

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

UNITED STATES SENATOR



SENATOR PATRICK J. LEAHY
United States Senator – Democrat, Vermont

Patrick Leahy of Middlesex was elected to the United States Senate in 1974 and remains the only Democrat -- and, when elected at 34, the youngest person -- elected to this office from Vermont. Leahy was born in Montpelier and grew up within sight of the Statehouse. A graduate of Saint Michael's College in Colchester (1961), he received his Juris Doctoris from Georgetown University Law Center (1964). He served for eight years as State's Attorney in Chittenden County and was selected (1974) as one of three outstanding prosecutors in the United States. In his sixth term, Leahy is the seventh most senior member of the Senate, a senior member of the Agriculture and Appropriations Committees, and Chairman of both the Judiciary Committee and the State And Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee. He is co-chair of the Senate National Guard Caucus and co-chair and co-founder of the Congressional Internet Caucus. He co-authored the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact and the Milk Income Loss Compensation program and is the father of the national organic standards and labeling program and a variety of other farm, conservation and environmental initiatives, including ongoing efforts to protect Lake Champlain. He wrote the charter for the first-responder grant program in 2001 and the Innocence Protection Act, enacted in 2004. He wrote the first law in the world banning the export of landmines, and the Leahy War Victim's Fund is used worldwide to help landmine victims. Patrick Leahy and his wife of more than 44 years, Marcelle Pomerleau Leahy, a native of Newport, Vt., live on a tree farm in Middlesex, Vermont. Post Office Address: 199 Main Street, Burlington, VT, 05401, or United States Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510.

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SENATOR BERNARD SANDERS
United States Senator - Independent, Vermont

Bernard Sanders of Burlington, Chittenden County, was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 8, 1941. Sanders was elected to the United States Senate in 2006 and served in the United States House from 1991-2006. He is the longest-serving Independent in the history of the House of Representatives. Before his election to Congress, Sanders served as Mayor of Burlington (1981-1989). His accomplishments as Mayor included building affordable housing, revitalizing the City's waterfront and downtown and supporting the arts. He was chosen as one of the twenty best mayors in the country by U.S. News and World Report. In the Senate, he serves on the Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Veterans' Affairs; and Budget Committees. He is a supporter of progressive tax reform, national health care, affordable housing, family farms, a higher minimum wage, workers rights and a national energy policy emphasizing conservation. He is the founder and former chair of the House Progressive Caucus, which has grown to over 50 members. He is married to Jane O'Meara Sanders, and they have 4 children. Before being elected mayor he worked as a writer, documentary producer, and Director of the American People's History Society. Vermont Phone Number 800-339-9834 or 1-802-862-0697. Vermont Fax (802) 862-6370. Post office address: 1 Church Street, Burlington, VT, 05401-4417.

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REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS



REPRESENTATIVE PETER WELCH
United States Representative to Congress - Democratic, Vermont

Peter Welch currently serves as Vermont's Democratic member to the United States House of Representatives.

Welch was born in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1947 into a family of six children. He attended Holy Name Grammar School and Cathedral High School. After graduating from Holy Cross College in 1969, he was selected to be in the first class of Robert F. Kennedy Fellows. This honor allowed him to continue the civil rights work he began in college, helping families in Chicago overcome discriminatory housing policies. Welch graduated from the University of California Berkeley, Boalt Hall in 1973.

Settling in Vermont, Welch worked as a public defender and then started the firm of Welch, Graham & Manby, of which he served as partner.

In 1980, Welch was elected to represent Windsor County in the State Senate. In 1985 he was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as President Pro Tem of the Vermont Senate, becoming the first Democrat to hold this leadership position in state history. He served as President Pro Tem from 1985 to 1988. Welch returned to the Senate in 2001 and his colleagues again unanimously elected him President Pro Tem in 2003. He served as President Pro Tem from 2003 to 2006.

Welch and his late wife Joan Smith raised five children together. He and his dog, Pepper, are often seen running on the back roads of Welch's hometown in Hartland.