



David Hampton Pryor

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: AR

Service: 1965–1997

Most recent Congress: 104

Biography

(Father of Mark Pryor), a Representative and a Senator from Arkansas. Born in Camden, Ouachita County, Ark. , August 29, 1934. Attended the public schools of Camden. Attended Henderson State Teachers College. Graduated, University of Arkansas 1957. Graduated, University of Arkansas Law School 1964. Admitted to the bar in 1964 and commenced practice in Camden. Founder and publisher, Ouachita Citizen 1957-1960. Elected State representative in 1960 and reelected in 1962 and 1964. Elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-ninth Congress, August 9, 1966, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Oren Harris and at the same time elected to the Ninetieth Congress. Reelected to the two succeeding Congresses and served from November 8, 1966, to January 3, 1973. Was not a candidate for reelection in 1972 to the House of Representatives, but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination for the United States Senate. Governor of Arkansas 1975-1979. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1978. Reelected in 1984 and 1990 and served from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1997. Was not a candidate for reelection in 1996. Chairman, Special Committee on Aging (One Hundred First through One Hundred Third Congresses). Dean, Clinton School of Public Service, University of Arkansas 2004-2006. Was a resident of Little Rock, Ark. , until his death on April 20, 2024. Interment in Mount Holly Cemetery, Little Rock, Ark.

Legislative Activity (1965–1997)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0