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WILLIAM R. RATCHFORD, Democrat, of Danbury, Connecticut; born May 21, 1934; attended Danbury public schools; graduated from Danbury High School, University of Connecticut, Phi Beta Kappa and Georgetown Law Center, LL.B.; married to the former Barbara Carpenter of Greenwich, Conn.; three children, Shaun, 12, Scott, 9 and Brian, 7; State Representative from Danbury, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971; Assistant Majority Leader of the House, 1967; Speaker of the House, 1969, 1971; member, Joint Committee on Legislative Management; Commission on Federal and Intergovernmental Relations; vice president of the National Legislative Conference, 1970; faculty advisor to the Eagleton Institute of Politics; member, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; recipient of Connecticut Optometric Society Public Service Award, 1968; Danbury News-Times Civic Achievement Award, 1963; Distinguished Service Award for "Young Man of the Year", presented by Danbury Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1962; former chairman, Board of Directors, First Universalist Unitarian Church of Danbury; past first vice president, University of Connecticut National Alumni Association; secretary, Democratic State Platform Committee, 1966, 1968; chairman, Democratic State Platform Committee, 1970, 1972; chairman, Democratic State Convention, 1970; member, University of Connecticut Alumni Council; vice chairman, Regional Legal Aid Program; member, Clean Air Committee sponsored by Connecticut Tuberculosis Association; advisor to D. A. T. A. R. Danbury War Memorial; first chairman, Community Action Committee of Danbury; served as member, Connecticut National Guard, 1959-1965.