



James William Fulbright

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: AR

Biography

A Representative and a Senator from Arkansas. Born in Sumner, Chariton County, Mo. , April 9, 1905. Moved with his parents to Fayetteville, Ark. , in 1906. Attended the primary and secondary education teachers' training schools of the University of Arkansas grades 1 through 12. Graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1925, as a Rhodes scholar from Oxford University, England, in 1928, and from the law department of George Washington University, Washington, D. C. , in 1934. Admitted to the District of Columbia bar in 1934. Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division 1934-1935. Instructor in law, George Washington University 1935, and lecturer in law, University of Arkansas 1936-1939. President of the University of Arkansas 1939-1941. Also engaged in the newspaper business, in the lumber business, in banking, and in farming. Elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-eighth Congress (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1945). Was not a candidate for renomination in 1944. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1944. Reelected in 1950, 1956, 1962, and again in 1968, and served from January 3, 1945, until his resignation December 31, 1974. Unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1974. Chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency (Eighty-fourth through Eighty-sixth Congresses), Committee on Foreign Relations (Eighty-sixth through Ninety-third Congresses). Counsel to the law firm of Hogan and Hartson, Washington, D. C. , until 1993. Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on May 5, 1993. Was a resident of Washington, D. C. , until his death, February 9, 1995. Cremated, ashes interred in Fulbright family plot, Evergreen Cemetery, Fayetteville, Ark.

Legislative Activity (–)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0