



Jennings Randolph

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: WV

Biography

A Representative and a Senator from West Virginia. Born in Salem, Harrison County, W. Va. , March 8, 1902. Attended the public schools. Graduated from the Salem (W. Va.) Academy in 1920 and Salem (W. Va.) College in 1924. Engaged in newspaper work in Clarksburg, W. Va. , in 1924. Associate editor of West Virginia Review at Charleston in 1925. Head of the department of public speaking and journalism at Davis and Elkins College at Elkins, W. Va. , 1926-1932. Trustee of Salem College and Davis and Elkins College. Unsuccessful candidate for election in 1930 to the Seventy-second Congress. Elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and to the six succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1947). Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1946 to the Eightieth Congress. Chairman, Committee on the District of Columbia (Seventy-sixth through Seventy-ninth Congresses), Committee on Civil Service (Seventy-ninth Congress). Professor of public speaking at Southeastern University, Washington, D. C. , 1935-1953, and dean of School of Business Administration 1952-1958. Assistant to president and director of public relations, Capital Airlines, Washington, D. C. , February 1947-April 1958. Elected in a special election on November 4, 1958, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Matthew M. Neely. Reelected in 1960, 1966, 1972 and 1978 and served from November 5, 1958, to January 3, 1985. Did not seek reelection. Chairman, Committee on Public Works (Eighty-ninth through Ninety-fifth Congresses), Committee on Environment and Public Works (Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth Congresses). Died in St. Louis, Mo. , on May 8, 1998. Interment in Seventh-Day Baptist Cemetery, Salem, Harrison County, W. Va.

Legislative Activity (-)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0