billion. With his fortune, Gianforte established a family foundation with which he funds mostly religious charities. He ran for governor in 2016 on a platform of bringing more jobs to Montana, but lost by 4% to the Democratic incumbent Steve Bullock. Gianforte then ran to replace Ryan Zinke, who vacated his seat to become interior secretary, against Democrat Rob Quist, a musician. Both Donald Trump Jr. and Vice President Mike Pence stumped for him. A day before the election, Gianforte assaulted reporter Ben Jacobs, who was questioning him about the American Health Care Act. He still won the election by 6%, but was later convicted of assault.

Committees

- Natural Resources
- Oversight and Government Reform

Biography

First Elected: 2017

Education:
Stevens Institute of Tech., B.E, M.Sc. 1983

Religion: Christian - Non-Denominational

Family:
Marital Status: Married, Spouse: Susan, 4 children

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Election Results

2017 Special

Candidate	Count	Percentage
Greg Gianforte (R)	189,473	50%
Rob Quist (D)	166,483	44%
Mark Wicks (L)	21,509	6%

Online Info