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Speaker Biographies

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Senator Daniel Biss currently represents the 9th District for the Illinois Senate, and previously represented the 17th Illinois House District from 2011 to 2013 before his election to the state Senate in 2013. He sits on the chamber’s Licensed Activities and Pensions, Education, Higher Education, Environment and Local Government Committees. During his term in the House, Senator Biss passed legislation on issues including environmental policy, economic growth, political reform, consumer protection and equal rights for individuals with autism. He emerged as a leader on fiscal matters and pushed both parties to overhaul the budget process to align spending with available revenue. He fought to preserve top priorities, such as education and services to seniors, while making tough choices to help Illinois live within its means and avoid surprise shortfalls. Senator Biss was at the forefront of the efforts to reform public pensions in ways that stabilize the systems while protecting lower-income workers and those who are nearer retirement, and has focused his efforts on expanding retirement savings opportunities for Illinois' citizens who lack access to retirement plans through their employers. He grew up in Bloomington, Indiana, and moved to Illinois after completing a bachelor’s degree at Harvard University and a Ph.D. in mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was a member of the University of Chicago's mathematics faculty for six years and later served as a policy advisor to the Governor on ethics and transparency.



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Mark Bury is the Assistant Chief Counsel for International Law, Legislation and Regulations in the FAA’s Office of Chief Counsel. Mr. Bury’s division provides legal support for all of the FAA’s rulemaking initiatives, including the drafting and reviewing of regulatory documents published in the Federal Register and advising on the legal sufficiency of regulatory actions and associated economic analyses. Mr. Bury joined the FAA’s Office of the Chief Counsel in 1984 after graduating from The Ohio State University School of Law. He has spent most of his legal career with the FAA, first as an attorney-advisor handling administrative law matters and regulatory enforcement cases, and later as a trial attorney participating in aircraft accident litigation involving the Federal government and in administrative hearings and proceedings conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board. After a three-year stint as a senior associate in the federal administrative and regulatory practice group of a Washington law firm, Mr. Bury rejoined the FAA as a senior attorney with the International Affairs and Legal Policy Staff of the Office of Chief Counsel, where he has applied his broad range of aviation law experience to the international arena. He was the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for International Law and then the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for International Law, Legislation and Regulations before assuming his current position.

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