

"Proud of our past, eager to confront the challenge of the future, we enter the 70's committed to REFORM in government and RESPONSIBILITY in fiscal affairs, to the full exercise of basic human RIGHTS, and to RECONCILIATION between races, nations, and generations."

—JOHN B. ANDERSON, Chairman
HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE



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John B. Anderson of Illinois has been recognized as a voice for moderation and common sense since he was first elected to Congress in 1960. His ability to clarify complex problems, and to articulate policy positions led his colleagues to select him in January of 1969 as Chairman of the House Republican Conference, the third-ranking position in the House Republican leadership.

As Conference Chairman, Anderson meets regularly at the White House with President Nixon and other GOP Congressional leaders for wide-ranging policy discussions. Generally a firm supporter of the President, he also has demonstrated the kind of independent judgment that has won him not only national prominence but respect and regard on both sides of the aisle.

He first drew nationwide attention in April of 1968 when, as a Member of the strategic Rules Committee, he cast the deciding vote which permitted the entire House to vote on Federal open housing legislation. As the second ranking Republican on the Rules Committee, which monitors all major legislation enroute to the House Floor, Anderson has developed broad expertise on the major issues facing the nation, from economic and foreign policy to energy and environmental questions. As a ranking Member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, he has studied at first hand the atom's potential for peace and war, and is committed to working steadily for an end to the arms race while maintaining a strong and ready American deterrent. Anderson has also been in the forefront of efforts to reform political campaign financing practices and to require Congress to modernize and systematize its taxing and spending procedures.

While widely recognized for his leadership on national issues, Anderson also is known for staying closely attuned to the problems and concerns of the 16th District which covers a seven-county area of Northwest Illinois from the Mississippi River to the fringes of Metropolitan Chicago.

The Illinois lawmaker is the author of one book, Between Two Worlds: A Congressman's Choice (Zondervan, 1970); the editor of a second, Congress and Conscience (Lippincott, 1970); and a contributor to two more, We Propose: A Modern Congress (McGraw-Hill, 1966) and Republican Papers (Anchor-Doubleday, 1968); Baker's Dictionary of Christian Ethics, edited by Carl F. H. Henry (Baker Book House, 1973); he has also written for several magazines.

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When not fulfilling his legislative responsibilities, John Anderson likes to spend what little free time he has with his wife, Keke, and their five children, Eleanora, John, Jr., Diane, Karen Beth and Susan Kimberly. The Andersons maintain a home in Washington while Congress is in session. At other times they live in Rockford where the Congressman is an active churchman and a member of the First Evangelical Free Church of Rockford. In 1964 he was named Outstanding Layman of the Year by the National Association of Evangelicals.

'John B.,' as he is known to his constituents is a native of Rockford, Illinois' second largest city and the hub of the 16th District. Born of Swedish-American parents, he was valedictorian of his high school class and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Illinois, where he received his degree with highest honors in political science. During World War II he enlisted in the Field Artillery, and saw combat in France and Germany, where he won four battle stars. He returned for his law degree at the University of Illinois in 1946, and received a Master of Law degree from Harvard in 1949. From 1952 to 1955 he served as a Foreign Service Officer in Berlin on the staff of the U.S. High Commissioner to Germany. He returned to Rockford to practice law in 1955, and a year later was elected State's Attorney of Winnebago County, an office he held until his election to Congress.

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