



Kent Conrad, United States Senator, was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986, a position to which he has been reelected five times. Senator Conrad chairs the Budget Committee, where he is recognized as an expert on budget matters and plays a key role on federal fiscal and economic policy. He also chairs the Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology of the Agriculture Committee and the Subcommittee on Taxation, IRS Oversight, and Long-Term Growth of the Finance Committee. He is also a senior member of the Indian Affairs Committee. During his 20 years in the Senate, Senator Conrad has played leadership roles in the 2002 and 2008 federal Farm Bills, rural health care policy, trade and comprehensive energy legislation. He was elected North Dakota Tax Commissioner in 1981, where he served for six years. A fifth-generation North Dakotan, Senator Conrad was born and attended school in Bismarck, and he earned a BA from Stanford University in 1971 and an MBA from George Washington University in 1975.