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U.S. SENATOR *for* SOUTH DAKOTA

Agriculture

South Dakota's number one industry is agriculture, which is why I have chosen to serve our farmers and ranchers as a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and have helped write the last thr...

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Education

As a father, I understand the importance for all parents in South Dakota to know that educators have the tools they need to ensure that children can reach their full potential. Under Republican leader...

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Energy.

I believe it is vital we continue to bolster our nation's energy independence, especially given our nation's current economic situation. Transitioning to renewable fuels, such as wind ener...

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Environment

There is no question that we need common sense environmental policies that protect our natural resources. However, I am concerned that some policies coming out of Washington, D.C., will result in mor...

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Fiscal Responsibility

Every South Dakota family must live within a budget, and I continue to believe the federal government should do the same. For too long, responsible budgeting has not been practiced in Washington, but ...

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Guns

I strongly support the Second Amendment, which protects "the right of the people to keep and bear arms." The plain language of the Second Amendment guarantees the right of law-abiding citizens to own ...

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Health Care

I believe that reforming our health care system is necessary. However, like a growing number of Americans, I also believe the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, better known as ObamaCare, is ...



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Homeland Security

The attacks of September 11, 2001 forced us to change the way we think about national security and how we protect our country here at home. The attacks in Paris on November 13, 2015 are a reminder tha...

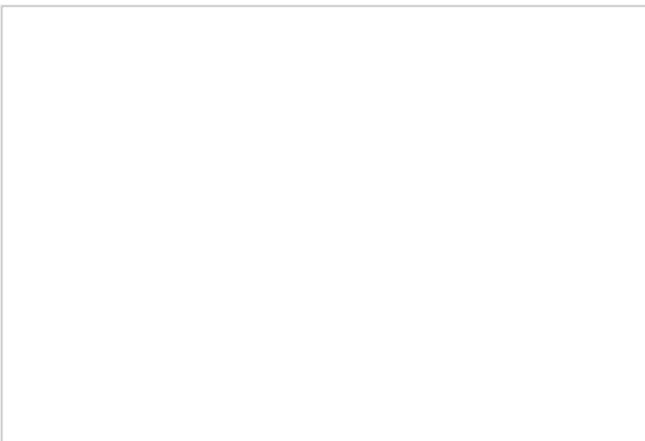
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Immigration

The primary role of a government is to provide for the security of its people. To do so, it is essential that we secure our borders and ports of entry. We must be diligent in assuring that individuals...

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Indian Affairs

The culture and traditions of South Dakota's nine tribes have greatly contributed to the rich history of our state and our nation. At the same time, our tribes continue to face numerous challenges. Du...

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Jobs & Economic Growth

The national unemployment rate remains high and families and small businesses struggle to make ends meet. The federal government continues placing burdensome regulations on businesses. Many companies

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Judges

Judicial nominations should be treated the same regardless of which party controls the White House or the U.S. Senate. I look forward to reviewing the backgrounds and qualifications of all of the judi...

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National Security & Foreign Policy

America must have a strong military to deter would-be adversaries and, when diplomatic efforts fail, protect our nation from acts or imminent threats of violence. That is why I support having a nation...

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Protecting Life

As a member of Congress, I have a 100 percent pro-life voting record and have consistently supported a ban on abortion

with the exceptions of rape, incest, and endangerment to a mother's life. I...

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Taxes

I have long supported tax relief for families and small businesses in South Dakota. Tax relief accomplishes two important goals: it puts more money in the pockets of South Dakotans, and it grows the e...

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Tax Reform

Congress can walk and chew gum at the same time, which is why I've spent a lot of time getting a head-start on several tax-related bills, like my New Economy Works...

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Transportation

South Dakota's wide open spaces mean the nearest hospital or airport can be many miles away. Without question, adequate federal funding and the stability provided by a long-term transportation b...

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Veterans

As Americans, we have the humble responsibility to care for our veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. As our men and women from both the active service and the National Guard return ho...

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