

Biography of
THE HONORABLE JIM HENDREN
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



SENATOR MAJORITY LEADER
CHAIRMAN – HEALTH REFORM LEGISLATIVE TASK
FORCE
SENATE DISTRICT 2

Senator Jim Hendren represents Senate District 2, which comprises portions of Benton and Washington Counties and is serving his first term in the Arkansas Senate. He is chairman of the Health Reform Legislative Task Force and vice chairman of both ALC-Peer and ALC-Personnel. In the current 90th General Assembly, his committee memberships include: Senate Transportation, Technology & Legislative Affairs; Senate City, County & Local Affairs; Senate Rules, Resolutions & Memorials; Senate Education; Joint Budget Committee (JBC); Joint Energy; Joint Advanced Communications and Information Technology; JBC-Pre-Fiscal Session Budget Hearings; JBC-Special Language; ALC-Administrative Rules & Regulations; ALC-Lottery Oversight Subcommittee and Boys State.

During the 89th General Assembly, he served as vice chairman of the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) Higher Education Subcommittee. His other committee memberships during included Senate Education; Senate Transportation, Technology & Legislative Affairs; Senate Children and Youth; Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Joint Budget Committee (JBC); Joint Energy; JBC-Special Language; ALC-Administrative Rules and Regulations; Joint Advanced Communications and Information Technology; the Veteran's Home Task Force; Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans; Senate Children & Youth Subcommittee; and Academic Facilities Oversight Committee.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Hendren is active with several key organizations. He holds membership on the Human Services and Public Safety Committee Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) and the Education Policy Public Policy of the Council of State Governments (CSG).

In 1994 Senator Hendren was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives, where he served three consecutive terms and supported and passed legislation addressing reduced government spending, limited government regulation, lower taxes and the preservation of life.

The owner of Hendren Plastics, Inc., Senator Hendren has been active in several organizations:

- Gravette School Board, 15 years of service
- Kiwanis Club, past president and current member
- Lifetime member of the American Legion, and
- Veteran's Airlift Command

A native of Gravette, Senator Hendren received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1984. The same year he joined the United States Air Force, where he served eight years as an F-15 fighter pilot. Following the tragedies on September 11, 2001, Hendren returned to military service through the Missouri Air National Guard and is currently a Senior Offensive Duty Officer (SODO), 157 Air Operations Group in St. Louis. Senator Hendren and his wife of over 25 years, Tammy, have three sons and one daughter.