

U.S. Senator Wayne Allard

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U.S. Senator Wayne Allard is a Colorado veterinarian committed to cutting taxes, returning power and responsibility to state and local governments and assuring the security of America both at home and abroad as well as restoring economic prosperity.

Consistent with his belief that elected officials should be citizen legislators, Allard spends a majority of his time in Colorado. Since 1991, Allard has held more than 530 town meetings across Colorado. During his time in the Senate, Allard has held a town meeting annually in each of Colorado's sixty-four counties, while maintaining a 99% voting record. Allard has pledged to continue to hold at least one town meeting in every Colorado county each year during his term in the U.S. Senate. He has also led by example by being the most frugal member of the Colorado delegation and has returned more than \$2.4 million in unspent office funds to the U.S. Treasury since being elected to federal office in 1991.

Allard was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, in 1943 and raised on a ranch near Walden, Colorado. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Colorado State University in 1968. While completing veterinary school, Allard married Joan Malcolm who received her degree in microbiology, also from CSU. They built their veterinary practice, the Allard Animal Hospital, from scratch. The Allards raised their two daughters, Christi and Cheryl, in Loveland, Colorado and have four grandsons.

Allard ran his veterinary practice full-time, while representing Larimer and Weld Counties in the Colorado State Senate, from 1983 to 1990. He was best known during his time in the Colorado State Senate for sponsoring the state law limiting state legislative sessions to 120 days, preserving the concept of the citizen-legislator.

Allard served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District from 1991 to 1996, when he was elected to the United States Senate. As a Colorado Congressman, Allard served on the Joint Committee on Congressional Reform, which recommended many of the reforms included in the Contract with America. These reforms were among the first legislative items passed by the Republican controlled Congress in 1995.

Allard is currently a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Strategic Subcommittee; the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Housing and Transportation Subcommittee; the Senate Budget Committee; and the Senate Agriculture Committee. In February 2001, Allard was also appointed by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott to serve on the High Tech Task Force and the National Security Working Group. He is the Chairman of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus.

