

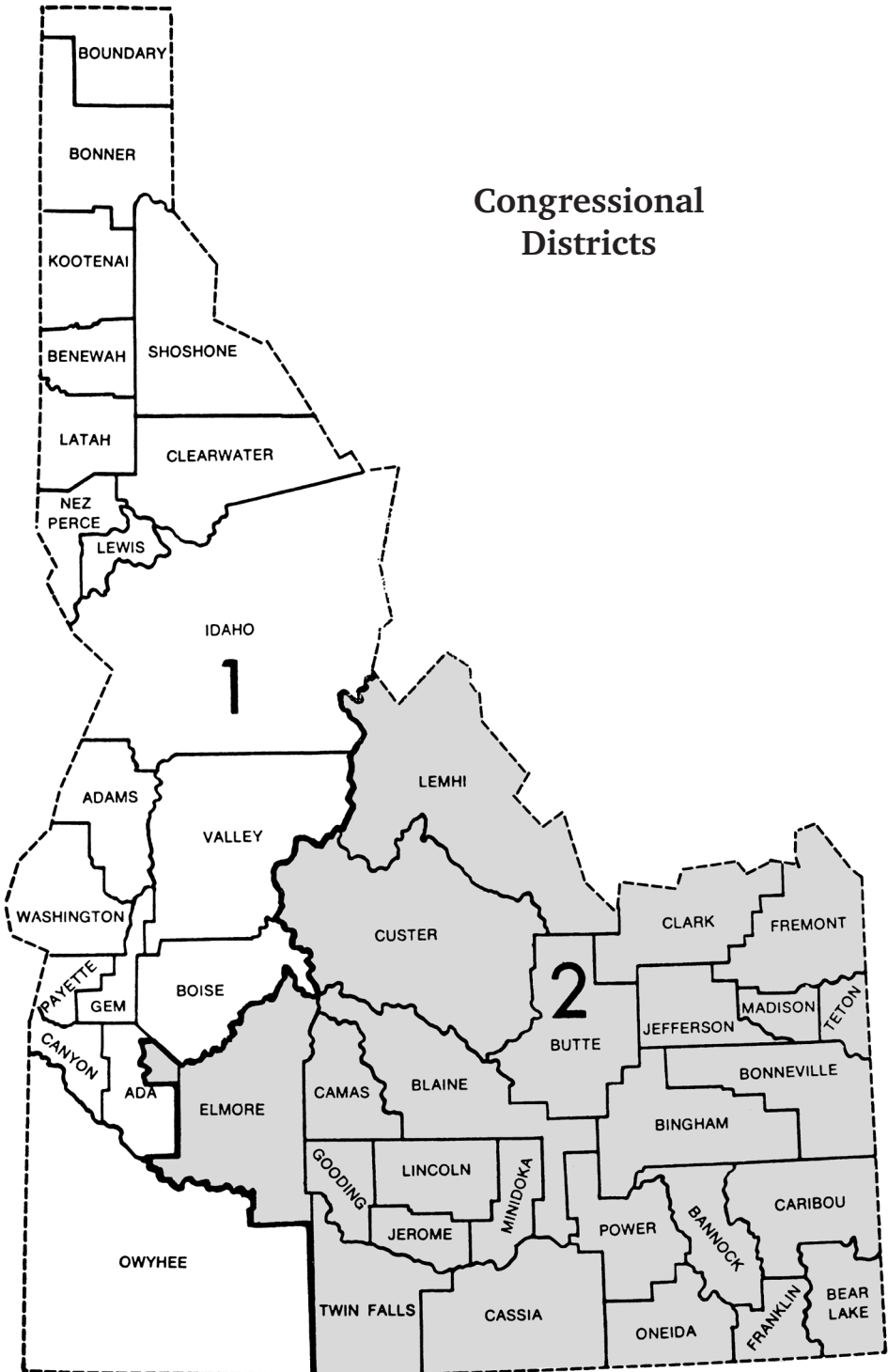
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Congressional Districts



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

A lifelong Idahoan and fourth-term U.S. Senator for Idaho, Mike Crapo has learned that a willingness to listen makes for a more effective lawmaker. In the 116th Congress, Senator Crapo serves as Chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over efforts to promote the stability of the financial system and responsible lending to families and businesses. He is the second-ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees a wide range of federal policy, including the federal tax code, revenue generation, foreign trade and social and health care services programs. Mike serves on the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal judgeships, including the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, are among the committee's responsibilities. Senator Crapo is also a senior member of the Senate Committee on the Budget, and he serves on the Joint Committee on Taxation. Mike is Chief Deputy Whip among Senate Republicans. He also leads or serves on more than 30 caucuses.

Prior to his Senate service, Mike served six years in the U.S. House of Representatives and eight years in the Idaho State Senate, where he served as Senate President Pro Tem. Mike was a partner in the law firm of Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo. He is a member of the Idaho and California Bar Associations and the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. He 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, he served a one-year clerkship with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. A 4th generation Idahoan, Mike was born in Bonneville County, and graduated from Idaho Falls High School.

Political Party: Republican

Salary: \$174,000.00

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United States Senator James E. Risch

Jim Risch, currently serving a second term as Idaho's 28th Senator, holds a longstanding commitment to public service and a passion for good government. Known for "pragmatic decision-making," Risch is what his peers call a "no-nonsense, get-the-job-done leader" with more than four decades of experience in elected office. He has been recognized by the National Journal as the "Most Conservative" Senator in the United States Senate.

Risch brings his pragmatic, results-focused approach to governance to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he serves as chairman for the 116th Congress. As the lead Republican on the committee, Risch is focused on protecting the security and interests of the American people, in addition to continuing to advance U.S. prosperity and leadership in the world.

In addition to the Foreign Relations Committee, Risch is a member of the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, having served as the committee's chairman during the 115th Congress. He also serves on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, giving Idaho a voice in legislation that dramatically shapes the West, and on the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Select Committee on Ethics.

Senator Risch was elected to the United States Senate in November of 2008, after serving as Idaho state senator, lieutenant governor, and Idaho's 31st governor. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Idaho, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Idaho, College of Law. He was a small business owner, a rancher and farmer, and senior partner in the Risch Goss Insinger Gustavel law firm at the time of his election to the U.S. Senate.

Senator Risch and his wife Vicki have been married for 50 years. Their commitment to Idaho and their work together earned them the distinction of being selected as Idaho's Healthy Marriage Ambassadors in 2007. They have three married sons and nine grandchildren. They live on a ranch outside of Boise and maintain an apartment in Washington, D.C.



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U.S. Congressman—District 1 Russ Fulcher

Congressman Russ Fulcher, a fourth-generation Idahoan, grew up on a dairy farm in Meridian, Idaho. He graduated from Meridian High School, earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business from Boise State University, and obtained additional certifications in electronic engineering.

Congressman Fulcher spent 24 years in the technology sector, including at Micron Technology and Preco Electronics. He sold Idaho products in 60 countries around the world and in every state in America.

During the ten years Rep. Fulcher served in the Idaho Senate, six years were spent as Majority Caucus Chair. His signature legislation, the grocery tax credit, has returned some \$800 million to Idaho's hard-working families and constitutes the largest tax cut in Idaho's history. In addition, Congressman Fulcher served on the Senate State Affairs and Education Committees where he fought tirelessly to protect the rights of individual Idahoans, to limit government influence in our lives, to ease our tax burden, and to restore our God-given liberties.

Serving in the U.S. House of Representatives since January 2019, Congressman Fulcher currently serves as the Republican Deputy Leader of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans, a member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands, a member of the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, and a member of the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

Political Party: Republican

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U.S. Congressman—District 2

Michael Simpson

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

Mike serves on the House Appropriations Committee. He is the Ranking Member for the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. He also serves on the Interior and Environment Subcommittee. These committees 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.



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 Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act which addresses the concerns of economic growth and stability for rural Idaho and resolves long time wilderness debate over the Boulder-White Clouds and was signed into law in August of 2015. Simpson has long championed a fix to fire borrowing, having authored the Wildfire Disaster Funding Act. Simpson's leadership led to the passage of the FY18 Omnibus Spending Bill that provided historic forest management reforms, most notably treating wildfires like other natural disasters.

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 earned his DMD from 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.

Simpson married his high school sweetheart, Kathy, and they have been married for almost 50 years. He is an avid golfer and reader who also enjoys painting and experiencing the exceptional scenery Idaho has to offer, with Kathy and their dog Charley.

Political Party: Republican

Salary: \$174,000.00

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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; reelected 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; reelected 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; reelected 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; reelected 1924, 1930, 1936; died in office
John Thomas (R)	01/27/1940 to 11/10/1945	Appointed; elected 1940; re-elected 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; reelected 1954, 1960; died in office
Len B. Jordan (R)	08/06/1962 to 01/02/1973	Appointed; elected 1962; re-elected 1966
James A. McClure (R)	01/03/1973 to 01/02/1991	Elected 1972; reelected 1978, 1984
Larry E. Craig (R)	01/03/1991 to 01/02/2009	Elected 1990; reelected 1996, 2002
James E. Risch (R)	01/03/2009 to present	Elected 2008; reelected 2014, 2020

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

United States Senators *(cont.)*

Name/Party*	Term of Office	Remarks
Frank R. Gooding (R)	01/15/1921 to 06/24/1928	Appointed; elected 1920; re-elected 1926; died in office
John Thomas (R)	06/30/1928 to 03/03/1933	Appointed; elected 1928
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, 2016

United States Representatives

One At-large Representative (1890 – 1913)

Willis Sweet (R)	1890 to 1895	Elected 1890; reelected 1892
Edgar Wilson (R)	03/04/1895 to 03/03/1897	Elected 1894
James Gunn (D-P)	03/04/1897 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; reelected 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; reelected 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; reelected 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930
Compton I. White (D)	03/04/1933 to 01/02/1947	Elected 1932; reelected 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; reelected 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960
Compton I. White, Jr (D)	01/03/1963 to 01/02/1967	Elected 1962; reelected 1964
James A. McClure (R)	01/03/1967 to 01/02/1973	Elected 1966; reelected 1968, 1970
Steven D. Symms (R)	01/03/1973 to 01/02/1981	Elected 1972; reelected 1974, 1976, 1978
Larry E. Craig (R)	01/03/1981 to 01/02/1991	Elected 1980; reelected 1982, 1986, 1988
Larry LaRocco (D)	01/03/1991 to 01/02/1995	Elected 1990; reelected 1992

United States Representatives (cont.)

Name/Party*	Term of Office	Remarks
Helen Chenoweth (R)	01/03/1995 to 01/03/2001	Elected 1994; reelected 1996, 1998
C.L. "Butch" Otter (R)	01/03/2001 to 01/03/2007	Elected 2000; reelected 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 to 01/07/2019	Elected 2010; reelected 2012, 2014, 2016
Russ Fulcher (R)	01/07/2019 to present	Elected 2018; reelected 2020

District 2

Addison T. Smith (R)	03/04/1919 to 03/03/1933	Elected 1918; reelected 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; reelected 1936
Henry C. Dworshak (R)	01/03/1939 to 01/02/1947	Elected 1938; reelected 1940, 1942
John Sanborn (R)	01/03/1947 to 01/02/1951	Elected 1938; reelected 1940
Hamer Budge (R)	01/03/1951 to 01/02/1961	Elected 1950; reelected 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958
Ralph R. Harding (D)	01/03/1961 to 01/02/1965	Elected 1960; reelected 1962
George V. Hansen (R)	01/03/1965 to 01/02/1969	Elected 1964; reelected 1966
Orval Hansen (R)	01/03/1969 to 01/02/1975	Elected 1968; reelected 1970, 1972
George V. Hansen (R)	01/03/1975 to 01/02/1985	Elected 1974; reelected 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982
Richard Stallings (D)	01/03/1985 to 01/02/1993	Elected 1984; reelected 1986, 1990
Michael Crapo (R)	01/03/1993 to 01/02/1999	Elected 1992; reelected 1994, 1996
Michael Simpson (R)	01/03/1999 to present	Elected 1998; reelected 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020

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

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