

United States Senate

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The son of a textile worker, Senator Frank R. Lautenberg was born on January 23, 1924 in Paterson where he was raised. Both his parents were immigrants. His father, Samuel, died of cancer while Lautenberg was in his teens. Lautenberg put himself through college under the G.I. Bill after serving in England, France and Belgium during World War II. He is a graduate of Columbia University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the School of Business.

Lautenberg began his career with Automatic Data Processing (ADP) in Clifton as one of its founders. Over a thirty year period, Lautenberg helped build ADP from a five employee firm to a 16,000 worker corporation, with 4,000 employees in New Jersey. Today, ADP is one of the largest world-wide, high-tech computer service corporations.

In addition to his corporate experience, Lautenberg was involved in a great number of civic, community and political initiatives. Over the years they have included:

- Commissioner, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.
- Commissioner, New Jersey Economic Development Authority.
- Advisory Council of Columbia University School of Business Investment Committee.
- Democratic National Committee Finance Council.
- National Chairman, United Jewish Appeal.

Lautenberg also established a private foundation that has provided support to dozens of New Jersey organizations, including the Urban Coalition, the NAACP, Public Television/Channel 13, the Sierra Club, the American Cancer Society, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center and Mountainside Hospital.

In memory of his father, Lautenberg founded the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology at the Medical School of Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

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In early 1982, Lautenberg decided to make his first bid for elective office by running for the U.S. Senate from New Jersey. Lautenberg prevailed over several other candidates in the June primary election, and was elected U.S. Senator on November 2, 1982.

Lautenberg delivered his maiden speech on the Senate floor on June 7, 1983. It was entitled "An American Challenge in a New Age: Fairness and Opportunity." Lautenberg outlined the importance of computer literacy among school children, the necessity of a strong industrial base in America, and the consequence of not adjusting to the information age.

Lautenberg has introduced and cosponsored a number of bills since becoming senator, including: The Home Phone Act, The Computer Education Assistance Act, The Uniform Drinking Age Act, and The Transit Crime Prevention Act.

Lautenberg serves on the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, (Housing and Urban Affairs, International Finance and Monetary Policy, and Federal Credit Programs Subcommittees); Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, (Aviation, Science, Space and Technology, and National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittees); and the Environment and Public Works Committee, (Water Resources, Transportation, and Environmental Pollution Subcommittees).

Lautenberg resides in Montclair with his wife, Lois, whom he married in June, 1957. They have four children: Ellen, 26, Nan, 24, Lisa, 19, and Joshua, 16. His mother, Molly, resides in Clifton.

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