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Congressman Al Ullman is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee where all legislation originates dealing with taxes, tariffs, Social Security and related issues. He has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1957 and on the Ways and Means Committee since 1961. In 1974 he was elected the first chairman of the House Budget Committee.

As acting chairman of Ways and Means during much of 1973 and '74, Congressman Ullman led the committee in developing the Trade Reform Act of 1974 and in pioneering the general reform of pension laws. He has been actively involved in major initiatives in the areas of tax reform, welfare and national health insurance. In fact, the first bill introduced in the 94th Congress is his proposal for national health insurance.

The congressman is also a member of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, and until last year served as a member of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

In 1973 Congressman Ullman initiated and later co-chaired a special congressional group to study budget control. The acknowledged leader throughout Congress in the effort to reform budgetary procedures, he introduced and guided to overwhelming approval the first major budget reforms in fifty years. As chairman of the House Budget Committee in 1974, he undertook the task of establishing the Congressional Budget Office and the work of the Budget Committee.

In addition to his emphasis on matters of fiscal and economic policy, Congressman Ullman has sponsored bills and worked actively on a broad spectrum of national issues, including reform of the electoral process, wilderness expansion, agricultural policy, Indian problems and natural resource development.

The geographically diverse Second Congressional District of Oregon which he represents is larger than any state east of the Mississippi. It ranges from the peach and cherry orchards of the Hood River Valley to the sand and sage of the Alvord Desert, and includes nine national forests and three Indian reservations.

Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Mr. Ullman is a graduate in political science from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and earned his master's degree in public law from Columbia University. He served in the Navy in World War II. He and his wife, Audrey, live in the Washington, D.C. area and have four grown children.

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Rep. Al Ullman (Dem.)
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Congressman Al Ullman is now serving his eighth term in the U. S. House of Representatives. He is the ranking majority member of the Ways and Means Committee, and a member of the Democratic Committee on Committees.

Appointed to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations in 1967, he is one of three members of the House of Representatives serving on the Commission. He is also a member of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, and in 1971 became a member of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Federal Expenditures.

Ullman was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest. A graduate in political science from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, he earned his master's degree in Public Law from Columbia University. He holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Law from Whitman. During World War II, he served in the South Pacific and subsequently rose to the rank of Captain in the Naval Reserve.

As an 11-year member of the Ways and Means Committee, Ullman has been involved in major legislative efforts in the areas of tax reform, social security, welfare, national health insurance and foreign trade. Early in 1972, he headed a delegation from the Ways and Means Committee for five days of international monetary and trade discussions in Europe with officials from the Common Market and the European Parliament. In the House, Ullman is a keen observer and respected critic of national economic and monetary policy.

In serving Oregon's exceptionally large and diverse 2nd District, Ullman has sponsored many projects to promote the development and better management of the area's abundant land, water and timber resources.

Ullman is a strong advocate of public policy to expand the recreational potential of public lands and to safeguard the quality of the environment. He has also emerged as an articulate spokesman for rural development.

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