

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE ROBERT THOMPSON**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 11**

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Senator Robert F. Thompson of Paragould serves as State Senator for District 11, which comprises Clay, Greene and Lawrence counties and part of Craighead county. He is the Senate Majority Leader the Arkansas Senate.

During the 88th General Assembly, Senator Thompson serves as vice-chairman of Arkansas Legislative Council, chairman of the Claims Subcommittee of Joint Budget and co-chairman of the Arkansas Lottery Commission Advisory Council. He is a member of Joint Budget Committee; Senate Judiciary; Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs; Senate Efficiency Committee and the Arkansas Lottery Commission Oversight Committee.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Thompson has worked with legislators as a member of several organizations including the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Law and Criminal Justice Committee, the Council of State Governments (CSG) Public Safety and Justice Task Force, and the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) Agriculture and Rural Development Committee and the Energy and Environment Committee.

Thompson served a two-year term representing the District 78 in the Arkansas House of Representatives from 2005-2006 before his election to the Senate in 2007.

Senator Thompson has been recognized by many organizations and groups:

- June 2004 - Named one of *Arkansas Business*' "40 Under 40" up-and-coming young leaders in 2004,
- December 2004 - Selected as *NEA Business Today's* 25 Outstanding Young Professionals in northeast Arkansas,
- May 2005 – Named on of five "promising legislative newcomers" by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, and
- Named on of 24 fellows in the 2008 class of the Aspen Institute's Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership.

Professionally, Senator Thompson is a partner with the Paragould law firm Branch, Thompson, Warmath & Dale, P.A. A native of Paragould, he holds a bachelor's degree from Hendrix College, where he graduated summa cum laude. He also holds a graduate diploma from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and a juris doctorate from the University of Arkansas. He and his wife, Tori, have two sons, Cross and Henry, and a daughter, Victoria.