

League of Women Voters of Oklahoma

Candidate: Senator Jim Inhofe

Preparation of a Good Senator: (Word Count: 75)

What prepares a good senator is the time spent getting to know the state and the people you represent. Before I was elected to Congress, I was in public office on the local level and a small businessman for over 30 years. I was raised and educated in Oklahoma and served in the U.S. Army. Addressing the needs of your constituents and staying true to your values is the most important aspect of public service.

Reduce Use on Fossil Fuels: (Word Count: 75)

We need to create an American energy supply that is stable, diverse, and affordable. Oklahoma's oil and gas industry is a major contributor to our state's economy and America's energy security. I have led efforts in Congress to increase our domestic supply at home, along with encouraging the use of alternative sources including renewables such as wind, biofuels, and bioenergy crops and geothermal heat pumps, so that Oklahoma remains a leader in America's energy future.

Short/Long Term Goals for Iraq and Middle East: (Word Count: 74)

Achieving stability in the Middle East is vital to U.S. national security and stability in the world. We must be committed to supporting a democratically elected government in Iraq. We must also continue to fight extremism wherever it exists. Supporting Israel and resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to realizing peace in the region. I will continue to lead the effort in Congress to ensure we have the resources necessary to achieve this vision.

American Health Coverage: (Word Count: 75)

I am proud to serve on the Senate Rural Health Caucus working to provide rural America affordable health care. I support consumer driven health care policy that provides all Americans with more choices in determining the best care for themselves and their families. In order to make health care more affordable and accessible, we need to increase competition, pass medical malpractice reform, remove laws restricting competition between health insurance providers, and eliminate bureaucratic red tape.

Immigration: (Word Count: 75)

I understand the American people want government to secure our borders and not grant amnesty to illegal aliens. I have been the leading voice in Congress authoring the ENFORCE Act (S. 1269) and backing legislation to enforce our laws, make English the official language, and improve our naturalization processes. I support a border fence, empowering the U.S. Border Patrol and law enforcement to apprehend illegal immigrants, and providing surveillance measures to decrease illegal border crossings.

Environment, Global Warming, Endangered Species: (Word Count: 75)

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I've worked hard to build upon the environmental accomplishments of the past thirty years. We must strike an appropriate balance between protecting and developing our natural resources in a manner which contributes to our energy independence and security. I recognize the value of conserving our resources and authored the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act to build on public-private partnerships to encourage conservation.