



Michael Joseph Mansfield

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: MT

Biography

A Representative and a Senator from Montana. Born in New York City, March 16, 1903. Moved with his family to Great Falls, Cascade County, Mont. , in 1906. Attended the public schools in Great Falls. Served as a seaman when only fourteen years old in the United States Navy during the First World War, as a private in the United States Army in 1919-1920, and as a private first class in the United States Marine Corps 1920-1922. Worked as a miner and mining engineer in Butte, Mont. , 1922-1930. Attended the Montana School of Mines at Butte in 1927 and 1928. Graduated from University of Montana at Missoula in 1933, and received a masters degree from that institution in 1934. Also attended the University of California at Los Angeles in 1936 and 1937. Professor of history and political science at the Montana State University (now University of Montana-Missoula) 1933-1942. Elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-eighth Congress. Reelected to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1953). Was not a candidate for reelection in 1952, having become a candidate for the Senate. Chairman, Special Committee on Campaign Expenditures (Eighty-first Congress). Was elected to the United States Senate in 1952. Reelected in 1958, 1964, and 1970 and served from January 3, 1953, to January 3, 1977. Democratic whip 1957-1961. Majority leader and Democratic caucus chairman 1961-1977. Democratic Policy Committee chairman 1961-1977. Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration (Eighty-seventh Congress), Select Committee on Secret and Confidential Documents (Ninety-second Congress), Special Committee on Secret and Confidential Documents (Ninety-third Congress). Was not a candidate for reelection in 1976. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan 1977-1988. East Asian advisor, Goldman, Sachs. Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on January 19, 1989. Was a resident of Washington, D. C. Until his death due to congestive heart failure on October 5, 2001. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

Legislative Activity (-)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0