



Fred A. Risser  
Biographical Information  
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- Democrat- 26<sup>th</sup> State Senate District  
City of Madison (West, Central, & near East Side)  
City of Fitchburg (Wards 1,2,3,4 &6)  
City of Middleton (Wards 2,3,4)  
Village of Shorewood Hills  
Village of Maple Bluff  
Town of Madison

Senate Leadership

- Senate President 1979,1981,1983,1985,1987,1989,1991,1993(1/93-4/93) 1996, 1997(1/97-4/97), 1999, 2001, 2007
- Senate President Pro Tempore 1975,1977, 1979
- Senate Co-Majority Leader 2002
- Senate Minority Leader 1967,1969,1971,1973
- Assistant Senate Minority Leader 1965,1993,1995

2007- 2009 Committee Memberships

- Senate President
- Joint Committee on Legislative Organization, Co-Chair
- Joint Committee on Employment Relations, Co-Chair
- Joint Legislative Council, Co-Chair
- Senate Committee on Organization
- Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations, Chair
- State Capitol and Executive Residence Board, Chair
- State of Wisconsin Building Commission, Vice-Chair
- Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators
- Circus World Museum Board of Directors
- Environmental Education Board
- Commission on Uniform State Laws

(Turn over for additional information)

### National Legislative Positions

- National Conference of State Legislatures
  - Former Member, National Executive Committee
- Council of State Governments
  - Former Member, National Executive Committee
  - Former Chair, Midwestern Legislative Conference
- State Legislative Leaders Foundation
  - Former Member, Board of Directors

### Legislative Background

- Elected to Wisconsin State Assembly in 1956, representing Central Madison  
Re-elected in 1958 and 1960
- Elected to Wisconsin State Senate in 1962 in a Special Election  
Re-elected in 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, and 2004

### Personal Background

- Born in Madison, May 5, 1927
- Married, three children, four grandchildren
- Attended Madison Public Schools
- Attended Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota; University of Wisconsin- Madison
- B.A and L.L.B from University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon
- World War II Veteran, U.S. Navy
- Attorney at Law
- Member of Dane County Bar Association
  - State of Wisconsin Bar Association
  - State of Oregon Bar Association

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