

James H. Bilbray

Chairman, USPS Board of Governors

James H. Bilbray, chairman of the Board of Governors, is an attorney and former member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Nevada. He was appointed a governor of the U.S. Postal Service by President George W. Bush on August 17, 2006, for a term that expired December 8, 2006. He was reappointed on December 15, 2006, by President Bush to an additional nine-year term that expired December 8, 2015. He is currently serving a hold over year set to expire December 8, 2016. He currently serves as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee and the Compensation and Management Resources Committee.



Governor Bilbray has been a member of the State Bar of Nevada since 1965. In the 1960s, Bilbray was a deputy district attorney in Clark County, Nevada, and served as chief counsel for the Clark County Juvenile Department. He served as an alternate Las Vegas municipal judge from 1978 to 1980, and also as a member of the California-Nevada High Speed Train Commission from 2007–2009.

Governor Bilbray was elected to the Nevada State Senate in 1981 where he served until his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1987. He served in the House until 1995 and was a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Armed Services Committee, the Intelligence Committee, and the Small Business Committee. He also served as a member of the Select Committee on Hunger and the Select Committee on Aging, and was a member of the 2005 Base Closing and Realignment Commission. He is a former member of the Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy (1996–2000), and the Board of Regents, University of Nevada system (1968–1972).

He attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), where he served as student body president, and was one of the founders and the first president of UNLV's alumni association. Governor Bilbray is a graduate of American University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in government and public administration and a Juris Doctorate degree from the American University Law School.