



Steny Hoyer

Steny Hamilton Hoyer (born June 14, 1939) is a Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 5th Congressional District of Maryland since 1981. Hoyer also has the distinction of serving as the House Majority Leader, second in command to the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (Calif.). Prior to holding this position, he served as the Minority Whip.

Hoyer was born in New York City but grew up in Mitchellville, Maryland. He graduated from Suitland High School in Suitland, Maryland and went on to attend the University of Maryland, College Park, earning a B.S. degree in 1963. He earned his law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. in 1966. He and his deceased wife, Judy Pickett Hoyer, have three daughters: Susan, Stefany, and Anne.

In 1966 at the age of 27, Hoyer won a seat in the Maryland State Senate. In 1975, at the age of 35, Hoyer was elected President of the Senate, the youngest in state history.

In 1981, Hoyer was elected to the House of Representatives by special election to succeed the ailing Gladys Spellman from the fifth congressional district of Maryland. He is now the longest-serving House member from Southern Maryland in history, as well as the highest-ranking member of Congress in Maryland history.

Hoyer has served as Chair of the Democratic Caucus, the fourth-ranking position among House Democrats, from 1989 to 1994; the former Co-Chair (and a current member) of the Democratic Steering Committee; and as the chief candidate recruiter for House Democrats from 1995 to 2000. He also served as Deputy Majority Whip (politics) Whip from 1987 to 1989. On November 14, 2002, Rep. Hoyer was unanimously elected by his colleagues in the Democratic Caucus to serve as the House Democratic Minority Whip, the second-highest-ranking position among House Democrats.

Hoyer currently serves on the following List of U.S. House committees:

- Senior Member of the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations.
 - ◆ Member of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Transportation, Transportation, Treasury and Housing Subcommittee.
 - ◆ Member of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Labor, and Related Agencies Subcommittee.

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