

# CONGRESSMAN RUSS CARNAHAN



## TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- Aviation Subcommittee
- Highways, Transit, and Pipelines Subcommittee
- Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights Subcommittee
- The Middle East and Central Asia Subcommittee

## ASSISTANT MINORITY WHIP

**O**n November 2, 2004 Russ Carnahan was elected to represent Missouri's 3rd District in the United States House of Representatives. The 3rd District includes parts of St. Louis City and County, as well as all of Jefferson and Ste. Genevieve Counties.

During his first term in the House of Representatives, Russ has secured positions on the prestigious International Relations committee and the Transportation & Infrastructure committee. Russ also serves as a member of the International Terrorism and Nonproliferation and Middle East and Central Asia subcommittees, along with the Transportation Subcommittees on Highways, Waterways and Aviation. Russ was appointed as an Assistant Minority Whip in January 2005, and Missouri is benefiting his leadership as a result.

Russ and his wife Debra, a judge in the St. Louis Municipal Court, have two sons, Austin and Andrew. Russ is the son of the late Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and former Missouri First Lady and U.S. Senator Jean Carnahan. Russ's grandfather, A.S.J. Carnahan, was a member of Congress representing Jefferson and Ste. Genevieve Counties. Robin Carnahan, the Congressman's sister, was elected Missouri Secretary of State in 2004.

Before his election to Congress, Russ served two terms in the Missouri House of Representatives. There he served the citizens of the 59th District, which is located entirely within the 3rd Congressional District. During his tenure in the Missouri legislature, Russ served as chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, Deputy Majority Whip and vice chairman of the Civil and Administrative Law

Committee. He also organized and chaired the City of St. Louis Caucus and was appointed to the newly formed statutory Joint Committee on Terrorism, Bio-terrorism and Homeland Security, the statutory Mississippi River Parkway Commission and the State Courts Automation Committee.

Prior to serving in the Missouri House of Representatives, Russ and Debra were partners in a private law practice and also served on the legal aid panel representing low-income clients.

Russ attended the University of Missouri in both Rolla and Columbia. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in public administration with an emphasis in public service in 1979 from University of Missouri-Columbia. In 1983 he earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law.