

Richard E. Neal biography

Congressman Richard E. Neal represents the First Congressional District of Massachusetts in the United States Congress. Richard Neal was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on February 14, 1949 and was raised and educated in the City of Springfield. He is a 1972 graduate of American International College, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and was a member of the National Honor Society. He received his Masters Degree in Public Administration from the Barney School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Hartford in 1976.

Richard Neal was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1988. He is the Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Committee. Congressman Neal is the dean of both the Massachusetts Delegation and the New England Congressional Delegation. He is also the Democratic Leader of the Friends of Ireland Caucus.

Congressman Neal is a long-time guest lecturer at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and a Trustee at Mount Holyoke College. He is a National Trustee of John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. He served as the Mayor of the City of Springfield from 1984 to 1988.