



Harley Orrin Staggers

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: WV • **District:** 2

Biography

(Father of Harley Orrin Staggers, Jr.), a Representative from West Virginia. Born in Keyser, Mineral County, W. Va. , August 3, 1907. Attended the public schools of Mineral County, W. Va. Was graduated from Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va. , in 1931. Graduate work at Duke University in 1935. Coach and teacher of science at Norton (Va.) High School 1931-1933. Head coach of Potomac State College, Keyser, W. Va. , 1933-1935. Sheriff of Mineral County, W. Va. , 1937-1941. Right-of-way agent, State Road Commission of West Virginia, in 1941 and 1942. West Virginia State Director, Office of Government Reports (later Office of War Information) in 1942. Lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Air Corps with service as a navigator in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of War 1942-1946. Elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first and to the fifteen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1981). Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (Eighty-ninth through Ninety-sixth Congresses). Was not a candidate for reelection in 1980 to the Ninety-seventh Congress. Was a resident of Keyser, W. Va. , until his death in Cumberland, Md. , on August 20, 1991.

Legislative Activity (-)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0