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Bill Halter

William A. "Bill" Halter (born 1960) is a Democratic politician and the former Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas. In that role, he also served as president of the Arkansas State Senate. He assumed office on January 9, 2007, succeeding the late Republican Winthrop Paul Rockefeller. Halter chose not to seek another term in 2010 and instead unsuccessfully pursued a U.S. Senate seat.

In January 2013, Halter announced his bid for the open governor seat in 2014. Halter withdrew his candidacy in July 2013.[1]

Bill Halter

Democratic Party

Prior offices

Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas

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Biography

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Halter is a Rhodes Scholar who received an A.B. in economics and political science from Stanford University in 1983. He received a Master of Philosophy in economics from St. John's College in Oxford in 1986. He is a trustee emeritus of Stanford University, having served on its board of trustees for seven years and having chaired the Stanford Committee on Academic Policy.[2]

Bill Halter's campaign website, "Meet Bill Halter,"

Political career

Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas (2007-2011)

Halter served as lieutenant governor of Arkansas from 2007 to 2011.[3]

Clinton Administration

In 1993, Halter began service in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), part of the Executive Office of the President. In his six years with President Clinton's OMB, the U.S. annual federal budget deficit of $290 billion was transformed into a $125 billion surplus and federal civilian employment was reduced to its lowest level since the Kennedy Administration.

After serving in the OMB for six years he was nominated by President Bill Clinton and confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate in 1999 as the Deputy Commissioner (later, also Acting Commissioner) of Social Security.

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2014

See also: Arkansas Gubernatorial election, 2014

Incumbent Gov. Mike Beebe (D) was barred by term-limits from running for re-election in 2014, and on January 25, 2013, Halter announced that he would run to replace him.[4][5] His bid arrived on the heels of previous Democratic frontrunner Dustin McDaniel's withdrawal from the race. His campaign received an endorsement from the United Steelworkers union.[6][7][8] In July 2013, Halter withdrew from the race.[1]

The general election took place on November 4, 2014.

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- Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas
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