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Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)



Biography

BIRTH DATE

12/10/1950

EDUCATION

Southern College of Optometry (TN), O.D., 1977; University of Arkansas, 1972; North Side High School (AR)

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Background

Former optometrist and cattle rancher who advocates for Arkansas' agricultural sector, veterans, and rural communities

Entered politics by successfully running for school board in 1994, eventually working on his brother's unsuccessful campaign for the US Senate four years later

Ran for the House of Representatives unopposed in a special election in 2001 after fmr. Rep. and current Governor Asa Hutchinson (R-AR) resigned to head the Drug Enforcement Agency; Boozman served in the House for a decade before decisively beating incumbent Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) in 2010

Focuses on the agricultural sector, veterans' services, and accessible public health services, particularly through funding government programs

Became ranking member of the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee in February 2021; this leadership position allows Boozman to set the policy agenda regarding trade and overseas markets for farmers and financial security in the face of emergencies like COVID-19

Ranking Member for Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

118th Committees

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Ranking Member
- Appropriations
- Environment and Public Works
- Security and Cooperation in Europe
- Veterans' Affairs

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