



Wendell Hampton Ford

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: KY

Service: 1975–1999

Most recent Congress: 105

Biography

A Senator from Kentucky. Born near Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. , September 8, 1924. Attended the public schools of Daviess County. Attended the University of Kentucky 1942-1943. Graduated, Maryland School of Insurance 1947. Engaged in insurance business in Kentucky. Served in the United States Army 1944-1946. Kentucky National Guard 1942-1962. Chief assistant to Kentucky Governor 1959-1961. Member, State senate 1965-1967. Lieutenant governor 1967-1971. Governor of Kentucky 1971-1974. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in November 1974 for the term commencing January 3, 1975. Subsequently appointed by the Governor, December 28, 1974, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Marlow W. Cook for the term ending January 3, 1975. Reelected in 1980, 1986, and again in 1992 for the term ending January 3, 1999. Not a candidate for reelection in 1998. Democratic whip 1991-1999. Chairman, Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences (Ninety-fifth Congress), Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (Ninety-fifth through Ninety-seventh Congresses), Select Committee to Study the Committee System (Ninety-eighth Congress), Committee on Rules and Administration (One Hundredth through One Hundred Third Congresses), Joint Committee on Printing (One Hundred First and One Hundred Third Congresses). Was a resident of Owensboro, Ky. , until his death on January 22, 2015. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky.

Legislative Activity (1975–1999)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0