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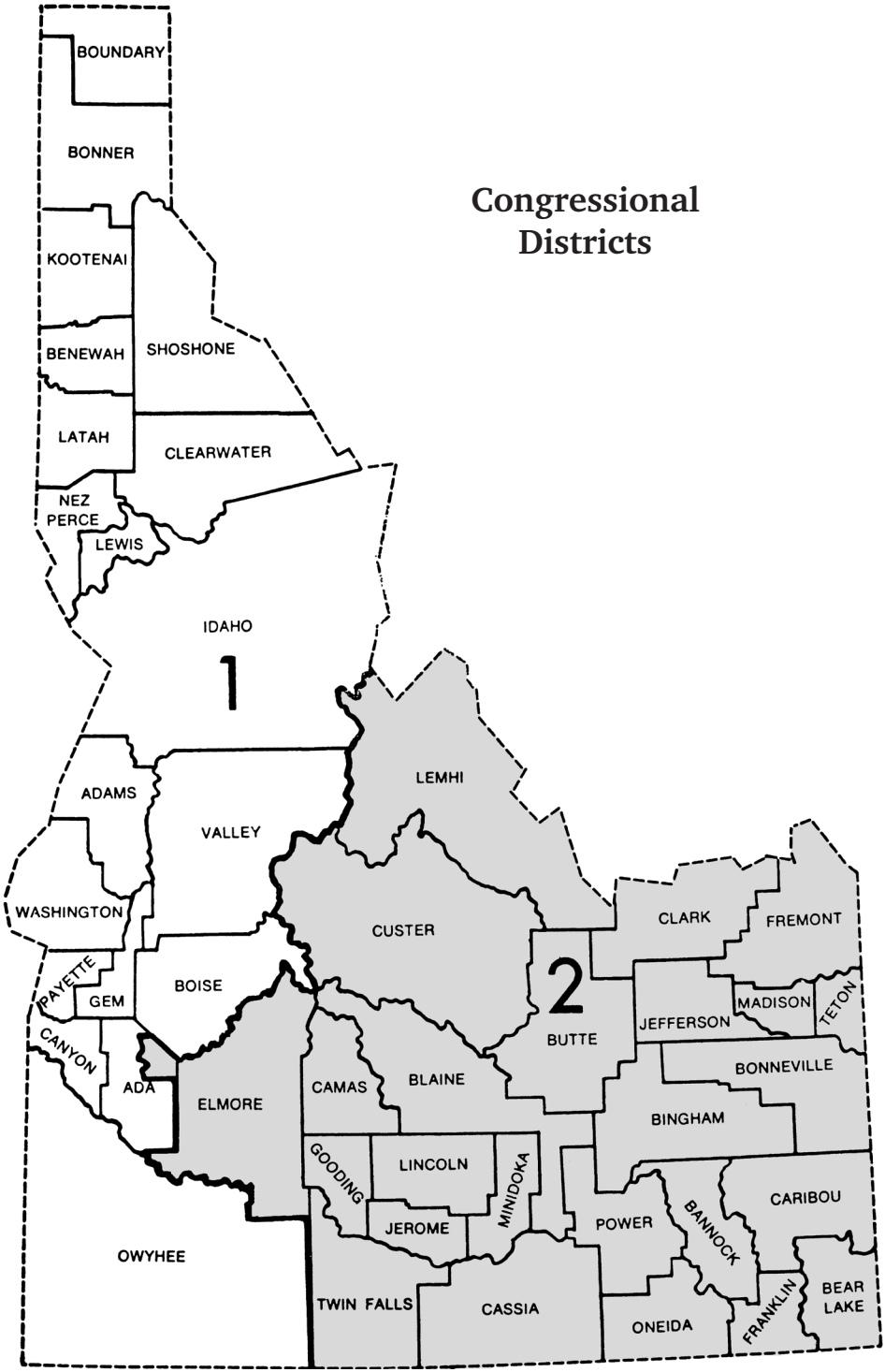

U.S. Congress

Article I of the U.S. Constitution states that, "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives." This bicameral legislature (a governing body with two houses) is the primary lawmaking body in the U.S. government. To solve problems, Members of Congress introduce legislative proposals called bills or resolutions. After considering these proposals Members vote to adopt or to reject them. Members of Congress also review the work of executive agencies to determine if they are following government policy, and may introduce new legislation based on what they discover.

Bills accepted by both houses of Congress and by the President become law. However, the President may veto a bill and return it to Congress. Congress then reviews the reasons for the rejection but may still act to pass the bill. The U.S. Constitution allows Congress to override the President's veto with a two-thirds majority vote of both the House and the Senate.

Members of Congress

Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives are known respectively as senators and representatives. Each Member of Congress is elected by receiving the greatest number of votes in the general election. Senators are elected for a period of six years, while representatives are elected for a period of two years. Furthermore, senators and representatives must meet the following minimum requirements:

United States Senator

- At least 30 years of age
- United States citizen for at least 9 years
- Must inhabit the state for which he or she is chosen
- Term off office - 6 years

United States Representative

- At least 25 years of age
- United States citizen for at least 7 years
- Must inhabit the state for which he or she is chosen
- Term off office - 2 years

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United States Senator Michael D. Crapo

Senator Crapo is serving his third term as a United States Senator from Idaho, having previously served three terms as Idaho's 2nd District Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. Senator Crapo serves as Deputy Whip and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus, and the Western Water Caucus. He is also a co-chair and founder of the Senate Nuclear Cleanup Caucus. Crapo is also the co-founder of the COPD Caucus, which focused on educating members of Congress about cardio-obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). In the 112th Congress, Senator Crapo serves on five committees. He serves on the Senate Finance Committee and three Finance subcommittees: Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth; member of the Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight; and member of the Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs and Global Competitiveness. He serves on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, along with three Subcommittees: Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health; Member, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and Member, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife. He serves on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, along with three Subcommittees: Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment; Member, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection; and Member, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development. He also serves on the the Budget Committee and Indian Affairs Committee.

Senator Crapo served six years as Idaho's 2nd District Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives and eight years in the Idaho State Senate before coming to the U.S. Senate. During his tenure in the U.S. House, he served on the House Commerce Committee, the House Resources Committee, and the House Agriculture Committee. In the State Senate, he represented Bonneville County, his home county, from 1984 to 1992. From 1988 to 1992, he served as the Senate President Pro Tempore, the chief elected officer in the State Senate.

Professionally, Senator Crapo was a partner in the law firm of Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo prior to his service in Congress. He is a member of the Idaho and California Bar Associations. Crapo received his Juris Doctorate cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1977, and he graduated summa cum laude from Brigham Young University in 1973 with a B.A. in political science. Following graduation from law school, Crapo served a one-year clerkship with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Senator Crapo and his wife, Susan, have five children: Michelle, Brian, Stephanie, Lara and Paul, and three grandchildren: Michael, Ella and Anna.

Political Party: Republican **Salary:** $174,000.00
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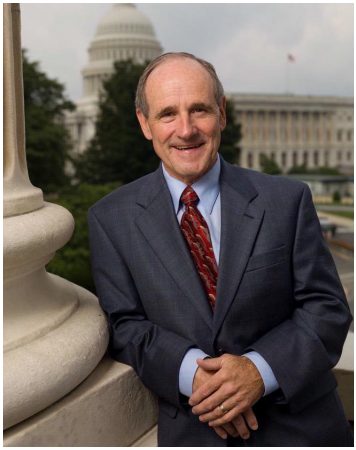
United States Senator James E. Risch



Senator James Risch is a rancher and attorney from Ada County. He attended the University of Idaho where he obtained his Bachelor of Science in Forestry in 1965. He continued his education at the University of Idaho, receiving his Juris Doctor in 1968. In 1970 and 1974 Senator Risch was elected as the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney; during this period he also taught law at Boise State University.

In 1974 Risch was elected to the Idaho State Senate, a position he held for 22 of the next 28 years. He spent 12 of those years as Majority Leader of the Idaho State Senate and six years as President Pro Tem. Risch was elected Lieutenant Governor of Idaho in November 2002. Jim Risch served as the 31st Governor of Idaho. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 2008 and was re-elected for a second term in 2014.

Senator Risch is involved in many community activities. He is a member of the Idaho Cattleman's Association, National Cattleman's Beef Association, Idaho Bar Association, Ducks Unlimited, National Rifle Association, National Arbor Day Foundation, Congressional Sportsmen Foundation, and National Trust for Historic Preservation. He has also received many awards and honors including National Conference of State Legislators Leadership Award, Idaho Farm Bureau "Friend of Agriculture," NFIB Guardian of Small Business, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise and is a member of the Idaho Republican Hall of Fame.

Jim has been married to his wife Vicki for more 45 years. They have three sons James, Jason and Jordan, as well as seven grandchildren. Senator Risch and Vicki live on a ranch outside of Boise and maintain an apartment in Washington, D.C.

Political Party: Republican **Salary:** $174,000.00
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U.S. Congressman ~ District 1
Raúl Labrador

Raúl Rafael Labrador was born on December 8, 1967, in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the only child of a single mother. At age 13 the small family moved Las Vegas, where his mom worked in the hospitality industry. Raúl graduated from Las Vegas High School, Brigham Young University and earned his law degree from the University of Washington.

After law school, Raúl and his family moved to his wife's native Idaho, where he established a law practice including immigration and criminal defense. In 2006, he was elected to the Idaho House of Representatives and became known as a steadfast advocate for free markets, limited government and civil liberties.

Raúl was elected to the U.S. House in 2010. He serves on the Natural Resources and Judiciary committees. He has fought for tax reform, fiscal responsibility, regulatory restraint, increased domestic energy production, transparency in government and the protection of civil and religious liberties. He is one of Congress' most important leaders on immigration reform, working to craft bipartisan solutions that would secure our borders and fix a broken immigration system.

In addition to his public service, Raúl's primary interest is spending time with his family. He and Rebecca Johnson Labrador have been married for more than 20 years and have five children: Michael, Katerina, Joshua, Diego, and Rafael. Their family is active in their church and community in Eagle, Idaho.

Political Party: Republican **Salary:** $174,000.00
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U.S. Congressman ~ District 2
Michael Simpson

Michael (Mike) K. Simpson is serving his eighth term in the House of Representatives for Idaho's Second Congressional District.

Mike serves on the House Appropriations Committee. He is the Chairman for the Subcommittee on Interior and Environment. He also serves on the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee and the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee. These committee's have jurisdiction over funding for a number of programs critical to Idaho, including the Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, our National Parks, the National Endowment for the Arts, and Smithsonian Institute. In addition to his responsibilities on the Appropriations Committee.

Simpson is one of the House's leading advocates for a new energy policy and a renewed commitment to research and development of improved nuclear energy technologies. Mike has also gained national attention for his bill to split the massive, overburdened 9th Circuit Court of Appeals as well as his bill, the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act which addresses the concerns of economic growth and stability for rural Idaho and resolves long time wilderness debate over the Boulder-White Clouds.

His political career began in 1980, when he was elected to the Blackfoot City Council. In 1984, he was elected to the Idaho Legislature where he served until 1998, the last six years serving as Speaker.

Simpson was born in Burley, Idaho and raised in Blackfoot. He graduated from Utah State University and Washington University School of Dental Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. After graduation, he joined his father and uncle at the Simpson Family Dental Practice in Blackfoot.

Mike is an avid golfer and enjoys painting. He has been married to his wife Kathy for 40 years.

Political Party: Republican **Salary:** $174,000.00
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Website: www.house.gov/simpson

Territorial Delegates to U.S. Congress 1863-1889

Name/Party*	Term of Office	Remarks
William H. Wallace (R)	02/01/1864 to 03/03/1865	Elected 1863
Edward D. Holbrook (D)	03/04/1865 to 03/03/1869	Elected 1864, 1866
Jacob K. Shafer (D)	03/04/1869 to 03/03/1871	Elected 1868
Samuel A. Merritt (D)	03/04/1871 to 03/03/1873	Elected 1870
John Hailey (D)	03/04/1873 to 03/03/1875	Elected 1872
Thomas W. Bennett	03/04/1875 to 06/23/1876	Elected 1874; election challenged, unseated
Stephen S. Fenn (D)	06/23/1876 to 03/03/1879	Seated by Congress; elected 1876
George Ainslie (D)	03/04/1879 to 03/03/1883	Elected 1878, 1880
Theodore F. Singiser (R)	03/04/1883 to 03/03/1885	Elected 1882
John Hailey (D)	03/04/1885 to 03/03/1887	Elected 1884
Fred T. Dubois (D)	03/04/1887 to 07/03/1890	Elected 1886, 1888

Source: Biographical Directory of the American Congress

United States Senators

Position 1

George L. Shoup (R)	12/18/1890 to 03/03/1901	Elected by Legislature 1890, 1894
Fred T. Dubois (D - S.R.)	03/04/1901 to 03/03/1907	Elected by Legislature 1900
William E. Borah (R)	03/04/1907 to 01/19/1940	Elected by Legislature 1907, 1912; elected by voters 1918, 1924, 1930, 1936; died in office
John Thomas (R)	01/27/1940 to 11/10/1945	Appointed; elected 1940, 1942; died in office
Charles C. Gossett (D)	11/17/1945 to 11/5/1946	Appointed
Henry C. Dworshak (R)	11/6/1946 to 01/02/1949	Elected 1946
Bert H. Miller (D)	01/03/1949 to 10/08/1949	Elected 1948; died in office
Henry C. Dworshak (R)	10/14/1949 to 07/23/1962	Appointed; elected 1950, 1954, 1960; died in office
Len B. Jordan (R)	08/06/1962 to 01/02/1973	Appointed; elected 1962, 1966
James A. McClure (R)	01/03/1973 to 01/02/1991	Elected 1972, 1978, 1984
Larry E. Craig (R)	01/03/1991 to 01/02/2009	Elected 1990, 1996, 2002
James E. Risch	01/03/2009 to present	Elected 2008, 2014

Position 2

William J. McConnell (R)	12/18/1890 to 03/03/1891	Elected by Legislature 1890
Fred T. Dubois (R)	03/04/1891 to 03/03/1897	Elected by Legislature 1891
Henry Heitfeld (P)	03/04/1897 to 03/03/1903	Elected by Legislature 1897
Weldon B. Heyburn (R)	03/04/1903 to 10/17/1912	Elected by Legislature 1903, 1909; died in office
Kirkland I. Perky (D)	11/18/1912 to 02/05/1913	Appointed
James H. Brady (R)	02/06/1913 to 01/12/1918	Elected by Legislature 1912; Elected by voters 1914; died in office
John F. Nugent (D)	01/22/1918 to 01/14/1921	Appointed; elected 1918; resigned
Frank R. Gooding (R)	01/15/1921 to 06/24/1928	Appointed; elected 1920, 1926; died in office
John Thomas (R)	06/30/1928 to 03/03/1933	Appointed; elected 1928

United States Senators (cont.)

Name/Party*	Term of Office	Remarks
James P. Pope (D)	03/04/1933 to 01/02/1939	Elected 1932
D. Worth Clark (D)	01/03/1939 to 01/02/1945	Elected 1938
Glen H. Taylor (D)	01/03/1945 to 01/02/1951	Elected 1944
Herman Welker (R)	01/03/1951 to 01/02/1957	Elected 1950
Frank Church (D)	01/03/1957 to 01/02/1981	Elected 1956; reelected 1962, 1968, 1974
Steven D. Symms (R)	01/03/1981 to 01/02/1993	Elected 1980; reelected 1986
Dirk Kempthorne (R)	01/03/1993 to 01/02/1999	Elected 1992
Michael Crapo (R)	01/03/1999 to present	Elected 1998; reelected 2004, 2010

United States Representatives

One At-large Representative (1890 – 1913)

Willis Sweet (R)	1890 to 1895	Elected 1890, 1892
Edgar Wilson (R)	03/04/1895 to 03/03/1896	Elected 1894
James Gunn (D-P)	03/04/1896 to 03/03/1899	Elected 1896
Edgar Wilson (D-SR)	03/04/1899 to 03/03/1901	Elected 1898
Thomas L. Glenn (D-P-SR)	03/04/1901 to 03/03/1903	Elected 1900
Burton L. French (R)	03/04/1903 to 03/03/1909	Elected 1902, 1904, 1906
Thomas L. Hamer (R)	03/04/1909 to 03/03/1911	Elected 1908
Burton L. French (R)	03/04/1911 to 03/03/1913	Elected 1910

Two At-large Representatives (1913 – 1919)

Addison T. Smith (R)	01/03/1913 to 01/02/1919	Elected 1912, 1914, 1916
Burton L. French (R)	01/03/1913 to 01/02/1915	Elected 1912
Robert M. McCracken (R)	01/03/1915 to 01/02/1917	Elected 1914
Burton L. French (R)	01/03/1917 to 01/02/1919	Elected 1916

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Burton L. French (R)	03/04/1919 to 03/03/1933	Elected 1918, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930
Compton I. White (D)	03/04/1933 to 01/02/1947	Elected 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1944
Abe McGregor Goff (R)	01/03/1947 to 01/02/1949	Elected 1946
Compton I. White (D)	01/03/1949 to 01/02/1951	Elected 1948
John T. Wood (R)	01/03/1951 to 01/02/1953	Elected 1950
Gracie Pfost (D)	01/03/1953 to 01/02/1963	Elected 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960
Compton I. White, Jr (D)	01/03/1963 to 01/02/1967	Elected 1962, 1964
James A. McClure (R)	01/03/1967 to 01/02/1973	Elected 1966, 1968, 1970
Steven D. Symms (R)	01/03/1973 to 01/02/1981	Elected 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978
Larry E. Craig (R)	01/03/1981 to 01/02/1991	Elected 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988
Larry LaRocco (D)	01/03/1991 to 01/02/1995	Elected 1990, 1992
Helen Chenoweth (R)	01/03/1995 to 01/03/2001	Elected 1994, 1996, 1998
C.L. “Butch” Otter (R)	01/03/2001 to 01/03/2007	Elected 2000, 2002, 2004
Bill Sali (R)	01/03/2007 to 01/02/2009	Elected 2006
Walt Minnick (D)	01/03/2009 to 01/02/2011	Elected 2008
Raúl Labrador (R)	01/03/2011	Elected 2010, 2012, 2014

United States Representatives (cont.)

District 2

Name/Party*	Term of Office	Remarks
Addison T. Smith (R)	03/04/1919 to 03/03/1933	Elected 1918, 1920, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930
Thomas C. Coffin (D)	03/04/1933 to 06/08/1934	Elected 1932; died 6/8/1934
D. Worth Clark (D)	01/03/1935 to 01/03/1939	Elected 1934, 1936
Henry C. Dworshak (R)	01/03/1939 to 01/02/1947	Elected 1938, 1940, 1942
John Sanborn (R)	01/03/1947 to 01/02/1951	Elected 1938, 1940
Hamer Budge (R)	01/03/1951 to 01/02/1961	Elected 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958
Ralph R. Harding (D)	01/03/1961 to 01/02/1965	Elected 1960, 1962
George V. Hansen (R)	01/03/1965 to 01/02/1969	Elected 1964, 1966
Orval Hansen (R)	01/03/1969 to 01/02/1975	Elected 1968, 1970, 1972
George V. Hansen (R)	01/03/1975 to 01/02/1985	Elected 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982
Richard Stallings (D)	01/03/1985 to 01/02/1993	Elected 1984, 1986, 1990
Michael Crapo (R)	01/03/1993 to 01/02/1999	Elected 1992, 1994, 1996
Michael Simpson (R)	01/03/1999 to present	Elected 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014

**Party Designations: (R) Republican; (D) Democrat; (S.R.) Silver Republican; (P) Populist*

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