

Thomas Hale Boggs (Sr.)

(15 Feb 1914 – 16 Oct 1972)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Louisiana; born in Long Beach, Harrison County, Miss., Feb. 15, 1914; attended the public and parochial schools of Jefferson Parish, La.; was graduated from Tulane University, New Orleans, La. in 1935 and from the law department of the same university in 1937; was admitted to the bar in 1937 and commenced practice in New Orleans, La.; elected as a Democrat to the 77th Congress (Jan. 3, 1941 to Jan. 3, 1943) unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1942 to the 78th Congress; resumed the practice of law in New Orleans, La.; enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in Nov. 1943; was commissioned an ensign and attached to the Potomac River Naval Command and the U.S. Maritime Service until separated in Jan. 1946; again elected as a Democrat to the 80th and to 13 succeeding Congresses; chairman, Special Committee on Campaign Expenditures (82nd Congress) majority whip (87th through 91st Congress), majority leader (92nd Congress); disappeared while on a campaign flight from Anchorage to Juneau, Alaska, Oct. 16, 1972; served from Jan. 3, 1947 until Jan. 3, 1973 when he was presumed dead pursuant to House Resolution 1, 93rd Congress.