



Kenneth Hechler

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: WV • **District:** 4

Biography

A Representative from West Virginia. Born near Roslyn, Long Island, N. Y. , September 20, 1914. Graduated from Roslyn High School, Roslyn, N. Y. , 1931. A. B. , Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. , 1935. A. M. , Columbia University, New York, N. Y. , 1936. Ph. D. , Columbia University, New York, N. Y. , 1940. Faculty, Columbia, Barnard, Princeton and Marshall Universities. Research assistant, Judge Samuel I. Rosenman and President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Roosevelt's public papers. Section chief, Bureau of the Census, 1940. Personnel officer, Office for Emergency Management, 1941. Administrative analyst, United States Bureau of the Budget, in 1942 and 1946. United States Army, European Theater of Operations as combat historian, 1942-1946, participated in the Normandy invasion. Special assistant to President Truman, 1949-1953. Associate director of American Political Science Association at Washington, D. C. , 1953-1956. Research director, presidential campaign of Adlai Stevenson, 1956. Administrative aide to Senator John A. Carroll of Colorado in 1957. Delegate Democratic National Conventions, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1980 and 1984. Elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-sixth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1959-January 3, 1977). Was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-fifth Congress in 1976, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of West Virginia. Subsequently was an unsuccessful write-in candidate for reelection to the United States House of Representatives. Television and newspaper journalist. Unsuccessful Democratic candidate for nomination to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978. Science consultant, House Committee on Science and Technology, 1980-1982. Taught at the University of Charleston and Marshall University, 1981-1984. Elected secretary of state of West Virginia in 1984. Unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the One Hundred Second Congress in 1990. Died on December 10, 2016, in Romney, W. Va.

Legislative Activity (–)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0

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