

It is an honor to represent the people of Oregon in the United States Congress. The following links should provide you with additional resources to understand more fully how Congress works, what it is doing right now, and what I am doing to represent you.

In Article I of the U.S. Constitution, "all legislative powers" were "vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives." Congress has the responsibility to debate and create the laws under which our country operates.

### **How Congress Works**

The links listed below are useful in learning more about the workings of the U.S. Congress.

#### **[How A Bill Becomes A Law](#)**

This PDF download gives you a good overview of the process that happens when a bill is proposed and how it moves along to become a law.

#### **[How Congress Functions](#)**

This website provides an overview of the legislative process and how Congress is set up. It also contains a number of links that will help you learn more about the functions of Congress.

#### **[History of the U.S. House of Representatives](#)**

The U.S. House of Representatives is a complex legislative body, and was intended to be that

way by its framers, our founding fathers. It is steeped in history and has provided an opportunity for different communities to be equally represented by population. This website has some fascinating historical documents about the House of Representatives' origins and developments.

### [Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives](#)

The website provides a sizable clearinghouse for resources about the House of Representatives.

### **What Congress Is Doing**

On any given day that the House is in session, there will be committee meetings and floor debate. While those might be easier for some to follow on C-Span, there is plenty of activity that is not easily accessible. The links listed below can help you know what Congress is doing each day.

### [Weekly Digest](#)

The House of Representatives maintains a database that notes the daily activities for each day the House is in session. Links are included to any legislation that is debated or voted upon during that day.

### [Official Committee List](#)

This pdf file provides an official tally of the different committees and their members.

### [House Floor Schedule](#)

This calendar makes it easy to determine what is happening on any day in the U.S. House.

### [Legislative Information System](#)

This site is the most up-to-date tracking of legislation that has been introduced in Congress. It has a search function that allows to you search using the bill number, the name of the sponsor or co-sponsor or text from the bill. It also provides information from past Congresses.

### [House Sessions](#)

For information on the types of sessions held in the U.S. House of Representatives. It includes details on all Congresses and the corresponding years from 1789 when the first Congress met to the present Congress.

## **What I Am Doing**

I am serving my ninth term as a U.S. Congressman for the state of Oregon. The links listed below will give you more information and insight into what I am doing to represent Oregon.

### [Earl's bio](#)

This link will give you information about my background and experience in public service for Oregon.

### [Earl's Caucuses](#)

A caucus is a group of legislators with shared interest in an issue. Caucus members introduce legislation, educate other members of congress, and are public advocates for the issue they champion. This link will tell you what caucuses I am involved in.

### [Legislative Record](#)

This includes links to the bills and amendments that I have sponsored, co-sponsored and been involved in since becoming a member of the U.S. House in 1996.

### [Issues Links](#)

This comprehensive list can provide you with additional information about my position on issues facing our country.

### [News Releases](#)

Use this link to search news releases issued by my office by subject or date.

## **State and Local Resources**

As a federal representative, I have the opportunity to assist Oregonians who may have difficulties with federal agencies. There are a number of state and local resources that can assist you with issues that are more local in nature.

### [Governor John Kitzhaber](#)

This website gives you current information from the office of the Oregon Governor.

### [State of Oregon](#)

The official website for the state of Oregon provides information on birth certificates, maps of Oregon, road reports, links to various state agencies and many other resources.

### [Oregon State Legislature](#)

This website is invaluable to learn what legislation has been introduced or is being debated by the Oregon State Legislature. You can also determine who your state legislators are as well as contact them through this site.