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# U.S. Representative Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA) U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott began serving his ninth term as a Member of Congress on January 6, 2009. Scott, who holds degrees from Harvard University and Boston College Law School, currently serves on the Committee on the Judiciary, where he is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. Scott also serves on the Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee on the Budget. In Congress, Scott is leading efforts to pass comprehensive juvenile justice reform and crime prevention legislation by sponsoring the *Youth PROMISE Act*, which provides resources to state and local governments to prevent juvenile crime. He is also leading efforts to enact legislation designed to reduce high-school dropout rates