



## Vernon W. Thomson

**Party:** Republican • **Chamber:** House

**State:** WI • **District:** 3

### Biography

A Representative from Wisconsin. Born in Richland Center, Richland County, Wis. , November 5, 1905. Graduated from Richland Center High School in 1923. Attended Carroll College in Waukesha, 1923-1925. Graduated from University of Wisconsin in 1927. Taught at Viroqua High School, 1927-1929. Graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1932. Engaged in private practice of law, Richland Center, Wis. , 1932-1951. Assistant district attorney of Richland County, 1933-1935, and city attorney, 1933-1937, and again, 1942-1944. Mayor of Richland Center from April 1944 to February 1951. Member of the State assembly, 1935-1951, serving as speaker, 1939-1945, and as Republican floor leader, 1945-1951. State attorney general, 1951-1957. Governor of Wisconsin from January 7, 1957, to January 5, 1959. Delegate, Republican National Conventions, 1936, 1940, 1952, and 1956. Elected as a Republican to the Eighty-seventh Congress. Reelected to the six succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1961, until his resignation December 31, 1974. Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1974 to the Ninety-fourth Congress. Member, Federal Election Commission, April 1975 to June 1979 and January 1981 to December 1981. Was a resident of McLean, Va. , until his death in Washington, D. C. , on April 2, 1988. Interment in Richland Center Cemetery, Richland Center, Wis.

### Legislative Activity (-)

**Bills sponsored:** 0

**Bills cosponsored:** 0