



Biography

Senator John Ensign has served the people of Nevada from his days as a veterinarian, small business owner, and U.S. Congressman to his present role as the 24th U.S. Senator for Nevada.

Senator Ensign was raised in northern Nevada and moved to southern Nevada where he graduated from Clark High School. He attended UNLV and earned a Bachelor's degree from Oregon State University. He received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Colorado State University in 1985. Senator Ensign immediately began practicing veterinary medicine and opened the first 24-hour animal hospital in Las Vegas.

Senator Ensign was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2000. Throughout his career, Ensign has fought for smaller, more effective government; lower taxes; a strong national defense and aggressive approach to combating terrorists; increased parental control in education choices; and quality health care for Nevada's seniors and veterans.

In addition to his committee assignments, Senator Ensign chairs the Republican High Tech Task Force and serves as Vice Chairman of the Republican Steering Committee, a group that shapes the party's legislative agenda.

Senator Ensign spends his workweek in Washington and his weekends in Las Vegas with his wife, Darlene, and their three children—Trevor, Siena, and Michael.

Committee Assignments

Committee on Armed Services

- [Subcommittee on Airland](#)
- [Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities](#)
- [Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, Senator John Ensign, Chairman](#)

Committee on the Budget

Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation

- [Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation and Competitiveness, Senator John Ensign, Chairman](#)
- [Subcommittee on Aviation](#)
- [Subcommittee on Science and Space](#)
- [Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development](#)

Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions

- [Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development](#)
- [Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety](#)
- [Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness](#)

Committee on Veterans' Affairs