

William Richar Ratchford

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House**State:** CT • **District:** 5

Biography

A Representative from Connecticut. Born in Danbury, Fairfield County, Conn. , May 24, 1934. Graduated from Danbury High School, Danbury, Conn. , 1952. B. A. , University of Connecticut, Storrs, 1956. J. D. , Georgetown Law School, Washington, D. C. , 1959. Served in the Connecticut National Guard, 1959-1965. Admitted to the Connecticut bar in 1959 and commenced practice in Danbury, in 1960. Served in the Connecticut house of representatives, 1962-1974 and was speaker, 1969-1973. Unsuccessful candidate for election to the Ninety-fourth Congress in 1974. Chairman, Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Nursing Homes, 1975-1976. Commissioner on aging, 1977-1978. Delegate, Connecticut State Democratic conventions, 1960-1974. Delegate, Democratic National Conventions, 1972 and 1984. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-sixth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1985). Unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-ninth Congress. Assistant administrator, General Services Administration, congressional affairs, 1993-2001. Died on January 2, 2011, in Arlington, Va.

Legislative Activity (-)

Bills sponsored: 0**Bills cosponsored:** 0

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