



Byron Dorgan, United States Senator, was elected to the Senate in 1992, after serving six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. A member of the Senate leadership since 1996, he has chaired the Senate Democratic Policy Committee since 1998. Senator Dorgan chairs the Indian Affairs Committee, the Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, and the Aviation Operations, Safety and Security Subcommittee of the [Commerce, Science and Transportation](#) Committee. He is also a member of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee. Senator Dorgan's top priorities have included international trade, rural economic development, alternative energy resources and technologies, and expanding North Dakota's research and development potential. Senator Dorgan was appointed to the office of State Tax Commissioner in North Dakota at age 26. He was reelected to that office in 1972 and 1976. A native of Regent, North Dakota, Senator Dorgan received a Bachelor of Science from the University of North Dakota and an MBA from the University of Denver.