



Thomas S. Foley

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: WA • **District:** 5

Service: 1965–1995

Most recent Congress: 103

Biography

A Representative from Washington. Born in Spokane, Wash. , March 6, 1929. Graduated from Gonzaga High School, Spokane, Wash. , 1946. A. B. , University of Washington, Seattle, Wash. , 1951. J. D. , University of Washington Law School, 1957. Lawyer, private practice. Appointed deputy prosecuting attorney, Spokane County, Wash. , 1958. Professor, Gonzaga University Law School, Spokane, Wash. , 1958-1959. Appointed assistant attorney general, State of Washington, 1960. Assistant chief clerk and special counsel of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Senate, 1961-1963. Elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-ninth and to the fourteen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1995). Unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fourth Congress. Chair, Committee on Agriculture (Ninety-fourth through Ninety-sixth Congresses). Majority whip (Ninety-seventh through Ninety-ninth Congresses). Majority leader (One Hundredth and One Hundred First Congresses). Speaker of the House (One Hundred First through One Hundred Third Congresses). Awarded the title Knight Commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 1995. United States Ambassador to Japan, 1997-2001. Died on October 18, 2013, in Washington, D. C. Interment at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Legislative Activity (1965–1995)

Bills sponsored: 0

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