

LOUISIANA

(Population 1998, 4,369,000)

SENATORS

JOHN BREAUX, Democrat, of Crowley, LA; born in Crowley, LA, on March 1, 1944; graduated, St. Michael's High School, Crowley, LA, 1961; B.A., political science, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, 1964; J.D., Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, 1967; law partner, Brown, McKernan, Ingram, and Breaux, 1967–68; legislative assistant to Congressman Edwin W. Edwards, 1968–69; district assistant to Congressman Edwards, 1969–72; member: Louisiana Bar Association and Acadia Parish Bar Association; board of directors, International Rice Festival Association; member: Crowley Jaycees; Crowley Chamber of Commerce; Pi Lambda Beta, prelaw fraternity; Phi Alpha Delta, law fraternity; Lambda Chi Alpha, social fraternity; Student Bar Association, L.S.U.; U.S.L. tennis team; Moot Court finalist, L.S.U., 1966; winner, American Legion Award; married the former Lois Gail Daigle in 1964; four children: John I. Jr., William Lloyd, Elizabeth Andre, and Julia Agnes; one granddaughter: Anna Kate Sheperdson; elected to the 92nd Congress by special election, 7th District of Louisiana, September 30, 1972; reelected to the seven succeeding Congresses; chairman, Subcommittee on the Conservation of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Environment, 1979–86; elected to U.S. Senate on November 4, 1986; chairman, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, 1989–90; member and chairman, Democratic Leadership Council (1991–93); elected Democratic chief deputy whip, 104th Congress; reelected to a 2nd term on November 3, 1992; reelected to a 3rd term on November 3, 1998; committees: Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Finance; ranking Democrat, Special Committee on Aging; subcommittees: ranking Democrat, Social Security and Family Policy; International Trade; Taxation and IRS Oversight; ranking Democrat, Science, Technology, and Space; Aviation; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism; Oceans and Fisheries; Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine; in January 1998, he was selected by the White House and House and Senate leaders to chair the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. Also in 1998, he co-chaired the National Commission on Retirement Policy which produced legislation to help reform Social Security.

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