

The Honorable Clarence J. “Bud” Brown Jr. **U.S. Representative of Ohio (1965–1983)**

Significant Committee Assignments

Representative Brown recounts his committee placements.

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Jerry Ford I saw as sort of my older brother. That was the relationship we had because he was also new in that position of being the Minority Leader. And whenever I got a committee assignment that didn't work for me—well, that's the wrong way to put it. After I was on the Government Operations Committee, I then went through committees, and I knew that with the changes made in the first election for a full Congress, where I had no opposition incidentally, the vacancies that my dad had held had been picked up by somebody else because they were all significant positions. Interstate and Commerce was his first choice when he first came to Congress. And I knew that I couldn't get on either Appropriations or Ways and Means, which were the two very significant committees that I wanted to be on. So I decided I would also look at Interstate and Commerce as a committee I wanted to be on and then later the Joint Economic Committee. And I told Jerry Ford when I took the Interstate and Commerce Committee, I said, "I'm interested in this because it's the next best committee after Appropriations and Ways and Means, in my opinion." So he said, "Okay." And I think within two terms I was on all three committees.