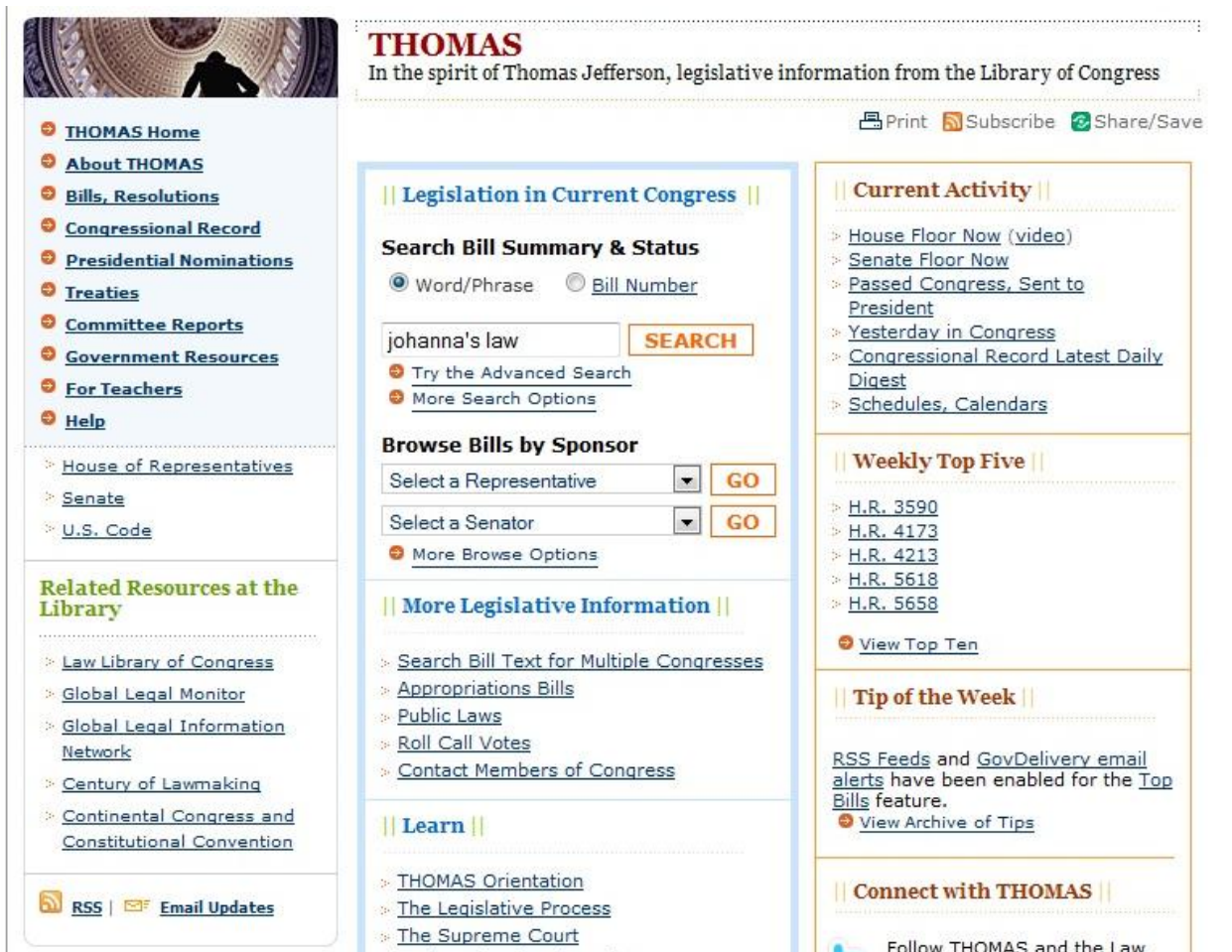


How to use Thomas.gov to see if your Elected Officials are cosponsoring ovarian cancer-related legislation

Have you ever asked your Representative or Senators to sign on to cosponsor legislation like Johanna's Law or the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month Resolution and then wonder if they actually did what you asked? There's an easy way to check. The Library of Congress maintains a database called Thomas that provides updated cosponsorship lists and other information about legislation. This step-by-step guide will show you how to use www.thomas.gov to see if your Representative or Senators are cosponsors of ovarian cancer-related legislation.

1. Go to www.thomas.gov

You can search for legislation either by Word/Phrase or Bill Number. In this first example, we will search by Word/Phrase for Johanna's Law to see a list of Representatives who have signed on to cosponsor.



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RSS Feeds and GovDelivery email alerts have been enabled for the Top Bills feature.

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2. The search results bring up both the House and Senate version of the bill.

Bill Summary & Status Search Results

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1. [H.R.2941](#) : To reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

Sponsor: [Rep DeLauro, Rosa L.](#) [CT-3] (introduced 6/18/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (148)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2. [S.3493](#) : A bill to reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

Sponsor: [Sen Specter, Arlen](#) [PA] (introduced 6/15/2010) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Major Action: 6/15/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Education, Labor, and Pensions.

3. Click "Cosponsors" to see a list of all 148 cosponsors of H.R. 2941. You can display the names by date or alphabetical order. If your Elected Official has recently agreed to cosponsor, there may be a slight delay of a day or two before their name shows up in the system.

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Related Bills: [S.3493](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

COSPONSORS(148), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: [by date](#))

[Rep Ackerman, Gary L.](#) [NY-5] - 6/18/2009
[Rep Alexander, Rodney](#) [LA-5] - 7/31/2009
[Rep Altmire, Jason](#) [PA-4] - 9/30/2009
[Rep Andrews, Robert E.](#) [NJ-1] - 6/18/2009
[Rep Baird, Brian](#) [WA-3] - 9/22/2009
[Rep Baldwin, Tammy](#) [WI-2] - 6/18/2009
[Rep Berkley, Shelley](#) [NV-1] - 6/18/2009
[Rep Berman, Howard L.](#) [CA-28] - 6/18/2009
[Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr.](#) [GA-2] - 6/18/2009

4. You can also search by bill number, which requires proper use of H.R., H.Res., S., and/or S.Res.

For the purposes of legislation the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance is currently working on, you only need to know:

H.R. or S. → bill in the House of Representatives or Senate. Bills can become laws.

Examples:

H.R. 2941 (Johanna’s Law in the House)

S. 3493 (Johanna’s Law in the Senate)

H.Res. or S.Res. → A Resolution in the House or Senate. A simple resolution does not become law.

Examples:

H.Res. 1488 (Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month Resolution in the House)

S.Res. 555 (Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month Resolution in the Senate)

In this example, we will search for cosponsors for H.Res. 1488, using the search by Bill Number option.

The screenshot shows the THOMAS website interface. At the top left is a navigation menu with links: THOMAS Home, About THOMAS, Bills, Resolutions, Congressional Record, Presidential Nominations, Treaties, Committee Reports, Government Resources, For Teachers, and Help. Below this are dropdown menus for House of Representatives, Senate, and U.S. Code. A section titled 'Related Resources at the Library' is also present. The main content area features a search box with the text 'H.Res.1488' and a 'SEARCH' button. Above the search box are radio buttons for 'Word/Phrase' and 'Bill Number' (which is selected). Below the search box are links for 'Try the Advanced Search' and 'More Search Options'. To the right of the search box is a 'Browse Bills by Sponsor' section with dropdown menus for 'Select a Representative' and 'Select a Senator', each with a 'GO' button and a link for 'More Browse Options'. At the bottom of the search area is a link for 'More Legislative Information'. On the right side of the page, there are two sections: 'Current Activity' with links for 'House Floor Now (video)', 'Senate Floor Now', 'Passed Congress, Sent to President', 'Yesterday in Congress', 'Congressional Record Latest Daily Digest', and 'Schedules, Calendars'; and 'Weekly Top Five' with a list of bill numbers: H.R. 3590, H.R. 4173, H.R. 4213, H.R. 5618, and H.R. 5658. At the top right of the page are links for 'Print', 'Subscribe', and 'Share/Save'.

5. Click search and information about H.Res.1488 is retrieved.

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H.RES.1488

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H.RES.1488

Title: Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Sponsor: [Rep Israel, Steve](#) [NY-2] (introduced 6/29/2010) [Cosponsors](#) (21)

Related Bills: [H.RES.727](#), [S.RES.267](#), [S.RES.555](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

All Information (except text)	Text of Legislation	CRS Summary	Major Congressional Actions
Titles	Cosponsors (21)	Committees	All Congressional Actions
Related Bills	Amendments	Related Committee Documents	All Congressional Actions with Amendments With links to <i>Congressional Record</i> pages, votes, reports
CBO Cost Estimates	Subjects		

6. Click cosponsors to see a list of current cosponsors of H.Res.1488.

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Latest Major Action: 6/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

COSPONSORS(21), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: [by date](#))

- [Rep Blackburn, Marsha](#) [TN-7] - 7/13/2010
- [Rep Burton, Dan](#) [IN-5] - 6/29/2010
- [Rep DeLauro, Rosa L.](#) [CT-3] - 6/29/2010
- [Rep Gerlach, Jim](#) [PA-6] - 7/13/2010
- [Rep Holt, Rush D.](#) [NJ-12] - 7/13/2010
- [Rep Issa, Darrell E.](#) [CA-49] - 6/29/2010
- [Rep Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr.](#) [GA-4] - 7/13/2010
- [Rep Kennedy, Patrick J.](#) [RI-1] - 7/13/2010
- [Rep Lance, Leonard](#) [NJ-7] - 7/13/2010
- [Rep Lee, Barbara](#) [CA-9] - 7/13/2010

7. If your Elected Official is not signed on as a cosponsor, go to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance's Take Action website to send a message to request cosponsorship.

- 1) Go to <http://www.ovariancancer.org/take-action/>
- 2) Click the teal button that says "Send a Message to your Elected Officials"
- 3) Locate the Action Alert associated with the piece of legislation and then click "Take Action" in the lower left-hand corner of the alert. Follow the instructions on the screen to send a cosponsorship request to your Representatives or Senators.

FEATURED ALERT

Johanna's Law Introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives

Ask Your Member of the House of Representatives to Co-Sponsor Johanna's Law

Johanna's Law: The Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act was signed into law in 2007. The law authorized a national gynecologic cancer awareness campaign over three years. We must now work to reauthorize the program.



Ask your Representative to become a co-sponsor for the reauthorization of Johanna's Law: The Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act. The enhanced Johanna's Law also calls for collaboration with nonprofit gynecologic cancer organizations and creates a grant program for groups to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

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Take Action

FEATURED ALERT

Ask your Senators to cosponsor Johanna's Law (S. 3493)

The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance has been working for you. Today, we are thrilled to announce that **Johanna's Law: The Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act has been introduced in the Senate** by Senator Specter. Original cosponsors to Johanna's Law are Senators Stabenow and Menendez.

However, we need your help immediately in order to pass this important piece of legislation.

Hundreds of ovarian cancer survivors, many who are no longer with us, family and friends worked tirelessly to pass the original Johanna's Law in 2006 after it was first introduced in 2005. Please honor their hard work as you write your Senators and request their support for this legislation.

"Every year over 80,000 women in the United States are newly diagnosed with some form of gynecologic cancer," Sen. Specter said. "We must do everything in our power to promote education and early detection of these cancers so that we can increase women's survival rates and quality of life."

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Take Action