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**2009 South Dakota**  
**Legislative Manual**  
**Congressional Delegation**



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**Date of Birth:** December 28, 1946, Canton, South Dakota

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Senate Committees: Committee on Appropriations. Subcommittees: Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies; Foreign Operations; Chair, Military Construction and Veterans Administration; Energy and Water Development; Transportation and Housing and Urban Development. Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. Subcommittees: Chair, Financial Institutions; Securities, Insurance and Investment; Security and International Trade and Finance. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Subcommittees: Energy; Water and Power.



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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 interest 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 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 Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee; the Armed Services Committee; the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; and the Small Business Committee.

John and his wife, Kimberley, live in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Their oldest daughter, Brittany, is a junior in college and their youngest daughter, Larissa, is a college freshman. In his free time, John enjoys spending time with his family, pheasant hunting and playing basketball.



**Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin**

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**Date of Birth:** December 3, 1970, Aberdeen, South Dakota

**Married:** Max Sandlin

**Children:** Zachary Lars Sandlin

The Honorable Stephanie Herseth Sandlin is South Dakota's at large Member of Congress. She is a leader of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of moderate Democrats committed to fiscal discipline and strong national security, and is co-chair of the Rural Working Group, which is dedicated to raising the profile of issues important to rural America. She also serves on three committees vital to South Dakota's interests: Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs and Natural Resources. She is the Chairwoman of the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. At the beginning of the 110th Congress, Representative Herseth Sandlin was chosen to serve on the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming in recognition of her advocacy for and leadership on the issue of renewable biofuels.

Representative Herseth Sandlin grew up on her family's farm and ranch near Houghton (HOW-ton) in the northeast part of South Dakota. 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 Bachelor of Arts in Government. Representative Herseth Sandlin received her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center, where she was a senior editor of the law review, and later served on faculty.

Representative Herseth Sandlin is a member of the South Dakota Bar and has taught classes on government and politics at Augustana College in Sioux Falls and South Dakota State University in Brookings. In 2003, she served as the executive director of the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation, working to further economic prosperity and cultural vitality in rural South Dakota. Representative Herseth Sandlin currently lives in Brookings and is married to former U.S. Representative Max Sandlin, who served the First District of Texas from 1997 to 2005.

Former Governor Ralph Herseth was Representative Herseth Sandlin'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.

In 2006, Representative Herseth Sandlin was reelected to her second full term in the U.S. House of Representatives. She received more than 230,000 votes – the second highest vote total in the nation among House members.

## Former Members of Congress

### Dakota Territory Delegates<sup>a</sup>

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

### State of South Dakota

#### U.S. Senators<sup>f</sup>

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

#### U.S. Representatives<sup>i</sup>

Oscar S. Gifford, R ..... AL 1889 – 1891	Theodore B. Werner, D ..... 2 1933 – 1937
John A. Pickler, R ..... AL 1889 – 1897	Francis H. Case, R ..... 2 1937 – 1951
John R. Gamble, R ..... AL 1891	Karl E. Mundt, R ..... 1 1939 – 1949
John L. Jolley, R ..... AL 1891 – 1893	Harold O. Lovre, R ..... 1 1949 – 1957
William V. Lucas, R ..... AL 1893 – 1895	E.Y. Berry, R ..... 2 1951 – 1971
Robert J. Gamble, R ..... AL 1895 – 1897	George S. McGovern, D ..... 1 1957 – 1961
	Ben Reifel, R ..... 1 1961 – 1971
	James Abourezk, D ..... 2 1971 – 1973
John E. Kelley, DP ..... AL 1897 – 1899	Frank E. Denholm, D ..... 1 1971 – 1975
Freeman Knowles, DP .. AL 1897 – 1899	James Abdnor, R ..... 2 1973 – 1981
Charles H. Burke, R ..... 2 1899 – 1907	Larry Pressler, R ..... 1 1975 – 1979
	Thomas A. Daschle, D 1,AL 1979 – 1987
Eben W. Martin, R ..... 3 1901 – 1907	Clint Roberts, R ..... 2 1981 – 1983
	Tim Johnson, D ..... AL 1987 – 1997
	John Thune, R ..... AL 1997 – 2003
Philo Hall, R ..... AL 1907 – 1909	William J. Janklow, R ..... AL 2003 – 2004 <sup>j</sup>
William H. Parker, R ..... AL 1907 – 1908	Stephanie Herseth, D ..... AL 2004 – <sup>k</sup>
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	

R – Republican

D – Democrat

P – Populist

- 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 reelection 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. James H. Kyle died July 1, 1901.
- e. Alfred B. Kittredge appointed to fill vacancy by death of J. H. Kyle and was elected January 21, 1903, for term ending March 3, 1909.
- f. 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.
- g. Peter Norbeck died December 20, 1936. Herbert Hitchcock was appointed to complete his term until the election of November, 1938.
- h. Harlan J. Bushfield died September 7, 1948. Mrs. Bushfield was appointed to complete the term.
- i. 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 allotted 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.
- j. William Janklow resigned from Congress on January 20, 2004.
- k. Stephanie Herseth was elected in a special congressional election on June 1, 2004. She took office on June 3, 2004.

