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## Ness, Robert "Bob"

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House 1993-2002 (District 20A)

Party when first elected: Independent Republican

Counties Served: McLeod, Meeker, Stearns, Wright

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: 5/14/1935

Gender: Male

Birth Place:

Religion:

Birth County:

Reported Minority: None Reported

Birth Country:

Date of Death:

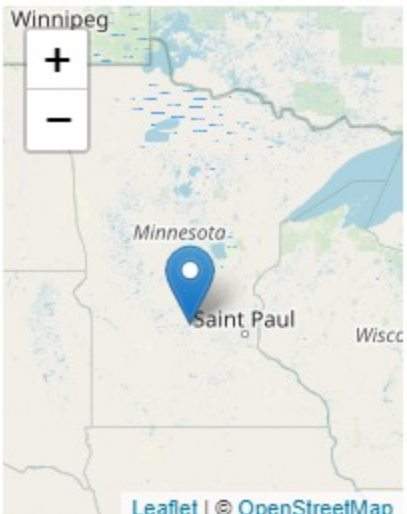
Other Names: Bob

City of Residence (when first elected): Dassel

Occupation (when first elected): Educator; Retired School Superintendent, 21 Years; Former Principal, 10 Years; Former Industrial Arts and Health Teacher, 3 Years/Consultant/Construction Manager



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### EDUCATION

Bemidji State University; B.S.; Health Education, Industrial Education  
University of Minnesota; M.A.; Education, Educational Administration, Educational Specialist

### OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE

**U.S. Legislative Staff/Council/Commission:** United States House of Representatives (Part-Time Staff for United States Representative Collin Peterson); ? to 20??  
**School Board/Administration:** Detroit Lakes, Minnesota (School Superintendent); 1970 to 1991

### FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

**Spouse:** Marianne  
**Children:** Four children  
**Family Members Who Have Served in the Minnesota Legislature:**

### GENERAL NOTES

He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

### SESSIONS SERVED

Total Days Served: 3654

82nd Legislative Session (2001-2002) [Session Details](#)

Body: House

Elected: 11/7/2000

Term of Office: 1/3/2001 to 1/6/2003

District: 20A

Residence: Dassel

Counties Represented: McLeod, Meeker, Stearns, Wright

Occupation: Educator/Consultant/Construction Manager

Party: Republican

Bills Authored: [Chief Author](#) [Author](#)


Committees:

Agriculture and Rural Development Finance (Chair) [Minutes](#)

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81st Legislative Session (1999-2000) [Session Details](#)

Body: House

Elected: 11/3/1998

Term of Office: 1/5/1999 to 1/2/2001

District: 20A

Residence: Dassel

Counties Represented: McLeod, Meeker, Stearns, Wright

Occupation: Educator/Consultant/Construction Manager

Party: Republican

Bills Authored: [Chief Author](#) [Author](#)

Committees:

Agriculture and Rural Development Finance (Chair) [Minutes](#)

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80th Legislative Session (1997-1998) [Session Details](#)

Body: House

Elected: 11/5/1996

Term of Office: 1/7/1997 to 1/4/1999

District: 20A

Residence: Dassel

Counties Represented: McLeod, Meeker, Stearns, Wright

Occupation: Educator/Consultant/Construction Manager

Party: Republican

Bills Authored: [Chief Author](#) [Author](#)

Committees:

Economic Development and International Trade

Economic Development and International Trade: International Trade

Education [Minutes](#)

Education: Education Planning and Transitions [Minutes](#)

Education: K-12 Education Finance Division [Minutes](#)

Financial Institutions and Insurance [Minutes](#)

79th Legislative Session (1995-1996) [Session Details](#)

Body: House

Elected: 11/8/1994

Term of Office: 1/3/1995 to 1/6/1997

District: 20A

Residence: Dassel

Counties Represented: McLeod, Meeker, Stearns, Wright

Occupation: Educator/Consultant/Construction Manager

Party: Independent Republican

Bills Authored: [Chief Author](#) [Author](#)

Committees:

Commerce, Tourism and Consumer Affairs


Commerce, Tourism and Consumer Affairs: Business Regulation Division

Commerce, Tourism and Consumer Affairs: Real Estate and Commerce

Commerce, Tourism and Consumer Affairs: Tourism

Education

Education: K-12 Education Finance Division



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78th Legislative Session (1993-1994) [Session Details](#)

Body: House

Elected: 11/3/1992

Term of Office: 1/5/1993 to 1/2/1995

District: 20A

Residence: Dassel

Counties Represented: McLeod, Meeker, Stearns, Wright

Occupation: Educator; Retired School Superintendent, 21 Years; Former Principal, 10 Years; Former Industrial Arts and Health Teacher, 3 Years/Consultant/Construction Manager

Party: Independent Republican

Committees:

Agriculture

Agriculture: Agriculture Finance and Rural Development

Education

Education: K-12 Education Finance Division

Education: K-12 Education Finance Division: Facilities

Education: K-12 Education Finance Division: Secondary Vocational

Labor-Management Relations

Session Notes: His margin of victory over Nancy Larson was only 86 votes so an automatic recount was triggered. After the recount he was declared the winner by 40 votes.

### OTHER INFORMATION

**Articles & Books About**  
[Hammond, Ruth. "Ness Seeks Less Government, More Efficiency." Session Weekly, St. Paul: Minnesota House of Representatives Information Office, January 15, 1993, p. 14.](#)

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