



Les Aspin

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: WI • **District:** 1

Service: 1971–1995

Most recent Congress: 103

Biography

A Representative from Wisconsin. Born in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wis. , July 21, 1938. Attended Milwaukee public schools. B. A. , Yale University, 1960. M. A. , Oxford University, England, 1962. Ph. D. , economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1965. Assistant professor of economics, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis. , 1969-1970. Economic adviser to the Secretary of Defense while serving in United States Army, 1966-1968. Served in the United States Army, captain, 1966-1968. Staff member to United States Senator William Proxmire in 1960, and was his campaign director in 1964 for reelection. Staff assistant to Walter Heller, chairman of President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers, 1963. Unsuccessful candidate for the office of Wisconsin State Treasurer, 1968. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-second and to the eleven succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1971, until his resignation January 20, 1993, to become Secretary of Defense in the Cabinet of President William J. Clinton and served as Secretary of Defense until his resignation on January 20, 1994. Chairman, Committee on Armed Services (Ninety-ninth through One Hundred Second Congresses). Professor of international policy, Washington Center for Government, Marquette University. Chair of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and of the Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the United States Intelligence Community from August 1994 until his death in Washington, D. C. On May 21, 1995. Interment in Wisconsin Memorial Park, Brookfield, Wis.

Legislative Activity (1971–1995)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0