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Committees: Senate Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittees: Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies, Foreign Operations, The Legislative Branch, Military Construction, Veterans Administration, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies; Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Subcommittees: Financial Institutions, Chairman, International Trade and Finance, Securities and Investment Senate Committee on the Budget; Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; Subcommittees: Energy, Research, Development, Production, and Regulation, Forests and Public Land Management, Water and Power; Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Senator John Thune

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Date of Birth: January 7, 1961, Murdo, South Dakota
Married: Kimberley Weems
Children: Brittany and Larissa

John Thune grew up in Murdo, South Dakota. His interest in politics was sparked at a young age after making five of six free throws during a freshman basketball game. He was greeted by a spectator who said, "I noticed you missed one." That spectator happened to be well-known sports enthusiast and U.S. Representative Jim Abdnor. The introduction was the start of a friendship that ignited John's career in public service.

Thune received his undergraduate degree at Biola University and his Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota. Upon completion of his Master's Degree in 1984, he married Kimberley Weems, a native of Doland, South Dakota.

John's attraction to public service took him to Washington, DC to work for U.S. Senator Jim Abdnor. He then served at the Small Business Administration under an appointment from President Ronald Reagan.

In 1989, John and his family returned to South Dakota, where he served as the Executive Director of the South Dakota Republican Party. In 1991, Governor George S. Mickelson appointed him the State Railroad Director, a position he held until 1993, when he became Executive Director of the South Dakota Municipal League.

In 1996, with a shoestring budget and the support of family and friends, John won his first term as South Dakota's lone member of the United States House of Representatives. John was reelected to a second term by the largest margin in South Dakota history. He returned again to Washington in 2001 to serve his third term in the House.

Thune then honored his 1996 campaign pledge to serve only three terms in the House of Representatives. After a narrow loss in a Senate race in 2002, Thune won his Senate seat in 2004, when he made history by defeating a sitting Senate party leader for the first time in 52 years.

Thune serves on the Armed Services Committee, the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Small Business Committee, and the Veterans Affairs Committee.

John and his wife Kimberley live in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where their two daughters, Brittany and Larissa, attend public school. In his free time, John enjoys spending time with his family, pheasant hunting, and playing basketball.

Representative Stephanie Herseth

Stephanie Herseth United States Representative

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Stephanie Herseth is South Dakota's at-large Member of Congress. Stephanie grew up on her family's farm and ranch near Houghton, in the northeast part of the state. She graduated from Groton High School and attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. where she graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Government. Stephanie received her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center, was a senior editor of the law review, and served on the faculty in 1997.

Stephanie is a member of the South Dakota Bar. She has worked on energy and telecommunications issues for the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in Pierre and organized commission meetings with tribal leaders regarding utility regulation on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Indian reservations. She also worked with the Legal Counsel for the Elderly, providing assistance to those unable to afford legal services on issues relating to housing, Medicare and Social Security. And through The Fund for American Studies, Stephanie traveled to the Czech Republic to teach classes on the American system of government to central and eastern European and Asian college students.

Stephanie worked with U.S. District Court Judge Charles B. Kornmann in Pierre and Aberdeen. She also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Diana Gribbon Motz on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and has been in the private practice of law assisting clients in litigation matters throughout the United States. Stephanie currently lives in Brookings and is a member of Brookings Rotary.

In 2003, she served as the executive director of the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation, working to expand the base of financial support for cooperative education youth programs as part of the Foundation's mission to support programs and advance efforts that further economic prosperity and cultural vitality in rural South Dakota. During that year, Stephanie also taught courses on campaigns and politics at Augustana College in Sioux Falls and South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Former Governor Ralph Herseth was Stephanie's grandfather and Lorna B. Herseth, South Dakota's Secretary of State, was her grandmother. Her father, Lars, served in the state legislature for 20 years and was the Democratic nominee for Governor in 1986.

Former Members of Congress

Dakota Territory Delegates[a]

John B.S. Todd, D 1862-1865b
William Jayne, R 1863
Walter A. Burleigh, R..... 1865-1869
S.L. Spink, R 1869-1871
M.K. Armstrong, D 1871-1875
J.P. Kidder, R 1875-1879
G.G. Bennett, R 1879-1881
R.F. Pettigrew, R 1881-1883
J.B. Raymond, R..... 1883-1885
Oscar S. Gifford, R 1885-1889
George A. Matthews, R .....1889[c]

State of South Dakota U.S. Senators[d]

Gideon C. Moody, R..... 1889-1891
R.F. Pettigrew, R 1889-1901
James H. Kyle, DP..... 1891-1901
Robert J. Gamble, R 1901-1913
Alfred B. Kittredge, R 1901-1909
Coe I. Crawford, R 1909-1915
Thomas Sterling, R..... 1913-1925
Edwin S. Johnson, D..... 1915-1921
Peter Norbeck, R 1921-1936
William H. McMaster, R 1925-1931
William J. Bulow, D..... 1931-1943
Herbert Hitchcock, D..... 1936-1938
Gladys Pyle, R 1938-1939
Chan Gurney, R 1939-1951
Harlan J. Bushfield, R..... 1943-1948
Mrs. Vera C. Bushfield, R 1948-1949
Karl E. Mundt, R 1949-1973
Francis H. Case, R 1951-1962
Joseph H. Bottum, R..... 1962-1963
George S. McGovern, D 1963-1981
James Abourezk, D..... 1973-1979
Larry Pressler, R..... 1979-1997
James Abdnor, R..... 1981-1987
Thomas A. Daschle, D..... 1987-2005
Tim Johnson, D..... 1997-
John Thune, R..... 2005-

U.S. Representatives[e]

	District	
Oscar S. Gifford, R	AL	1889-1891
John A. Pickler, R	AL	1889-1897
John R. Gamble, R	AL	1891
John L. Jolley, R	AL	1891-1893
William V. Lucas, R	AL	1893-1895
Robert J. Gamble, R	AL	1895-1897
.....		1899-1901
John E. Kelley, DP	AL	1897-1899
Freeman Knowles, DP	AL	1897-1899
Charles H. Burke, R	2	1899-1907
.....		1909-1915
Eben W. Martin, R	3	1901-1907
.....		1909-1915
Philo Hall, R	AL	1907-1909
William H. Parker, R	AL	1907-1908
Charles H. Dillion, R	1	1913-1919
Harry L. Gandy, D	3	1915-1921
Royal C. Johnson, R	2	1915-1933
C.A. Christopherson, R	1	1919-1933
William Williamson, R	2,3	1921-1933
Fred H. Hildebrandt, D	1	1933-1939
Theodore B. Werner, D	2	1933-1937
Francis H. Case, R	2	1937-1951
Karl E. Mundt, R	1	1939-1949
Harold O. Lovre, R	1	1949-1957
E.Y. Berry, R	2	1951-1971
George S. McGovern, D	1	1957-1961
Ben Reifel, R	1	1961-1971
James Abourezk, D	2	1971-1973
Frank E. Denholm, D	1	1971-1975
James Abdnor, R	2	1973-1981
Larry Pressler, R	1	1975-1979
Thomas A. Daschle, D	1,AL	1979-1987
Clint Roberts, R	2	1981-1983
Tim Johnson, D	AL	1987-1997
John Thune, R	AL	1997-2003
William J. Janklow, R	AL	2003-2004[f]
Stephanie Herseth, D	AL	2004-[g]

a. Territorial Delegates were popularly elected to represent the territory in the U.S. Congress. Delegates did not have a vote, but could participate in debate.
b. William Jayne opposed John B.S. Todd for re-election in 1862. Jayne was given the certificate of election, but Todd successfully contested the election in the House of Representatives and retained his seat.
c. George A. Mathews was elected to Congress in November 1888, for a term beginning March 4, 1889. However, Congress did not convene until the following December after South Dakota was admitted to the Union. Consequently, Mathews was never sworn in.
d. Amendment 17 of the U.S. Constitution provided for the direct, popular election of U.S. Senators. Prior to its ratification, the state legislatures selected the U.S. Senators. Edwin S. Johnson was the first U.S. Senator to be elected in South Dakota by a direct vote of the people on November 3, 1914.
e. When South Dakota entered the Union in 1889, the state was entitled to two representatives in Congress. They were elected at large by the people. From 1913 to 1933, the state was allotted three representatives who were elected to represent specific districts in the state. From 1933 to 1983, South Dakota was allowed two representatives. The boundaries of those two congressional districts were adjusted periodically to reflect population changes. In the 1982 election, South Dakotans elected only one Congressman to represent the state At Large.
f. William Janklow resigned from Congress on January 20, 2004.
g. Stephanie Herseth was elected in a special congressional election on June 1, 2004. She took office on June 3, 2004.