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Newly Elected Senators in the 114th Congress

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Senator Dan Sullivan (Alaska)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

Mark Begich (D-incumbent)

Committee Assignments

TBA

Prior Public Service

Marine Corps, National Security Council, and assistant Secretary of State under President George W. Bush. Alaska Attorney General, head of Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

Line of Work

Lawyer, clerk for Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Matthews.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Reducing national debt by cutting government spending and regulation, addressing issues of infrastructure and domestic violence in rural Alaska, protecting second amendment rights, increased energy production from Alaska's natural resources, repealing Obamacare, promoting national security and veteran's benefits, and opposes abortion.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

"Alaska is on the front lines when it comes to changes in our climate, and with seven billion people on earth, humans will have an effect (...) However, despite what many climate change alarmists want us to believe, there is no general consensus on pinpointing the sole cause of global temperature trends. He is opposed to EPA's attempts to regulate carbon emissions.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy

"We must take a proactive, results-based strategy to Washington by tackling energy issues at the federal level and capitalizing on the enormous opportunity for development here in Alaska and throughout the rest of the country." He supports all energy sources, including renewables and fossil fuels.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency

None of any particular relevance.

Senator Tom Cotton (Arkansas)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative replaced:

Mark Pryor (D-Incumbent)

Committee Assignments

(In the House of Representatives) Financial Services; Foreign Affairs.

Prior Public Service

Army officer, Congressman for AR 4th Congressional District.

Line of Work

Lawyer, clerk with the U.S. Court of Appeals, management consultant.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Defense and national security; economic growth by cutting government spending and regulations; against federal education standards; increased domestic energy production, specifically fossil fuels, to achieve energy independence, create jobs, lower energy costs – supports renewables only if they can succeed without federal subsidy; protecting veteran's benefits; lowering tax rates.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

"The simple fact is that for the last 16 years the earth's temperature has not warmed. That's the facts...Now, there's no doubt that the temperature has risen over the past 150, 200 years. It's most likely that human activity has contributed to some of that." Opposed to EPA regulations on carbon emissions, favors fossil fuel sources.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy

States that he supports enhancing diverse mix of energy sources to increase domestic energy supply, but is against subsidies and federal support for renewable energy sources, supports the Keystone XL pipeline.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency

None of any particular relevance.

Senator Cory Gardner (Colorado)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

Mark Udall (D-incumbent)

Committee Assignments

(In the House of Representatives) Energy and Commerce Subcommittees on Energy and Power, Communications and Technology, and Oversight and Investigations

Prior Public Service

Colorado House of Representatives, U.S. House of Representatives.

Line of Work

Agricultural group communications director, aide to U.S. Senator Wayne Allard.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Economic growth by cutting government spending and regulations; developing domestic energy sources in order to achieve energy independence and create jobs, source neutral; repealing Obamacare; making higher education more affordable and removing federal public education standards; promoting national security; protecting second amendment rights; preventing undocumented immigration.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

Along with Representative Peter Welch, created the Energy Efficiency Caucus to promote use of Energy Savings Performance Contracts; has supported and sponsored several energy efficiency related bills in the House.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

"I believe that the climate is changing, I disagree to the extent that it's been in the news." "There is no doubt that pollution contributes to the climate changing around us, but what I refuse to do is support a climate tax bill like Waxman/Markey put in place, that would have cost farmers and ranchers in the state, that would cost small business the opportunity to grow, that would increase that bills that families pay, \$1,700 a year."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy

"Our country is in desperate need of a national energy strategy, and increasing domestic production should be a major component of that plan, (...) we can turn a short-term supply fix into a long-term policy that promotes America's energy independence. (...) We truly embrace an 'all of the above' strategy in Colorado that includes solar, wind, oil, natural gas, and coal."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency

"This legislation is a great step toward reducing energy consumption, which means lower costs and less pollution." - On H.R. 2126, the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2014; "We have a great opportunity to use private sector innovation to reduce our energy consumption and save taxpayer dollars. And we can do it with the support of both Democrats and Republicans."

Senator David Perdue (Georgia)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

Saxby Chambliss (R-retired)

Committee Assignments

TBA

Prior Public Service

None.

Line of Work

Business executive, consultant.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Economic growth by cutting government spending and regulations; tax reform; imposing congressional term limits; repealing Obamacare; promoting domestic manufacturing and exports; eliminating federal education standards; increasing energy production and independence; preventing undocumented immigration by strengthening border protections; protecting second amendment rights; anti-same sex marriage and abortion.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

Does not believe human activity is a major contributing factor to climate change—"in science, there's an active debate going on." He is against EPA regulations of GHG emissions and clean power plan—"The EPA is really overreaching and damaging entire industries."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy

"Georgia voters deserve a Senator who supports an all-of-the-above energy plan. Expanding domestic energy production will help get Americans back to work and achieve energy independence. If elected, I will work to remove burdensome EPA regulations holding back our economy and to advance the Keystone XL Pipeline to create more jobs and lower energy prices for all Georgians." He has pledged to protect oil subsidies.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency

None of any particular relevance.

Senator Joni Ernst (Iowa)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

Tom Harkin (D-retired)

Committee Assignments

TBA

Prior Public Service

Montgomery County auditor, Iowa State Senate.

Line of Work

Romney for President county chair, county GOP co-chair, county emergency coordinator, college job training coordinator, Blue Cross/Blue Shield employee, career counselor.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Economic growth by cutting federal regulations and spending; repealing Obamacare; protecting Social Security, Medicare, and veterans benefits; anti-abortion; strong national defense; tax reform; protecting second amendment rights.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

"I do believe our climate is changing, but again, I'm not sure what the impact of man is upon that climate change." On whether or not the U.S. government should take action on climate change—"I believe that individuals can take their own steps to protect the environment. Again, the United States is such a small contributor when it comes to the world's pollution issues. I think this is probably more of an international issue." He is opposed to cap and trade and EPA regulations in general because of their negative economic impacts.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy

On the Renewable Fuel Standard—"While I do not believe the government should pick winners and losers in our economy, and from a philosophical standpoint I do not believe in taxpayer subsidies, I do believe that if we were to end these subsidies, it would have to be done across the board, for every sector at the exact same time – meaning until and unless that day comes, I will passionately stand in defense of the RFS and other related programs." He was initially opposed to the RFS, but later declared support due to its importance for Iowa's ethanol industry; is in favor of the Keystone XL pipeline as a means of achieving energy independence and economic growth.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency

None of any particular relevance.

Senator Gary Peters (Michigan)

Party Affiliation

Democrat

Representative Replaced

Carl Levin (D-retired)

Committee Assignments

(In the House of Representatives) Financial Services

Prior Public Service

Navy reserves, Rochester Hills City Council, Michigan Senate, U.S. House of Representatives.

Line of Work

College professor, state lottery commissioner, investment executive.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Balancing the budget and tax reform to close loopholes; civil rights and equality, protecting voting rights, stopping hate crimes and racial profiling, equal pay; economic growth by supporting small business, investing in domestic industry and manufacturing; increased funding for public education; environmental protection and promoting clean energy technologies.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

In the House of Representatives, passed the Advanced Vehicle Technology Act, and protected the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing programs from budget cuts.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

"It's a major issue. I think the science shows overwhelmingly that human activities have contributed a great deal towards climate change", "By pursuing clean energy technologies, we'll break our nation's addiction to foreign fossil fuels and create thousands of American jobs. All of us must do our part to fight global climate change and that's why I'll keep fighting for important legislation like this."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy

"I support expanding investment and tax credits for advanced manufacturing and retooling so that Michigan's manufacturing sector can continue to grow into an international leader in clean energy production. This is an emerging sector that plays to our strengths as a state – our talented workers, our legacy of innovation, and our proud manufacturing heritage." In general, he is interested in pursuing clean/renewable energy as it pertains to manufacturing and industry to achieve both economic development and environmental protection.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency

"With the right kind of targeted investment, Michigan can continue to pave the way in new domestic sources of energy and cutting-edge energy efficiency technologies to create new good-paying jobs and set the standard across the country and the world."; on the Sensible Accounting to Value Energy Act: "By incentivizing sustainability and the construction of energy efficient homes, we are promoting job creation for homebuilders and manufacturers while also protecting our natural resources."

Senator Steve Daines (Montana)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

John Walsh (D-dropped out of race)

Committee Assignments

(In the House of Representatives) Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Prior Public Service

U.S. House of Representatives.

Line of Work

General manager/vice president of a technology firm; construction company vice president, consumer-goods company operations manager.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Economic growth by cutting government spending, regulation, and taxes; supporting agriculture and farmers; removing federal education standards; environmental protection and developing domestic energy sources; repealing Obamacare; preventing undocumented immigration; national security; protecting Social Security, Medicare, and veterans benefits; Native American's issues.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

"While I believe we all have a moral responsibility to be good stewards of the environment, the current uncertainty surrounding climate change requires us to consider very carefully any legislation that would cost jobs and hurt families with only the promise of an extremely small impact on the reported problem." He is against carbon and emissions regulations because he believes they are "job killers"; is a strong coal supporter and prioritizes fossil fuels.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy

"I support an all-of-the-above approach to securing American energy independence that includes alternative sources of energy—hydropower, wind, and solar—along with coal, oil, and natural gas. Montana will continue to lead the way, through the pending construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, promoting exploration and sustained development of the Bakken oil shale, continuing to lead in domestic coal production, and expanding our renewable energy production." He encourages domestic energy production for energy independence and economic development.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency

Has voted against energy efficiency initiatives.

Senator Ben Sasse (Nebraska)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

Mike Johanns (R-retired)

Committee Assignments

TBA

Prior Public Service

None.

Line of Work

University president, assistant Health and Human Services secretary, counselor to HHS secretary, Justice Department office chief of staff, congressional aide.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Economic growth by cutting government spending and regulation; promoting domestic energy development to achieve energy independence; repealing Obamacare; reforming entitlement programs; greater investment in education.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

Has not spoken explicitly about climate change, but supports greater production of coal energy, drilling for oil and natural gas on federal lands, the Keystone XL pipeline, and removing EPA regulations; "The shale oil revolution that we sit on the front cusp of could create genuine energy independence for North America. It could reduce our dependence on foreign oil. It could create, with different estimates, about 3 million jobs, and be done in an environmentally safe way, but we aren't even having discussions about how to do it in an environmentally safe way because the EPA on their own just gets to try to shut off access to certain parts of shale."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy

Though he is a strong advocate for developing fossil fuel sources, he also claims to support "an all-of-the-above energy strategy"; has criticized regulations on fossil fuels sources and government support for renewable sources-- "The Obama administration doesn't have an all of the above strategy — they have a Solyndra Strategy," says he supports renewables "but not an administration that tries to pick winners and losers."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency

None of any particular relevance.

Senator Thom Tillis (North Carolina)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

Kay Hagan (D-incumbent)

Committee Assignments

TBA

Prior Public Service

North Carolina House, Cornelius Board of Commissioners.

Line of Work

Technology companies' executive and manager, life insurance company consultant.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Economic growth by cutting government spending and regulation, lowering taxes, reducing debt; repealing Obamacare; funding public education and scholarships; pro-life and anti-same sex marriage; preventing undocumented immigration; developing domestic energy sources to achieve energy independence; supporting agriculture and farmers; protecting second amendment rights; veterans benefits.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

"I don't think we were debating whether or not the Earth's climate changes over times because it does. It has since the Earth's beginning. The point is the liberal agenda, the Obama agenda, the Kay Hagan agenda, is trying to use it as a Trojan horse for their energy policy." He has opposed EPA regulations on GHG emissions and cap and trade legislation because he believes they will have a negative economic impact.

Public statements/positions on Energy

"The anti-energy policies of Kay Hagan and Barack Obama have destroyed jobs and caused energy prices to skyrocket. Thom understands we need an all-the-above approach to make America energy independent. Thom strongly supports the construction of the Keystone Pipeline and favors expanding offshore drilling to make our nation less dependent on foreign oil." He favors fossil fuels over renewables.

Public statements/positions on Energy Efficiency

Initially voted in favor of energy efficiency and renewable energy policies, but during his campaign Tillis stated that he supports their repeal.

Senator James Lankford (Oklahoma)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

Tom Coburn (R-retired)

Committee Assignments

(In the House of Representatives) Budget; Oversight and Government Reform

Prior Public Service

U.S. House of Representatives.

Line of Work

Youth camp director, youth group director.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Economic growth by cutting government spending and regulation, lowering taxes, promoting small businesses, reducing debt; repealing Obamacare; removing federal education mandates; preventing undocumented immigration; protecting second amendment rights; maintaining strong national defense; pro-life and anti-same sex marriage; supporting agriculture and farmers; states' rights.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

Agrees that climate does change over time, but that it is a natural process and is skeptical regarding whether or not humans have an impact on climate change; opposes regulations on GHG emissions--"The Administration's announcement of new regulations on American energy providers will hurt those in poverty, arbitrarily driving up electricity costs for all American families."

Public statements/positions on Energy

"America has enough energy to meet the needs of our country, but our current energy and environmental policy discourages energy exploration in the United States rather than encourages energy independence. Oklahoma can teach the nation that energy development means good jobs and a bright future. Wind, geothermal, solar, and hydroelectric all show great promise for the distant future, but right now all of them combined can provide only a tiny fraction of our energy needs. We must explore, develop and transport all forms of American energy in a safe and efficient way for all Americans."

Public statements/positions on Energy Efficiency

Has voted against legislation supporting energy efficiency initiatives.

Senator Mike Rounds (South Dakota)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

Tim Johnson (D-retired)

Committee Assignments

TBA

Prior Public Service

South Dakota Governor, South Dakota Senate.

Line of Work

Insurance and real estate agency partner.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Economic growth by cutting government spending and regulation, lowering taxes, reducing debt; repealing Obamacare; removing federal education mandates; protecting second amendment rights; maintaining strong national defense; pro-life, anti-same sex marriage; developing domestic energy sources; protecting Medicare; entitlement reform.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

While Governor, developed ethanol and wind industries.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

Believes that human activity is a major factor contributing to climate change, does not support federal policies to limit GHG emissions because of the higher costs and regulatory burdens that will be placed on consumers and producers; supports the Keystone XL pipeline.

Public statements/positions on Energy

Thinks that government should pursue greater domestic energy development, from all sources, including fossil fuels and renewables, but that a large amount of the country's energy must come from traditional sources such as coal; supports government mandates and subsidies for renewables "on a limited basis", ideally believes that subsidies would not be necessary, but "supports time-limited government energy credits for all energy development, with highest percentage to traditional sources.", believes that "government should not be picking the winners and the losers and then taxing one type of energy because it has carbon in it."

Public statements/positions on Energy Efficiency

None of any particular relevance.

Senator Shelley Moore Capito (West Virginia)

Party Affiliation

Republican

Representative Replaced

Jay Rockefeller (D-retired)

Committee Assignments

(In the House of Representatives) Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure

Prior Public Service

U.S. House of Representatives, West Virginia House of Representatives.

Line of Work

Information center director, college career counselor.

Major Campaign Agenda Items

Economic growth by cutting government spending, lowering taxes, supporting job training programs; veterans benefits; maintaining strong national defense; removing federal education mandates, increasing access to higher education; developing domestic energy sources to achieve energy independence; reforming Obamacare; preventing undocumented immigration; protecting Social Security, Medicare, and veterans benefits; second amendment rights; investing in transportation and infrastructure.

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy

None of any particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate

"I don't necessarily think the climate's changing, no," later stated she misspoke and said "Is the climate changing? Yes it's changing, it changes all the time, we heard it raining out there," she said. "I'm sure humans are contributing to it. She is against EPA regulations on climate change due to the negative impacts they have on the coal industry, a large part of the West Virginia economy.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy

Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito advocates for an all-of-the-above energy policy that uses West Virginia's coal and natural gas, North American oil reserves, and renewable energy to make our nation more energy secure and less dependent on energy from hostile nations." She believes domestic energy production "will provide good jobs for our citizens" and advocates for a "plan that avoids picking winners and losers and instead focuses on energy independence through development of all of our energy resources."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency

None of any particular relevance.