



Edmund Sixtus Muskie

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: ME

Biography

A Senator from Maine. Born in Rumford, Oxford County, Maine, March 28, 1914. Attended the public schools. Graduated from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, in 1936, and Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, N. Y. , in 1939. Admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1939 and Maine bar in 1940. Commenced the practice of law in Waterville, Maine, in 1940. During the Second World War enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the Atlantic and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters 1942-1945. Member and secretary of Waterville Board of Zoning Adjustment 1948-1955. Appointed district director for Maine Office of Price Stabilization 1951-1952. City solicitor of Waterville in 1954. Elected to the State house of representatives in 1946, 1948, and 1950, and was Democratic floor leader 1949-1951. Governor of Maine 1955-1959. Elected a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1958. Reelected in 1964, 1970 and 1976 and served from January 3, 1959, until his resignation on May 7, 1980, to enter the Cabinet. Chairman, Committee on the Budget (Ninety-third through Ninety-sixth Congresses). Unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Vice President of the United States in 1968. Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President Jimmy Carter 1980-1981. Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on January 16, 1981. Member, President's Special Review Board ("Tower Commission") 1987. Practiced law and was a resident of Washington, D. C. , until his death on March 26, 1996. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Legislative Activity (–)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0