

# BIOGRAPHIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**DONALD K. ANDERSON**, Clerk of the House of Representatives, was born in Sacramento, California, October 17, 1942; appointed Page in the 86th Congress, January 5, 1960, by Representative John E. Moss; operated elevators in the Capitol and House Office Buildings under appointments of Representatives George H. Mahon and James H. Morrison; appointed assistant enrolling clerk and clerk in the Finance Office by Representative Hale Boggs; appointed assistant manager of the Democratic Cloakroom by Speaker John W. McCormack; appointed Majority Floor Manager by Speaker Carl Albert in 1972, continued to serve under appointment of Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.; nominated for Clerk by the House Democratic Caucus and elected Clerk of the House for the 100th Congress on January 6, 1987, reelected Clerk for the 101st and 102d Congresses.

**RICHARD A. BAKER** has been director of the U.S. Senate Historical Office since 1975 when the office was created. He holds a doctorate in history from the University of Maryland and is currently an adjunct professor of history at Cornell University. Before joining the Senate's staff, he served successively as specialist in American history for the Library of Congress' Congressional Research Service and as director of research for *National Journal*. Dr. Baker is the author of several books, including *Conservation Politics: The Senate Career of Clinton P. Anderson* (1985), and *The Senate of the United States: A Bicentennial History* (1988). He organized the 1978 Conference on Research Use and Disposition of Senators' Papers and edited its *Proceedings*. He co-edited Senator Bob Dole's *Historical Almanac of the United States Senate* (1989) and Congressional Quarterly's *First Among Equals: Outstanding Senate Leaders of the Twentieth Century* (1991). He is a former president of the Society for History in the Federal Government.

**CHRISTOPHER M. BEAM** is director of the Edmund S. Muskie Archives at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He is also a lecturer in the college's Department of History, where he teaches courses on the U.S. in Vietnam, America in the 1960s and 1970s, and documentary preservation. Before his appointment to head the Archives in 1988, he spent 11 years with the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, serving in the Office of Presidential Libraries, the Legislative and Diplomatic Branch, and the records Appraisal and Disposition Division. A graduate of Brunswick (Maine) High School and Williams College, Christopher Beam earned a doctorate in U.S. history at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A Vietnam veteran, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1970. He is a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists, New England Archivists, the Society of American Archivists, and is secretary/treasurer of the Society of Maine Archivists.

**CHARLENE BANGS BICKFORD**, Director of the First Federal Congress Project at The George Washington University, has co-edited six volumes of *The Documentary History of the Federal Congress, 1789-1791*. She is the co-author of *Birth of the Nation: The First Federal Congress, 1789-91* and co-editor of *Creating the Bill of Rights: The Documentary Record from the First Federal Congress*. A past President of the Association for Documentary Editing, she is currently (1991-92) serving as the President of the Society for History in the Federal Government and member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*.

**RICHARD F. FENNO, JR.** is Kenan Professor of Political Science and Distinguished Professor at the University of Rochester. The author of eight books on Congress, his *Home Style: House Members in Their Districts* won the Woodrow Wilson Foundation award of the American Political Science Association for "the best book published in the United States in 1978 in government, politics, or international politics," and the D. B. Hardeman Prize from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library for "the best book on the United States Congress," written in the period 1976-1978. He is past president of the American Political Science Association and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

**JOHN J. KORNACKI** is the Executive Director of The Everett McKinley Dirksen Congressional Leadership Research Center in Pekin, Illinois. The Dirksen Center is a nonpartisan and not-for-profit research and educational institution whose mission is to help people to understand better the U.S. Congress and its leaders. Kornacki is also Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Bradley University and at Sangamon State University where he teaches courses in American government, politics, political leadership, and Congress. He recently edited the book, *Leading Congress: New Styles, New Strategies* (Congressional Quarterly, 1990). Prior to joining the Dirksen Center in 1988, Kornacki was a fellow at Resources for the Future, a Washington, D.C. public policy research organization. He has also held appointments at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and at Michigan State University. Kornacki received his bachelor's degree from Marquette University and his master's and doctorate degrees from Michigan State.

**DONALD R. MCCOY** is University Distinguished Professor of History in the University of Kansas. A graduate of the University of Denver, he received his M.A. from the University of Chicago and Ph.D. from The American University. He has been a member of the staff of the National Archives and of the State University of New York at Cortland and a visiting professor in the University of Bonn, Germany, and University College, Dublin, Ireland. He is the author of, among other volumes, a history of the National Archives and works on Calvin Coolidge, Alfred Landon, and Harry Truman. McCoy is also a fellow of the Society of American Archivists.

**ANN RUSSELL** has served as Executive Director of the Northeast Document Conservation Center since 1978. Previously she was Assistant Director of the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Massachusetts. She holds a Ph.D. in English literature from Brandeis University. Her undergraduate degree in English is from Harvard University. She is an adjunct faculty member at the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Dr. Russell formerly served on the boards of directors of the National Institute for Conservation and the Intermuseum Association in Oberlin, Ohio. She currently serves on committees of the American Library Association and the Society of American Archivists.

**RAYMOND W. SMOCK**, Historian of the United States House of Representatives, is a graduate of Roosevelt University and holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Maryland. He was co-editor of the highly acclaimed 14-volume documentary series *The Booker T. Washington Papers*, has published a book in the field of history of photography, and is co-editor of *A Guide to Manuscripts in the Presidential Libraries* (1985). He was a lecturer and research associate at the University of Maryland for more than ten years. He was appointed to his current position in 1983 by Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., on recommendation of a bipartisan committee of House Members which conducted a national search for the first historian in the history of the House.

**WALTER J. STEWART** was elected and sworn in as Secretary of the Senate for the 100th Congress, January 6, 1987, and was reelected for the 101st and 102d Congresses; previously served as Secretary to the Majority of the Senate, 1979-81; Secretary for the Minority, January-August 1981; joined Sonat Inc., Vice President of Government Affairs, 1981-86; born in Waycross, Georgia, and grew up in Jacksonville, Florida; attended George Washington University undergraduate school; LL.B., American University, Washington, DC; admitted to the District of Columbia Bar, 1963; chairman, developmental committee, American University Law School, 1982-present; named Distinguished Alumnus at American University's 1986 commencement ceremony; member, Dean's Advisory Council.

**DON W. WILSON**, as Archivist of the United States, heads the independent Executive Branch agency that identifies, preserves, and makes available to users those documentary materials produced by or for the United States Government that have enduring value. Before being appointed the Seventh Archivist of the United States by President Ronald Reagan in 1987, Dr. Wilson was Director of the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum in Michigan; Associate Director of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; and Deputy Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Kansas. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of History at the University of Michigan. A native of Kansas, Dr. Wilson earned an A.B. degree from Washburn University in Topeka, then a M.A. and Ph.D. in American history from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Wilson's academic interests center on western political history; he is the author of the biography *Governor Charles Robinson of Kansas* and of numerous articles on historical and archival topics.