

Jim Cooper

CONGRESSMAN FOR TENNESSEE'S 5TH DISTRICT



Fighting for America's Long-Term Fiscal Future

- Introduced bipartisan SAFE Commission Act, long-term entitlement reform task force, with support from House Majority and Minority Leaders and over 100 colleagues
- Wrote foreword to and published *The Financial Report of the United States*, official U.S. Treasury document outlining country's fiscal health

Reforming the Nation's Security Strategy

- Chairman, House Armed Services Committee Panel on Roles and Missions
- Author, 2008 "Initial Perspectives" Roles and Mission report on America's 21st Century national security posture

Leading the Fight for Health Care for All

- Introduced Cooper-Breaux health care reform plan in 1993, which gained wide support from Republicans and Democrats
- Currently lead cosponsor of bipartisan Wyden-Bennett Healthy Americans Act

Strengthening Oversight and Accountability in Government

- Cooper-McCaskill Inspector General Reform Act of 2008, reforming federal watchdogs, signed into law October 2008
- Led committee investigation of electric co-op governance and fought to eliminate billions of dollars in wasteful crop insurance industry subsidies in 2008 Farm Bill
- Leading the effort to reform congressional spending; original cosponsor of Bipartisan Earmark Reform Commission Act of 2008

What Commentators Say about Jim Cooper's Work in Congress

- "Rep. Jim Cooper is the Al Gore of financial collapse." – Patrick O'Connor, *Politico*
- "...one of the most thoughtful, cordial and well-prepared members of the House." – David Brooks, *New York Times*
- "A Democratic crusader for honestly balanced budgets." – David Broder, *Washington Post*, praising Cooper's efforts to reform government spending
- "Intellectual giant in a body of lesser brains in our nation's Capitol" – *Business Tennessee*

In Brief

Jim Cooper (D-TN) has represented Nashville and surrounding areas in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2002, currently serving on the Armed Services Committee and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. An attorney and Rhodes Scholar, Cooper was first elected at age 28 to represent Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District (1983-95). Today, in addition to serving in Congress, he teaches graduate-level health policy at Vanderbilt University's Owen School of Management. He and his wife Martha have three children.