

Previous U.S. Senate Appointments in S.C. History

Since the ratification of the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1913, there have been 189 appointments to the office of the U.S. Senator, including 13 in the past decade. (Source: www.senate.gov) Seven of those gubernatorial appointments have been made in South Carolina:

1. Christie Benet (D-SC)

- **Date Appointed: July 6, 1918**
- **Elected: No, defeated on November 5, 1918.**
- **Appointed by Gov. Richard Irvine Manning III**

BENET, Christie, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Abbeville, Abbeville County, S.C., December 26, 1879; attended the common schools, the College of Charleston, the University of South Carolina at Columbia, and the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Columbia, Richland County, S.C., in 1903; solicitor of the fifth judicial circuit in 1908; attorney for the city of Columbia 1910-1912; three times secretary of the Democratic State committee; appointed on July 6, 1918, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Benjamin R. Tillman and served from July 6 to November 5, 1918, when a successor was elected; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1918 to the Senate to fill the vacancy; chairman, Committee on National Banks (Sixty-fifth Congress); resumed the practice of law; member and later chairman of the board of regents of South Carolina State Hospital 1915-1946; during the Second World War served as chairman of the War Finance Committee for South Carolina and was serving as chairman of the Alien Enemy Hearing Board for the eastern district of South Carolina at time of death; died in Columbia, S.C., March 30, 1951; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

2. Alva Moore Lumpkin (D-SC)

- **Date Appointed: July 17, 1941**
- **Elected: No, died in office on August 1, 1941.**
- **Appointed by: Gov. Burnet R. Maybank**

LUMPKIN, Alva Moore, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Milledgeville, Baldwin County, Ga., on November 13, 1886; moved with his parents to Columbia, S.C., in 1898; attended the public schools of Milledgeville and Columbia; graduated from the law department of the University of South Carolina at Columbia in 1908; admitted to the bar the same year and commenced the practice of law in Columbia; assistant clerk of the State senate 1906-1908; member, State house of representatives 1911-1913; member of the Conciliation Commission for Advancement of Peace between the United States and Uruguay in 1914; acting assistant attorney general of South Carolina in 1918; member of the State board of pardons 1922-1923; acting associate justice of the State supreme court 1926-1934; Federal judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of South Carolina 1939-1941; appointed on July 17, 1941, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James F. Byrnes and served from July 22, 1941, until his death in Washington, D.C., August 1, 1941; interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Columbia, S.C.

3. Roger C. Peace (D-SC)

- **Date Appointed: August 5, 1941**
- **Elected: Did not seek election.**
- **Appointed by Gov. Burnet R. Maybank**

PEACE, Roger Craft, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Greenville, Greenville County, S.C., May 19, 1899; attended the public schools and graduated from Furman University, Greenville, S.C., in 1919; newspaper reporter, sports editor, editor, business manager, and publisher in Greenville, S.C.; during the First World War served as an instructor in the United States Army at Camp Perry in 1918; colonel on the Governor's staff 1930-1934; trustee of Furman University 1938-1948; appointed on August 5, 1941, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alva M. Lumpkin, who had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James F. Byrnes, and served from August 5, 1941, until November 4, 1941; was not a candidate for election to the vacancy; resumed his career of writing, publishing, and civic activities; at the time of his death was chairman of Multimedia, Inc.; died in Greenville, S.C., August 20, 1968; interment in Springwood Cemetery.

4. Wilton E. Hall (D-SC)

- **Date Appointed: November 20, 1944**
- **Elected: Did not seek election.**
- **Appointed by Gov. Olin D. Johnston**

HALL, Wilton Earle, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Starr, Hall Township, Anderson County, S.C., March 11, 1901; attended the public schools and Furman University, Greenville, S.C.; founded a morning newspaper in Anderson, S.C., in 1924, and in 1929 acquired an evening newspaper; in 1935 established a radio station; chairman of the South Carolina Planning Board 1934-1938; appointed on November 20, 1944, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ellison D. Smith and served from November 20, 1944, to January 3, 1945; was not a candidate for election to the full term; resumed the newspaper publishing business as publisher of the Anderson Independent and Daily Mail of South Carolina; founder of a television station and owner of two radio stations; publisher of "Quote" Magazine; resided in Anderson, S.C. where he died February 25, 1980; interment in a mausoleum, Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

5. Charles E. Daniel (D-SC)

- **Date Appointed: September 6, 1954**
- **Elected: Did not seek election.**
- **Appointed by Gov. James F. Byrnes**

DANIEL, Charles Ezra, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Elberton, Elbert County, Ga., November 11, 1895; moved with his family to Anderson, S.C., in 1898; attended the public schools; student at The Citadel, Charleston, S.C. 1916-1918; during the First World War served as a lieutenant in the Infantry 1917-1919; businessman; interests in construction, banking, building supplies, telecommunications, insurance, and airlines; life trustee of Clemson College and member of the board of South Carolina Foundation of Independent Colleges; appointed on September 6, 1954, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Burnet R. Maybank, and served from September 6, 1954, until his resignation December 23, 1954; was not a candidate for election to fill the vacancy; resumed management of his business interests; died in Greenville, S.C., September 13, 1964; interment in Springwood Cemetery.

6. Thomas A. Wofford (D-SC)

- **Date Appointed: April 5, 1956**

- **Elected: Did not seek election.**
- **Appointed by Gov. George Bell Timmerman, Jr.**

WOFFORD, Thomas Albert, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Madden Station, Laurens County, S.C., September 27, 1908; attended the public schools; graduated from the University of South Carolina at Columbia 1928, and from Harvard University Law School 1931; admitted to the bar in 1931 and commenced the practice of law in Greenville, S.C.; assistant solicitor of thirteenth judicial circuit 1935-1936; assistant United States district attorney 1937-1944; member, board of trustees, Winthrop College 1944-1956; appointed on April 5, 1956, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Strom Thurmond and served from April 5, 1956, to November 6, 1956; was not a candidate for election to fill the vacancy; engaged in the practice of law; member, State senate 1966-1972; changed party affiliation to Republican; resided in Greenville, S.C., where he died February 25, 1978; interment in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

7. Donald S. Russell (D-SC)

- **Date Appointed: April 22, 1965**
- **Elected: No, defeated for nomination.**
- **Appointed by Gov. Robert E. McNair**

RUSSELL, Donald Stuart, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Lafayette Springs, Lafayette County, Miss., February 22, 1906; moved with his family to Chester, S.C., in 1914; attended the public schools; graduated from the University of South Carolina at Columbia in 1925, and from the law school of the same university in 1928; admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law in Union, S.C., in 1928; took graduate work in law at the University of Michigan in 1929; moved to Spartanburg, S.C., in 1930 and continued law practice until 1942; went to Washington, D.C., and worked in the War Department and as assistant to the Director of Economic Stabilization 1942-1943; served in the United States Army as a major in 1944; Deputy Director, Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, in 1945; Assistant Secretary of State for Administration 1945-1947; resumed law practice in Spartanburg, S.C.; president of the University of South Carolina 1952-1957; Governor of South Carolina from November 1962, until his resignation on April 22, 1965; was immediately appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Olin D. Johnston and served from April 22, 1965, until November 8, 1966; unsuccessful candidate for nomination in 1966 to complete the term; United States district judge for South Carolina, until appointed United States circuit judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in 1971; resided in Spartanburg, S.C. until his death on February 22, 1998; interment in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, S.C.