



State Senator Jim Merritt

Jim Merritt has been a strong advocate for all Hoosiers in the Indiana Senate since his first legislative session in 1991. As Chairman of the Senate Majority Caucus, Senator Merritt has been an integral part of creating and implementing landmark legislation like property tax reform, veterans benefit improvements, synthetic drug regulation, eliminating abandoned homes, the Indiana Lifeline Law, the Safe Haven Law and the Silver Alert.

Having served in the state Senate for more than 23 years representing an Indianapolis district, Senator Merritt is Chairman of the Utilities Committee. He is also a member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs; the Senate Public Policy Committee and the Senate Rules Committee.

Senator Merritt is vice president of corporate affairs for the Indiana Railroad Company. He graduated from Indiana University in 1981 with a B.A. in political science. He and his wife Kelley have two daughters and a son.