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Bernie Sanders of Vermont uses the story of his 1996 reelection campaign to paint the picture of what it's like to be the first Independent elected to the House of Representatives in 40 years and the only one ever elected to four consecutive terms. *Outsider in the House* provides a good look at such recent political skirmishes as the Gulf War, NAFTA, and health care reform. In his concluding chapter, Sanders puts forward explicit proposals for tackling such issues as bridging the gap between rich and poor (develop a truly progressive tax code, he says); campaign reform (establish automatic voter registration, end soft money, cap total election expenditures and provide free TV time for political ads); and balancing the budget (drastically cut defense and corporate welfare).

From Library Journal

What's it like to be the odd-man out in Congress? Sanders, the first independent elected to the House in 40 years, sheds some light on running for and serving in the House. Mayor of Burlington, Vermont, from 1981 to 1989, Sanders won his first term in 1990, identifying himself as a progressive. Using his 1996 reelection campaign as the framework for the book, Sanders bounces around in time to present a very personal account of his political life. His thoughts on major political figures, such as Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich, are often quite blunt, and at times he delivers some cheap shots at his Republican and Democratic colleagues. Sanders exposes the reader to his Socialist/Progressive positions on all kinds of issues, from bovine growth hormone to NAFTA. Sanders is a dedicated representative, but he should stick to writing legislation. Readers looking for a balanced treatment of Congressional politics might consult Ronald D. Elving's *Conflict and Compromise* (S. & S., 1995) and Steven Waldman's *The Bill* (LJ 2/1/95).?Thomas J. Baldino, Wilkes Univ., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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Review

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