



THAD COCHRAN
of Mississippi

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Thad Cochran, Republican Senator from Mississippi, became the 36th Chairman on January 6, 2005. He has been a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee since 1981.

Born in Pontotoc, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, December 7, 1937; educated in the public schools of Mississippi; graduated with a B.A. degree from the University of Mississippi in 1959 and the University of Mississippi School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree in 1965; studied international law and jurisprudence at Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland 1963–1964; served as an officer in the United States Navy 1959–1961; admitted to the Mississippi bar in 1965 and practiced in Jackson with the firm of Watkins & Eager for 7 years; elected to the Ninety-third Congress in 1972; re-elected to the Ninety-fourth and Ninety-fifth Congress, elected in 1978 to the United States Senate; re-elected in 1984, 1990, 1996, and 2002. Secretary, Senate Republican Conference (1985–1991); chair, Senate Republican Conference (1991–1997); chair, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (2003–2004); member, Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution and Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy.