

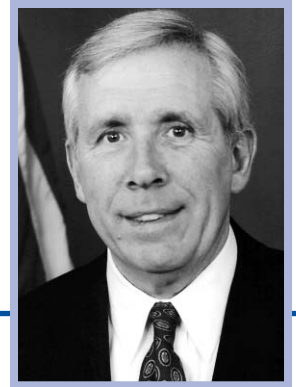


CONGRESSMAN

Frank Wolf

10th Congressional District ♦ Virginia

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BIOGRAPHY

Congressman Wolf is serving in his 12th term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He represents the 10th District of Virginia, which stretches from McLean to Winchester. Congressman Wolf is the most senior of the 11 members of the House of Representatives from Virginia.

Congressman Wolf sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which oversees the budgets of all federal agencies. He serves on three subcommittees:

- ♦ Commerce-Justice-State, which he chairs
- ♦ Homeland Security
- ♦ Transportation-Treasury-General Government

Congressman Wolf's committee assignments provide him with an ideal vantage point from which to address the varying needs of the 10th District. The 10th District is extremely diverse. In addition to being the home of some of the world's leading Internet and high-tech companies, thousands of federal employees and other professionals, agriculture and manufacturing are very much a part of the 10th District's economy. Clarke and Frederick counties in the western end of the District produce about half of Virginia's apples and peaches; Henkel-Harris furniture and Rubbermaid have large manufacturing plants in the District. Tourism is important, too. Several Civil War battlefields, including Manassas National Battlefield Park, are in the 10th District.

Skyline Drive in the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Shenandoah River also are major draws.

Congressman Wolf became chairman of the Commerce-Justice-State and the Judiciary (CJS) Appropriations subcommittee at the beginning of the 107th Congress in January 2001. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over the Commerce Department, the State Department, the Justice Department and the entire federal court system. The FBI, DEA, INS, U.S. Marshals Service, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Small Business Administration also are under the jurisdiction of the CJS subcommittee. Whether it is Department of Commerce policies that directly affect the Dulles high-tech corridor, or Justice Department funding that can combat methamphetamine production in the Shenandoah Valley, the chairmanship of the CJS subcommittee enables Congressman Wolf to serve the 10th District in a broader capacity.

From 1995-2000, Congressman Wolf was the chairman of the Transportation Appropriations subcommittee. House rules prohibited him from serving a fourth term as chairman.

Nationally, Congressman Wolf used the chairmanship to, among other things, address the issue of truck safety. He was particularly concerned about the rising toll of truck-related highway deaths and was instrumental in the creation of the Motor Carrier Safety Administration to oversee

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the trucking industry. He also pushed through a national .08 percent blood alcohol limit for drunk driving.

Locally, Congressman Wolf has been involved in almost every major transportation improvement in northern Virginia over the last 20 years. He worked to obtain full funding for the 103-mile Metro rail system and is leading the way to bring mass transit to Dulles airport. He pushed to lower car pool restrictions on I-66 inside the Beltway and to widen the highway outside the Beltway. He worked to get a new reversible lane on the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. He called for improving safety and driving conditions on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, including the additional lane from Spout Run to the Roosevelt Bridge. He is a leading advocate for telecommuting, in both the private sector and the federal government.

Congressman Wolf also led the effort to put Ronald Reagan National and Dulles airports under a regional authority, providing the capital to build a new terminal at Reagan National and vastly expand Dulles. The expansion of both airports has helped spur the region's economy over the last decade.

Congressman Wolf is one of the House's leading crusaders for human rights. He is the co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, a bipartisan organization of nearly 200 House members that identifies and works to alleviate human rights abuses worldwide. Congressman Wolf believes members of Congress have an obligation to speak out for those who are persecuted throughout the world. He has traveled to Sierra Leone, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other countries in central Africa to witness firsthand the tremendous suffering of the people at the hands of corrupt governments, war, AIDS and famine. He also has worked to call attention to the human rights abuses and religious persecution in the People's Republic of China, Tibet, the Middle East, Romania, Nagorno-Karabakh, Chechnya, Bosnia and East Timor.

Congressman Wolf's travels have allowed him to see firsthand the destruction caused by terrorists. He has twice visited Lebanon, where in 1983 car bombs were used to destroy a U.S. Marine barracks, killing 241 Marines. He has been to Algeria, where more than 70,000 people have been killed by terrorists, and has traveled to Sudan—where Osama bin Laden lived from 1992-1996—four times, most recently in January 2001. In January 2002, he traveled to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Jordan, Syria and Israel.

In 1998, he authored the bill creating the National Commission on Terrorism. Chaired by L. Paul Bremer, President Ronald Reagan's counterterrorism czar, the commission closely examined the problem of terrorism, studying its origins and its key players. The commission also developed a policy response and made a number of wide-ranging recommendations when it released its report in June 2000. The report can be found at www.fas.org/irp/threat/commission.html.

Congressman Wolf also is one of Congress's leading opponents of gambling, citing its destructive force on society and on children in particular. In 1997, he pushed for the creation of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, which uncovered a myriad of destructive effects caused by gambling. The commission showed that as gambling has spread quickly throughout the country, it has had negative social and economic impacts on communities. Congressman Wolf has worked to support laws in Congress to stem the spread of gambling, such as legislation to stop the proliferation of gambling on the Internet and on high school and college athletics. He also has worked to educate elected officials who potentially see legalized gambling as a quick fix to economic problems.

Congressman Wolf was born in 1939 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. degree from Penn State University in 1961 and his law degree from Georgetown University in 1965. He lives in Vienna with his wife, Carolyn. They have five grown children and seven grandchildren.