

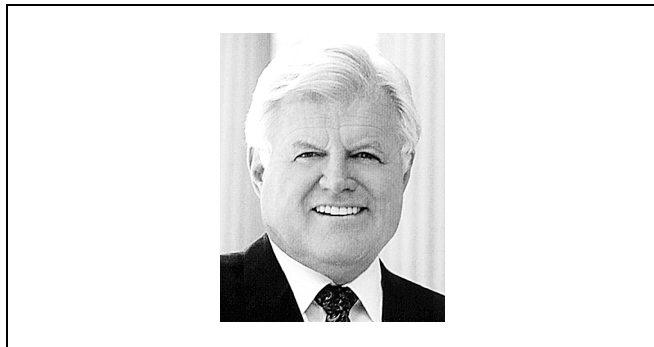
Edward M. Kennedy

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Date of Birth February 22, 1932

Education B.A. Harvard University, 1956; LL.B. University of Virginia, 1959

Current Position United States Senator (D-MA)



Career Highlights

- ❑ U.S. Senator (1962-present)
- ❑ Ranking Member, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (2003-present)
- ❑ Chairman, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (2001-2003)
- ❑ Chairman, Labor and Human Resources Committee (1987-1995)
- ❑ Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee (1978-1981)
- ❑ Assistant District Attorney, Suffolk County (1961-62)

Accomplishments

- ❑ Shaped and sponsored the No Child Left Behind Act
- ❑ Worked to create the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
- ❑ Championed and supported Head Start throughout his career in the Senate

Biographical Sketch

Senator Edward M. Kennedy was elected to the United States Senate in 1962 to complete the term of his brother, John F. Kennedy, who was elected President in 1960. Since that time, Kennedy has been re-elected to seven full terms, and is now the second most senior member of that body.

During his career in the Senate, Kennedy has focused heavily on issues relating to the education and health of children. He has been a strong proponent of Head Start, as well as a supporter of the Summer Jobs for Youth Program. In 2001, Kennedy was a leading sponsor of the No Child Left Behind Act in the Senate, creating bipartisan support for the law.

Kennedy is currently the ranking member on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee. He also serves on the Judiciary Committee and the Armed Services Committee, and is the senior Democrat on the Immigration Subcommittee and the Seapower Subcommittee.

Ted Kennedy on early childhood education

“The next great frontier of our commitment to reform should be early childhood education. The politics are complicated but the goal is simple. Every child should start school ready to learn.”

From: Remarks at The National Press Club, January 16, 2002

Notes

Information collected from Edward Kennedy’s Senate website at kennedy.senate.gov.