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Summary

This report identifies the 234 Members of Congress who have served in Congress for at least 30 years, as of July 7, 2008. Those 234 Members are only 2% of the 11,828 individuals who have represented their states and congressional districts in Congress since 1789.

Of the 234 Members with at least 30 years of congressional service, 137 have spent all of their congressional careers in the House; 27 have spent all of their careers in the Senate; and 70 have had combined service in the House and Senate. Among Members of the 110th Congress, 16 Senators and 17 Representatives have served 30 years or more.

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Introduction

As of July 7, 2008, a total of 234 persons have served for 30 years or more in the United States Congress as Representative or Senator.¹ That number is only 2% of the 11,828 men and women who have represented their states and congressional districts since the First Congress convened on March 4, 1789. Of the 234 Members serving 30 years or more, 137 served only in the House of Representatives; 27 served only in the Senate; and 70 served in both chambers.

Over time, the number of Members serving 30 years or more has grown. Only two Members with over 30 years of service were in Congress in the 18th century: Nathaniel Macon began his service in 1791; Samuel Smith, in 1793. Seven served entirely during the 19th century. By 1967 (90th Congress), a total of 100 Members had served 30 years or more.² As of July 7, 2008, (110th Congress) that number had risen to 234. Among Members of the 110th Congress, 16 incumbent Senators and 17 incumbent Representatives have served 30 years or longer.

Table 1 lists Members who have served 30 years or longer in descending order of the length of their congressional service, as measured in days.³ For each Member, the table presents the Member's party and state represented; dates of the Member's first and last day of service, by chamber; days of service in each chamber; and total days of congressional service. Total service is also presented in years and fractions of years.⁴

¹ Delegates and Resident Commissioners are not included in this report.

² Harold R. Collier, "Service Time of Congressmen," Extension of Remarks, *Congressional Record*, Mar. 9, 1967, vol. 113, part 5, pp. 6191-6193.

³ Earlier editions of this report presented congressional service in terms of years, months, and days. But the method was based on assumptions about the number of days per month and was imprecise. This report avoids the imprecision associated with that method by counting each Member's days of congressional service, beginning on his or her first day of service and ending on the last. In carrying out this approach, CRS used a computer application that calculates the days elapsed from one date to another. The application knows the number of days of each month, and it is designed to handle the intercalary day for leap years. However, the number of elapsed days does not include the first day of service, so the number of *days served* is equal to the number of elapsed days plus 1.

⁴ To report congressional service in terms of years and fractions of years, we divide the total days served, which includes intercalary days for leap years, by the average number of days in the Gregorian year (365.2425).

Calculation Method

Calculations of days of service varied according to the pattern of a Member's service. For example —

- *Clarence A. Cannon* of Missouri served in one continuous period from 3/4/1923 through 5/12/1964. The elapsed time from one date to the other was 15,045, but because Representative Cannon served for each of the elapsed days *and* on the first day, we add one day to the elapsed time for a total of 15,046 days.
- *Justin Morrill* served in both the House and the Senate, continuously from 3/4/1855 to 3/3/1867 in the House (4,383 days) and from 3/4/1867 to 12/28/1898 in the Senate (11,623 days). Morrill's total congressional service was the sum of those two periods, 16,006 days.
- *Henry Jackson* of Washington also served continuously in both the House and the Senate, but because of a statutory change there is an overlap of one day in his official dates of service. Jackson served in the House from 1/3/1941 through 1/3/1953, but his first day in the Senate was also on 1/3/1953. If we simply added his House service (4,384 days) and his Senate service (11,199 days), we would double-count 1/3/1953; so we add the days of service in each chamber (15,583 days) and subtract one day from that sum for Jackson's total days of congressional service (15,582 days). Alternately, we could simply count the days from when his House service started through the date of the day when his Senate service ended.
- *Samuel Smith* served in the House, then in the Senate, then again in the House, and then once again in the Senate. His first period of service (in the House) did not overlap with the second (in the Senate). There was a break between his first period of Senate service and his second period of House service, but there an overlapping day (12/17/1822) when he moved finally from the House again to the Senate. Accordingly, we add the days of each period of service and subtract one day from the sum for a total of 14,276 days of congressional service.

Sources

Table 1 draws the dates of congressional service from the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-Present*;⁵ the “Table of United States Senators” in U.S. Congress, Senate, *Senate Manual*, S. Doc. 104-1; and various editions of the *Congressional Directory* (Washington: GPO). When a date in the *Biographical Directory* was unclear, CRS consulted other sources for clarification, as shown in notes to **Table 1**.

⁵ The *Biographical Directory* is available in hard copy as U.S. Congress, *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-2005*, H. Doc. 108-222 (Washington: GPO, 2006). A continually updated version is available on the website of the Clerk of the House at [<http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp>].

**Table 1. Members of Congress Who Have Served 30 Years or More
as of July 7, 2008**

Member Name	Rank ^a	Period of Congressional Service						Total Days	Years ^c
		Party ^b	State	Chamber	First Day	Last Day	Days		
Hayden, Carl T.	1	D	AZ	House	2/19/1912	3/3/1927	5,492	20,774	56.88
		D	AZ	Senate	3/4/1927	1/3/1969	15,282		
Byrd, Robert C.	2	D	WV	House	1/3/1953	1/3/1959	2,192	20,275	55.51
		D	WV	Senate	1/3/1959		18,084		
Whitten, Jamie L.	3	D	MS	House	11/4/1941	1/3/1995	19,419	19,419	53.17
Dingell, John Jr.	4	D	MI	House	12/13/1955		19,201	19,201	52.57
Vinson, Carl	5	D	GA	House	11/3/1914	1/3/1965	18,325	18,325	50.17
Celler, Emanuel	6	D	NY	House	3/4/1923	1/3/1973	18,204	18,204	49.84
Inouye, Daniel	7	D	HI	House	8/21/1959	1/3/1963	1,232	17,854	48.88
		D	HI	Senate	1/3/1963		16,623		
Rayburn, Sam T.	8	D	TX	House	3/4/1913	11/16/1961	17,790	17,790	48.71
Yates, Sidney	9	D	IL	House	1/3/1949	1/3/1963	5,114	17,533	48.00
		D	IL	House	1/3/1965	1/3/1999	12,419		
Thurmond, Strom	10	D	SC	Senate	12/24/1954	4/4/1956	468	17,327	47.44
		D	SC	Senate	11/7/1956	9/16/1964	2,871		
		R	SC	Senate	9/16/1964	1/3/2003	13,989		
Patman, Wright	11	D	TX	House	3/4/1929	3/7/1976	17,171	17,171	47.01
Cannon, Joseph G.	12	R	IL	House	3/4/1873	3/3/1891	6,574	16,800	46.00
		R	IL	House	3/4/1893	3/3/1913	7,304		
		R	IL	House	3/4/1915	3/3/1923	2,922		
Sabath, Adolph J.	13	D	IL	House	3/4/1907	11/6/1952	16,685	16,685	45.68
Kennedy, Edward M.	14	D	MA	Senate	11/7/1962		16,680	16,680	45.67
Hill, J. Lister	15	D	AL	House	8/14/1923	1/11/1938	5,265	16,579	45.39
		D	AL	Senate	1/11/1938	1/2/1969	11,315		
Bennett, Charles E.	16	D	FL	House	1/3/1949	1/3/1993	16,072	16,072	44.00
Mahon, George H.	16	D	TX	House	1/3/1935	1/3/1979	16,072	16,072	44.00
Magnuson, Warren G.	16	D	WA	House	1/3/1937	12/13/1944	2,902	16,072	44.00
		D	WA	Senate	12/14/1944	1/3/1981	13,170		
Morrill, Justin S.	19	R	VT	House	3/4/1855	3/3/1867	4,383	16,006	43.82
		R	VT	Senate	3/4/1867	12/28/1898	11,623		
Conyers, John Jr.	20	D	MI	House	1/3/1965		15,892	15,892	43.51
Allison, William B.	21	R	IA	House	3/4/1863	3/3/1871	2,922	15,859	43.42
		R	IA	Senate	3/4/1873	8/4/1908	12,937		

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Price, Melvin	22	D	IL	House	1/3/1945	4/22/1988	15,816	15,816	43.30
Jackson, Henry M.	23	D	WA	House	1/3/1941	1/3/1953	4,384	15,582	42.66
		D	WA	Senate	1/3/1953	9/1/1983	11,199		
Glass, Carter	24	D	VA	House	11/4/1902	12/16/1918	5,887	15,480	42.38
		D	VA	Senate	2/2/1920	5/8/1946	9,593		
McCormack, John W.	25	D	MA	House	11/6/1928	1/3/1971	15,399	15,399	42.16
Brooks, Jack	26	D	TX	House	1/3/1953	1/3/1995	15,341	15,341	42.00
Sparkman, John J.	26	D	AL	House	1/3/1937	11/5/1946	3,594	15,341	42.00
		D	AL	Senate	11/6/1946	1/3/1979	11,747		
Doughton, Robert L.	28	D	NC	House	3/4/1911	1/3/1953	15,282	15,282	41.84
Martin, Joseph W.	29	R	MA	House	3/4/1925	1/3/1967	15,281	15,281	41.84
Cannon, Clarence A.	30	D	MO	House	3/4/1923	5/12/1964	15,046	15,046	41.19
Stennis, John C.	31	D	MS	Senate	11/5/1947	1/3/1989	15,036	15,036	41.17
McKellar, Kenneth D.	32	D	TN	House	12/4/1911	3/3/1917	1,917	15,007	41.09
		D	TN	Senate	3/4/1917	1/3/1953	13,090		
Poage, W.R.	33	D	TX	House	1/3/1937	1/3/1978	14,976	14,976	41.00
Natcher, William	34	D	KY	House	8/1/1953	3/29/1994	14,851	14,851	40.66
Pepper, Claude	35	D	FL	Senate	11/4/1936	1/3/1951	5,174	14,819	40.57
		D	FL	House	1/3/1963	5/30/1989	9,645		
Frye, William P.	36	R	ME	House	3/4/1871	3/17/1881	3,667	14,767	40.43
		R	ME	Senate	3/18/1881	8/8/1911	11,100		
Curtis, Carl T.	37	R	NE	House	1/3/1939	12/31/1954	5,842	14,611	40.00
		R	NE	Senate	1/1/1955	1/3/1979	8,769		
Rodino, Peter W. Jr.	37	D	NJ	House	1/3/1949	1/3/1989	14,611	14,611	40.00
Randolph, Jennings	37	D	WV	House	3/4/1933	1/3/1947	5,054	14,611	40.00
		D	WV	Senate	11/5/1958	1/3/1985	9,557		
Hale, Eugene	40	R	ME	House	3/4/1869	3/3/1879	3,652	14,608	40.00
		R	ME	Senate	3/4/1881	3/3/1911	10,956		
Reed, Daniel A.	41	R	NY	House	3/4/1919	2/19/1959	14,598	14,598	39.97
Norris, George W.	42	R	NE	House	3/4/1903	3/3/1913	3,653	14,551	39.84
		R	NE	Senate	3/4/1913	1/5/1937	10,898		
		I	NE	Senate	1/5/1937	1/3/1943	2,189		
Taber, John	42	R	NY	House	3/4/1923	1/3/1963	14,551	14,551	39.84
Colmer, William M.	42	D	MS	House	3/4/1933	1/3/1973	14,551	14,551	39.84
Stevens, Ted	45	R	AK	Senate	12/24/1968		14,441	14,441	39.54
Obey, David	46	D	WI	House	4/1/1969		14,343	14,343	39.27

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Smith, Samuel	47	D	MD	House	3/4/1793	3/3/1803	3,651	14,276	39.09
		D	MD	Senate	3/4/1803	3/3/1815	4,383		
		D	MD	House	1/31/1816	12/17/1822	2,513		
		D	MD	Senate	12/17/1822	3/3/1833	3,730		
Arends, Leslie C.	48	R	IL	House	1/3/1935	1/3/1974	14,246	14,246	39.00
McClellan, John L.	49	D	AR	House	1/3/1935	1/3/1939	1,462	14,211	38.91
		D	AR	Senate	1/3/1943	11/28/1977	12,749		
Sheppard, Morris	50	D	TX	House	11/15/1902	2/3/1913	3,734	14,026	38.40
		D	TX	Senate	2/3/1913	4/9/1941	10,293		
Hollings, Ernest F.	51	D	SC	Senate	11/9/1966	1/3/2005	13,936	13,936	38.16
Russell, Richard B.	52	D	GA	Senate	1/12/1933	1/21/1971	13,889	13,889	38.03
Sherman, John	53	R	OH	House	3/4/1855	3/21/1861	2,210	13,886	38.02
		R	OH	Senate	3/21/1861	3/8/1877	5,832		
		R	OH	Senate	3/4/1881	3/4/1897	5,845		
Long, Russell B.	54	D	LA	Senate	12/31/1948	1/3/1987	13,883	13,883	38.01
Fascell, Dante B.	55	D	FL	House	1/3/1955	1/3/1993	13,881	13,881	38.00
Mills, Wilbur D.	55	D	AR	House	1/3/1939	1/3/1977	13,881	13,881	38.00
Michel, Robert	57	R	IL	House	1/3/1957	1/3/1995	13,880	13,880	38.00
Gillett, Frederick H.	58	R	MA	House	3/4/1893	3/3/1925	11,687	13,878	38.00
		R	MA	Senate	3/4/1925	3/3/1931	2,191		
Crosser, Robert	59	D	OH	House	3/4/1913	3/3/1919	2,191	13,820	37.84
		D	OH	House	3/4/1923	1/3/1955	11,629		
Sikes, Robert L.F.	60	D	FL	House	1/3/1941	10/19/1944	1,386	13,805	37.80
		D	FL	House	1/3/1945	1/3/1979	12,419		
Macon, Nathaniel	61	D	NC	House	3/4/1791	12/13/1815	9,050	13,770	37.70
		D	NC	Senate	12/13/1815	11/14/1828	4,721		
Lodge, Henry Cabot	62	R	MA	House	3/4/1887	3/3/1893	2,192	13,765	37.69
		R	MA	Senate	3/4/1893	11/9/1924	11,573		
Rangel, Charles B.	63	D	NY	House	1/3/1971		13,701	13,701	37.51
Young, C. W. (Bill)	63	R	FL	House	1/3/1971		13,701	13,701	37.51
Barkley, Alben W.	65	D	KY	House	3/4/1913	3/3/1927	5,113	13,590	37.21
		D	KY	Senate	3/4/1927	1/19/1949	7,993		
		D	KY	Senate	1/3/1955	4/30/1956	484		
Gonzalez, Henry B.	66	D	TX	House	11/4/1961	1/3/1999	13,575	13,575	37.17
Warren, Francis E.	67	R	WY	Senate	11/18/1890	3/4/1893	838	13,522	37.02
		R	WY	Senate	3/4/1895	11/24/1929	12,684		
Eastland, James O.	68	D	MS	Senate	6/30/1941	9/28/1941	91	13,234	36.23
		D	MS	Senate	1/3/1943	12/27/1978	13,143		

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Sarbanes, Paul S.	69	D	MD	House	1/3/1971	1/3/1977	2,193	13,150	36.00
		D	MD	Senate	1/3/1977	1/3/2007	10,958		
Boland, Edward	69	D	MA	House	1/3/1953	1/3/1989	13,150	13,150	36.00
Broomfield, William	69	R	MI	House	1/3/1957	1/3/1993	13,150	13,150	36.00
Rostenkowski, Dan	69	D	IL	House	1/3/1959	1/3/1995	13,150	13,150	36.00
Smith, Neal	69	R	IA	House	1/3/1959	1/3/1995	13,150	13,150	36.00
Herbert, F. Edward	69	D	LA	House	1/3/1941	1/3/1977	13,150	13,150	36.00
Pell, Claiborne	69	D	RI	Senate	1/3/1961	1/3/1997	13,150	13,150	36.00
McDade, Joseph	69	R	PA	House	1/3/1963	1/3/1999	13,150	13,150	36.00
Dawes, Henry L.	77	R	MA	House	3/4/1857	3/3/1875	6,574	13,149	36.00
		R	MA	Senate	3/4/1875	3/3/1893	6,575		
Cullom, Shelby M.	78	R	IL	House	3/4/1865	3/3/1871	2,191	13,148	36.00
		R	IL	Senate	3/4/1883	3/3/1913	10,957		
Cooper, Henry A.	79	R	WI	House	3/4/1893	3/3/1919	9,495	13,145	35.99
		R	WI	House	3/4/1921	3/1/1931	3,650		
Connally, Thomas T.	80	D	TX	House	3/4/1917	3/3/1929	4,383	13,090	35.84
		D	TX	Senate	3/4/1929	1/3/1953	8,707		
Smith, Howard W.	80	D	VA	House	3/4/1931	1/3/1967	13,090	13,090	35.84
Young, Milton	82	R	ND	Senate	3/12/1945	1/3/1981	13,082	13,082	35.82
Smith, Ellison D.	83	D	SC	Senate	3/4/1909	11/17/1944	13,043	13,043	35.71
Perkins, Carl D.	84	D	KY	House	1/3/1949	8/3/1984	12,997	12,997	35.58
Hoar, George F.	85	R	MA	House	3/4/1869	3/3/1877	2,922	12,994	35.58
		R	MA	Senate	3/4/1877	9/30/1904	10,072		
Ellender, Allen J.	86	D	LA	Senate	1/3/1937	7/27/1972	12,990	12,990	35.57
Cochran, Thad	87	R	MS	House	1/3/1973	12/26/1978	2,184	12,970	35.51
		R	MS	Senate	12/27/1978		10,786		
Biden, Joseph R.	87	D	DE	Senate	1/3/1973		12,970	12,970	35.51
Domenici, Pete V.	87	R	NM	Senate	1/3/1973		12,970	12,970	35.51
Regula, Ralph	87	R	OH	House	1/3/1973		12,970	12,970	35.51
Stark, Fortney (Pete)	87	D	CA	House	1/3/1973		12,970	12,970	35.51
Swanson, Claude A.	92	D	VA	House	3/4/1893	1/30/1906	4,715	12,966	35.50
		D	VA	Senate	8/1/1910	3/3/1933	8,251		
Dole, Robert J.	93	R	KS	House	1/3/1961	1/3/1969	2,923	12,944	35.44
		R	KS	Senate	1/3/1969	6/11/1996	10,022		
Young, Don	94	R	AK	House	3/6/1973		12,908	12,908	35.34
Rogers, Edith N.	95	R	MA	House	6/30/1925	9/10/1960	12,857	12,857	35.20
Crane, Phillip	96	R	IL	House	11/25/1969	1/3/2005	12,824	12,824	35.11
Lott, Trent	97	R	MS	House	1/3/1973	1/3/1989	5,845	12,768	34.96
		R	MS	Senate	1/3/1989	12/18/2007	6,924		
Zablocki, Clement J.	98	D	WI	House	1/3/1949	12/3/1983	12,753	12,753	34.92

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Brown, George E. Jr.	99	D	CA	House	1/3/1963	1/3/1971	2,923	12,613	34.53
		D	CA	House	1/3/1973	7/15/1999	9,690		
Dirksen, Everett M.	100	R	IL	House	3/4/1933	1/3/1949	5,785	12,608	34.52
		R	IL	Senate	1/3/1951	9/7/1969	6,823		
Wright, James C.	101	D	TX	House	1/3/1955	6/30/1989	12,598	12,598	34.49
King, William R.	102	n.a.	NC	House	3/4/1811	11/4/1816	2,073	12,597	34.49
		DR	AL	Senate	12/14/1819	4/15/1844	8,890		
		DR,J	AL	Senate	7/1/1848	12/20/1852	1,634		
Murtha, John	103	D	PA	House	2/5/1974		12,572	12,572	34.42
Neely, Matthew M.	104	D	WV	House	10/14/1913	3/3/1921	2,698	12,527	34.30
		D	WV	Senate	3/4/1923	3/3/1929	2,192		
		D	WV	Senate	3/4/1931	1/12/1941	3,603		
		D	WV	House	1/3/1945	1/3/1947	731		
		D	WV	Senate	1/3/1949	1/18/1958	3,303		
Robinson, Joseph T.	105	D	AR	House	3/4/1903	1/14/1913	3,605	12,504	34.23
		D	AR	Senate	3/4/1913	7/14/1937	8,899		
Nelson, Knute	106	R	MN	House	3/4/1883	3/3/1889	2,192	12,474	34.15
		R	MN	Senate	3/4/1895	4/28/1923	10,282		
George, Walter F.	107	D	GA	Senate	11/22/1922	1/2/1957	12,461	12,461	34.12
Reece, Brazilla C.	108	R	TN	House	3/4/1921	3/3/1931	3,652	12,435	34.05
		R	TN	House	3/4/1933	1/3/1947	5,054		
		R	TN	House	1/3/1951	3/19/1961	3,729		
Scott, Hugh D. Jr.	109	R	PA	House	1/3/1941	1/3/1945	1,462	12,421	34.01
		R	PA	House	1/3/1947	1/3/1959	4,384		
		R	PA	Senate	1/3/1959	1/3/1977	6,576		
Mansfield, Michael J.	110	D	MT	House	1/3/1943	1/3/1953	3,654	12,420	34.00
		D	MT	Senate	1/3/1953	1/3/1977	8,767		
Mundt, Karl E.	110	R	SD	House	1/3/1939	12/30/1948	3,650	12,420	34.00
		R	SD	Senate	12/31/1948	1/3/1973	8,770		
McMillan, John L.	110	D	SC	House	1/3/1939	1/3/1973	12,420	12,420	34.00
Madden, Ray J.	110	D	IN	House	1/3/1943	1/3/1977	12,420	12,420	34.00
Gibbons, Sam M.	110	D	FL	House	1/3/1963	1/3/1997	12,420	12,420	34.00
Quillen, James	110	R	TN	House	1/3/1963	1/3/1997	12,420	12,420	34.00
Bolling, Richard	116	D	MO	House	1/3/1949	1/3/1983	12,419	12,419	34.00
O'Neill, Thomas P. Jr.	116	D	MA	House	1/3/1953	1/3/1987	12,419	12,419	34.00
Hamilton, Lee	116	D	IN	House	1/3/1965	1/3/1999	12,419	12,419	34.00
Roth, William V.	116	R	DE	House	1/3/1967	12/31/1970	1,459	12,419	34.00
		R	DE	Senate	1/1/1971	1/3/2001	10,961		
Haugen, Gilbert N.	120	R	IA	House	3/4/1899	3/3/1933	12,418	12,418	34.00

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Curtis, Charles	120	R	KS	House	3/4/1893	1/28/1907	5,078	12,418	34.00
		R	KS	Senate	1/29/1907	3/3/1913	2,226		
		R	KS	Senate	3/4/1915	3/3/1929	5,114		
Aiken, George D.	122	R	VT	Senate	1/10/1941	1/3/1975	12,412	12,412	33.98
Halleck, Charles A.	123	R	IN	House	1/29/1935	1/3/1969	12,394	12,394	33.93
Jenkins, Thomas A.	124	R	OH	House	3/4/1925	1/3/1959	12,359	12,359	33.84
Sumners, Hatton W.	124	D	TX	House	3/4/1913	1/3/1947	12,359	12,359	33.84
Woodruff, Roy O.	124	R	MI	House	3/4/1913	3/3/1915	730	12,359	33.84
		R	MI	House	3/4/1921	1/3/1953	11,629		
Robertson, A. Willis	127	D	VA	House	3/4/1933	11/5/1946	4,995	12,355	33.83
		D	VA	Senate	11/6/1946	12/30/1966	7,360		
Jones, Wesley L.	128	R	WA	House	3/4/1899	3/3/1909	3,652	12,314	33.71
		R	WA	Senate	3/4/1909	11/19/1932	8,662		
Burdick, Quentin	129	D	ND	House	1/3/1959	8/8/1960	584	12,303	33.68
		D	ND	Senate	8/8/1960	9/8/1992	11,720		
Ketcham, John H.	130	D	NY	House	3/4/1865	3/3/1873	2,922	12,298	33.67
		R	NY	House	3/4/1877	3/3/1893	5,844		
		R	NY	House	3/4/1897	11/4/1906	3,532		
Kirwan, Michael J.	131	D	OH	House	1/3/1937	7/27/1970	12,259	12,259	33.56
Dodd, Christopher J.	132	D	CT	House	1/3/1975	1/3/1981	2,193	12,240	33.51
		D	CT	Senate	1/3/1981		10,048		
Grassley, Charles E.	132	R	IA	House	1/3/1975	1/3/1981	2,193	12,240	33.51
		R	IA	Senate	1/3/1981		10,048		
Harkin, Thomas R.	132	R	IA	House	1/3/1975	1/3/1985	3,654	12,240	33.51
		R	IA	Senate	1/3/1985		8,587		
Baucus, Max S.	132	D	MT	House	1/3/1975	12/14/1978	1,442	12,240	33.51
		D	MT	Senate	12/15/1978		10,798		
Leahy, Patrick J.	132	D	VT	Senate	1/3/1975		12,240	12,240	33.51
Miller, George	132	D	CA	House	1/3/1975		12,240	12,240	33.51
Oberstar, James L.	132	D	MN	House	1/3/1975		12,240	12,240	33.51
Waxman, Henry A.	132	D	CA	House	1/3/1975		12,240	12,240	33.51
Pou, Edward W.	140	D	NC	House	3/4/1901	4/1/1934	12,082	12,082	33.08
Bingham, Henry H.	141	R	PA	House	3/4/1879	3/22/1912	12,072	12,072	33.05
Borah, William E.	142	R	ID	Senate	3/4/1907	1/19/1940	12,010	12,010	32.88
Bankhead, John H.	143	D	AL	House	3/4/1887	3/3/1907	7,304	11,945	32.70
		D	AL	Senate	6/18/1907	3/1/1920	4,641		
Byrd, Harry F. Sr.	144	D	VA	Senate	3/4/1933	11/10/1965	11,940	11,940	32.69
Case, Clifford P.	145	R	NJ	House	1/3/1945	8/16/1953	3,148	11,915	32.62
		R	NJ	Senate	1/3/1955	1/3/1979	8,767		

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Smith, Margaret Chase	146	R	ME	House	6/3/1940	1/3/1949	3,137	11,903	32.59
		R	ME	Senate	1/3/1949	1/3/1973	8,767		
Taylor, Edward T.	147	D	CO	House	3/4/1909	9/3/1941	11,872	11,872	32.50
Cooley, Harold D.	148	D	NC	House	7/7/1934	12/30/1966	11,865	11,865	32.49
Teague, Olin E.	149	D	TX	House	8/24/1946	12/31/1978	11,818	11,818	32.36
Breaux, John	150	D	LA	House	9/30/1972	1/3/1987	5,209	11,784	32.26
		D	LA	Senate	1/3/1987	1/3/2005	6,576		
Burrows, Julius C.	151	R	MI	House	3/4/1873	3/3/1875	730	11,747	32.16
		R	MI	House	3/4/1879	3/3/1883	1,461		
		R	MI	House	3/4/1885	1/23/1895	3,613		
		R	MI	Senate	1/24/1895	5/3/1911	5,943		
Conte, Silvio	152	R	MA	House	1/3/1959	2/8/1991	11,725	11,725	32.10
Jeffords, James M.	153	R	VT	House	1/3/1975	1/3/1989	5,115	11,689	32.00
		R	VT	Senate	1/3/1989	6/6/2001	4,538		
		I	VT	Senate	6/6/2001	1/3/2007	2,038		
Clay, William	153	D	MO	House	1/3/1969	1/3/2001	11,689	11,689	32.00
Kastenmeier, Robert	153	D	WI	House	1/3/1959	1/3/1991	11,689	11,689	32.00
Morgan, Thomas E.	153	D	PA	House	1/3/1945	1/3/1977	11,689	11,689	32.00
Staggers, H.O. Sr.	153	D	WV	House	1/3/1949	1/3/1981	11,689	11,689	32.00
Steed, Tom	153	D	OK	House	1/3/1949	1/3/1981	11,689	11,689	32.00
Edwards, Don	153	D	CA	House	1/3/1963	1/3/1995	11,689	11,689	32.00
de la Garza, E. (Kika)	153	D	TX	House	1/3/1965	1/3/1997	11,689	11,689	32.00
Hyde, Henry J.	153	R	IL	House	1/3/1975	1/3/2007	11,689	11,689	32.00
Simmons, Furnifold M.	162	D	NC	House	3/4/1887	3/3/1889	731	11,688	32.00
		D	NC	Senate	3/4/1901	3/3/1931	10,957		
Aldrich, Nelson W.	163	R	RI	House	3/4/1879	10/4/1881	946	11,687	32.00
		R	RI	Senate	10/5/1881	3/3/1911	10,741		
Fisher, O. C.	164	D	TX	House	1/3/1943	12/31/1974	11,686	11,686	32.00
Fulbright, J. William	164	D	AR	House	1/3/1943	1/3/1945	732	11,686	32.00
		D	AR	Senate	1/3/1945	12/31/1974	10,955		
Holifield, Chet E.	164	D	CA	House	1/3/1943	12/31/1974	11,686	11,686	32.00
Burleson, Omar	164	D	TX	House	1/3/1947	12/31/1978	11,686	11,686	32.00
Delaney, James J.	164	D	NY	House	1/3/1945	1/3/1947	731	11,686	32.00
		D	NY	House	1/3/1949	12/31/1978	10,955		
Javits, Jacob	169	R	NY	House	1/3/1947	12/31/1954	2,920	11,681	31.98
		R	NY	Senate	1/9/1957	1/3/1981	8,761		
Gore, Albert A. Sr.	170	D	TN	House	1/3/1939	12/4/1944	2,163	11,660	31.92
		D	TN	House	1/3/1945	1/3/1953	2,923		
		D	TN	Senate	1/3/1953	1/3/1971	6,575		
Knutson, Harold K	171	R	MN	House	3/4/1917	1/3/1949	11,629	11,629	31.84
Lea, Clarence F.	171	D	CA	House	3/4/1917	1/3/1949	11,629	11,629	31.84
Spence, Brent	171	D	KY	House	3/4/1931	1/3/1963	11,629	11,629	31.84

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Rankin, John E.	171	D	MS	House	3/4/1921	1/3/1953	11,629	11,629	31.84
Treadway, Allen T.	171	R	MA	House	3/4/1913	1/3/1945	11,629	11,629	31.84
Wolverton, Charles	171	R	NJ	House	3/4/1927	1/3/1959	11,629	11,629	31.84
White, Wallace H.	171	R	ME	House	3/4/1917	3/3/1931	5,113	11,629	31.84
		R	ME	Senate	3/4/1931	1/3/1949	6,516		
Markey, Edward J.	178	D	MA	House	11/2/1976		11,571	11,571	31.68
Bland, Schuyler O.	179	D	VA	House	7/2/1918	2/16/1950	11,553	11,553	31.63
Benton, Thomas H.	180	DR	MO	Senate	8/10/1821	3/3/1851	10,798	11,528	31.56
		D	MO	House	3/4/1853	3/3/1855	730		
Hatch, Orrin G.	181	R	UT	Senate	1/3/1977		11,509	11,509	31.51
Lugar, Richard G.	181	R	IN	Senate	1/3/1977		11,509	11,509	31.51
Mikulski, Barbara A.	181	D	MD	House	1/3/1977	1/3/1987	3,653	11,509	31.51
		D	MD	Senate	1/3/1987		7,857		
Akaka, Daniel K.	181	D	HI	House	1/3/1977	5/15/1990	4,881	11,509	31.51
		D	HI	Senate	5/16/1990		6,628		
Dicks, Norman D.	181	D	WA	House	1/3/1977		11,509	11,509	31.51
Kildee, Dale E.	181	D	MI	House	1/3/1977		11,509	11,509	31.51
Rahall, Nick J.	181	D	WV	House	1/3/1977		11,509	11,509	31.51
Skelton, Ike	181	D	MO	House	1/3/1977		11,509	11,509	31.51
Ransdell, Joseph E.	181	D	LA	House	8/29/1899	3/3/1913	4,935	11,509	31.51
		D	LA	Senate	3/4/1913	3/3/1931	6,574		
Gallinger, Jacob H.	190	R	NH	House	3/4/1885	3/3/1889	1,461	11,489	31.46
		R	NH	Senate	3/4/1891	8/17/1918	10,028		
Proxmire, William	191	D	WI	Senate	8/28/1957	1/3/1989	11,452	11,452	31.35
Underwood, Oscar	192	D	AL	House	3/4/1895	6/9/1896	464	11,420	31.27
		D	AL	House	3/4/1897	3/3/1915	6,573		
		D	AL	Senate	3/4/1915	3/3/1927	4,383		
Butler, Thomas S.	193	R	PA	House	3/4/1897	5/26/1928	11,406	11,406	31.23
Flood, Daniel J.	194	D	PA	House	1/3/1945	1/3/1947	731	11,353	31.08
		D	PA	House	1/3/1949	1/3/1953	1,462		
		D	PA	House	1/3/1955	1/31/1980	9,160		
Pickle, J. J.	195	D	TX	House	12/21/1963	1/3/1995	11,337	11,337	31.04
Andresen, August H.	196	R	MN	House	3/4/1925	3/3/1933	2,922	11,335	31.03
		R	MN	House	1/3/1935	1/14/1958	8,413		
Burton, Theodore E.	197	R	OH	House	3/4/1889	3/3/1891	730	11,195	30.65
		R	OH	House	3/4/1895	3/3/1909	5,113		
		R	OH	Senate	3/4/1909	3/3/1915	2,191		
		R	OH	House	3/4/1921	12/15/1928	2,844		
		R	OH	Senate	12/15/1928	10/28/1929	318		

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Spence, Floyd D.	198	R	SC	House	1/3/1971	8/16/2001	11,184	11,184	30.62
Rooney, John J.	199	D	NY	House	6/6/1944	12/31/1974	11,166	11,166	30.57
Mansfield, Joseph J.	200	D	TX	House	3/4/1917	7/12/1947	11,088	11,088	30.36
Morgan, John T.	201	D	AL	Senate	3/4/1877	7/11/1907	11,086	11,086	30.35
Harrison, Byron P.	202	D	MS	House	3/4/1911	3/3/1919	2,922	11,069	30.31
		D	MS	Senate	3/4/1919	6/22/1941	8,147		
Walter, Francis E.	203	D	PA	House	3/4/1933	5/31/1963	11,046	11,046	30.24
Holman, William S.	204	D	IN	House	3/4/1859	3/3/1865	2,192	11,008	30.14
		D	IN	House	3/4/1867	3/3/1877	3,653		
		D	IN	House	3/4/1881	3/3/1895	5,113		
		D	IN	House	3/4/1897	4/22/1897	50		
Newton, Thomas Jr.	205	D	VA	House	3/4/1801	3/9/1829	10,233	10,964	30.02
		D	VA	House	3/4/1831	3/3/1833	731		
Udall, Morris	206	D	AZ	House	5/2/1961	5/4/1991	10,960	10,960	30.01
Jacobs, Andrew Jr.	206	D	IN	House	1/3/1965	1/3/1973	2,923	10,960	30.01
		D	IN	House	1/3/1975	1/3/1997	8,037		
Stratton, Samuel	208	D	NY	House	1/3/1959	1/3/1989	10,959	10,959	30.00
Latta, Delbert	208	R	OH	House	1/3/1959	1/3/1989	10,959	10,959	30.00
Albert, Carl	208	D	OK	House	1/3/1947	1/3/1977	10,959	10,959	30.00
Gathings, E.C.	208	D	AR	House	1/3/1939	1/3/1969	10,959	10,959	30.00
Evins, Joe L.	208	D	TN	House	1/3/1947	1/3/1977	10,959	10,959	30.00
Passman, Otto E.	208	D	LA	House	1/3/1947	1/3/1977	10,959	10,959	30.00
Abernathy, Thomas G.	208	D	MS	House	1/3/1943	1/3/1973	10,959	10,959	30.00
O’Konski, Alvin E.	208	R	WI	House	1/3/1943	1/3/1973	10,959	10,959	30.00
Buckley, Charles A.	208	D	NY	House	1/3/1935	1/3/1965	10,959	10,959	30.00
Michener, Earl C.	208	R	MI	House	3/4/1919	3/3/1933	5,114	10,959	30.00
		R	MI	House	1/3/1935	1/3/1951	5,845		
Horton, Frank	208	R	NY	House	1/3/1963	1/3/1993	10,959	10,959	30.00
Roybal, Edward	208	D	CA	House	1/3/1963	1/3/1993	10,959	10,959	30.00
Bevill, Tom	208	D	AL	House	1/3/1967	1/3/1997	10,959	10,959	30.00
Montgomery, G. V. (Sonny)	208	D	MS	House	1/3/1967	1/3/1997	10,959	10,959	30.00
Myers, John T.	208	R	IN	House	1/3/1967	1/3/1997	10,959	10,959	30.00
Archer, William (Bill)	208	D	TX	House	1/3/1971	1/3/2001	10,959	10,959	30.00
Ford, William D.	224	D	MI	House	1/3/1965	1/3/1995	10,958	10,958	30.00
Garner, John N.	224	D	TX	House	3/4/1903	3/3/1933	10,958	10,958	30.00
Smoot, Reed	224	R	UT	Senate	3/4/1903	3/3/1933	10,958	10,958	30.00
Keogh, Eugene J.	224	D	NY	House	1/3/1937	1/3/1967	10,958	10,958	30.00
Rhodes, John Jacob	224	R	AZ	House	1/3/1953	1/3/1983	10,958	10,958	30.00
Fountain, L. H.	224	D	NC	House	1/3/1953	1/3/1983	10,958	10,958	30.00
Foley, Thomas S.	224	D	WA	House	1/3/1965	1/3/1995	10,958	10,958	30.00
Stokes, Louis	224	D	OH	House	1/3/1969	1/3/1999	10,958	10,958	30.00
Leach, James A.	224	R	IA	House	1/3/1977	1/3/2007	10,958	10,958	30.00

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Cockrell, Francis M.	233	D	MD	Senate	3/4/1875	3/3/1905	10,957	10,957	30.00
Jones, John P.	234	R	NE	Senate	3/4/1873	3/3/1903	10,956	10,956	30.00

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Notes: Names of incumbents appear in boldface.

- a. Members with the identical length of service are ranked with the same number. Thus, the three Members ranked 16th follow 15 Members with lengthier service. The next Member in the list is ranked 19th because he follows 18 Members with lengthier service.
- b. Party abbreviations: D-Democratic; DR-Democratic Republican; I-Independent; J-Jacksonian; R-Republican
- c. Length of service in years is presented as the ratio of the number of days of service divided by the average number of days per year on the Gregorian calendar, the current standard calendar in most of the world (365.2425 days per year).