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Charles H. Joyce, Republican	1870-1872	40	England	Rutland (west)	Lawyer	2/1	0/0	House	U.S. Congress, 1875-1883; lost re-election bid to John Stewart in 1882
Franklin Fairbanks, Republican	1872-1874	44	St. Johnsbury	St. Johnsbury (east)	Fairbanks Scale	2/1	0/0	House	Lost bids for Lt. Governor in 1874 and 1886
H.H. Powers, Republican	1874	39	Morristown	Morristown (west)	Lawyer	1/1	0/0	Senate	VT Supreme Court, 1874- 1890; U.S. Congress, 1891- 1901; Lost re-nomination to Congress in 1900
Josiah Grout, Republican	1874-1876	33	Canada	Newport (east)	Lawyer	3/1	0/0	House	See Grout, 1886-1890
John Stewart, Republican	1876-1878	51	Middlebury	Middlebury (west)	Lawyer	7/1	0/0	House	Lost 1880 bid for Congress to Charles Joyce; U.S. Congress, 1883-1891; U.S. Senate, 1908-1909

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James L. Martin, Republican	1878-1884	32	Landgrove	Londonderry (east)	Lawyer	7/3	0/0	House	U.S. District Attorney, 1898-1906; U.S. District Judge, 1906-1915; re-elected to House in 1892, but refused speakership
James K. Batchelder, Republican	1884-1886	41	Peru	Peru (west)	Lawyer	5/1	0/0	----	Lost bids for Governor in 1886 and 1910
Josiah Grout, Republican	1886-1890	45	Canada	Derby (east)	Lawyer	8/2	0/0	House	Governor, 1896-1898
Henry R. Start, Republican	1890	45	Bakersfield	Bakersfield (west)	Lawyer	1/1	2/0	Senate	VT Supreme Court, 1890-1905
Hosea A. Mann, Jr., Republican	1890-1892	32	Wilmington	Wilmington (east)	Lawyer	5/1	0/0	House	----

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William W. Stickney, Republican	1892-1896	39	Plymouth	Ludlow (east)	Lawyer	1/1	0/0	Clerk of the House, 1882-1892	Governor, 1900-1902
William A. Lord, Republican	1896-1898	47	Montpelier	Montpelier (east)	Lawyer	3/1	0/0	House	City Attorney, Montpelier; Municipal Court judge
Kitteridge Haskins, Republican	1898-1900	62	Dover	Brattleboro (east)	Lawyer	5/1	2/0	House	U.S. Congress, 1901-1909; defeated by Frank Plumley
Fletcher D. Proctor, Republican	1900-1902	40	Cavendish	Proctor (west)	Vermont Marble	3/1	2/0	House	House, 1904; Governor, 1906-1908
John Merrifield, Republican	1902-1906	54	Newfane	Newfane (east)	Merchant	6/2	2/0	House	----

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Thomas C. Cheney, Republican	1906-1910	38	Morristown	Morristown (west)	Lawyer	2/2	0/0	Clerk of the House, 1898-1906	----
Frank E. Howe, Republican	1910-1912	40	Massachusetts	Bennington (west)	Newspaper Owner	2/1	0/0	House	Lt. Governor, 1912-1915; lost bids for Governor in 1914 and 1918
Charles A. Plumley, Republican	1912-1915	36	Northfield	Northfield (east)	Lawyer	0/0	0/0	Clerk of the House, 1908-1912	U.S. Congress, 1934-1951
John Weeks, Republican	1915-1917	60	Salisbury	Middlebury (west)	Government	3/1	1/0	House	Commissioner of Public Welfare, 1923-1927; Governor, 1927-1931; U.S. Congress, 1931-1932
Stanley C. Wilson, Republican	1917	38	Orange	Chelsea (east)	Lawyer	2/1	0/0	House	Superior Court, 1917-1923; House, 1925-1927; Senate, 1927-1929; Lt. Governor, 1929-1931; Governor, 1931-1935

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Charles S. Dana, Republican	1917-1921	54	New Haven	New Haven (west)	Lawyer	4/2	0/0	House	House, 1925-1927; Senate, 1927-1929
Franklin S. Billings, Sr., Republican	1921-1923	58	Massachusetts	Woodstock (east)	Farmer	3/1	0/0	House	Lt. Governor, 1923-1925; Governor, 1925-1927
Orlando L. Martin, Republican	1923-1925	51	Plainfield	Plainfield (east)	Farmer	2/1	1/0	Senate	Lost special Republican primary for Congress, 1923; Assistant Judge, Washington Co., 1939-1951 (died in office May 2, 1951)
Roswell M. Austin, Republican	1925-1927	37	Highgate	St. Albans City (west)	Lawyer	1/1	0/0	House	----
Loren R. Pierce, Republican	1927-1929	48	Londonderry	Woodstock (east)	Lawyer	2/1	0/0	House	House, 1929-1931, 1939-1941, 1953-1955, 1959-1961; Senate, 1931-1933

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Benjamin Williams, Republican	1929-1931	52	Fair Haven	Proctor (west)	Vermont Marble	3/1	1/0	Senate	Lt. Governor, 1931-1933; lost Republican primary for Governor, 1934
Edward H. Deavitt, Republican	1931-1933	59	Moretown	Montpelier (east)	Lawyer	1/1	0/0	----	Lost re-election bid, 1932
George D. Aiken, Republican	1933-1935	40	Dummerston	Putney (east)	Farmer	2/1	0/0	House	Lt. Governor, 1935-1937; Governor, 1937-1941; U.S. Senate, 1941-1975
Ernest E. Moore, Republican	1935-1937	53	Plymouth	Ludlow (east)	Lawyer	3/1	0/0	House	Lost Republican primary for Governor, 1936; Probate judge; 1937-1962
Mortimer R. Proctor, Republican	1937-1939	47	Proctor	Proctor (west)	Vermont Marble	3/1	0/0	House	Senate, 1939-1941; Lt. Governor, 1941-1945; Governor, 1945-1947

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Oscar L. Shepard, Republican	1939-1941	44	Albany	Hardwick (east)	Lawyer	2/1	0/0	House	Lost Republican primary for Lt. Governor, 1940; Banking Board, 1941-1945; Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, 1944-1945; Commissioner of Public Service, 1955-1961
Lee E. Emerson, Republican	1941-1943	42	Hardwick	Barton (east)	Lawyer	2/1	0/0	House	Senate, 1943-1945; Lt. Governor, 1945-1949; Lost Republican primary for Governor, 1948; Governor, 1951-1955; lost Republican primary for U.S. Senate, 1958; lost Republican primary for U.S. Congress, 1960
Joseph H. Denny, Republican	1945-1946	61	Northfield	Northfield (east)	Merchant	4/1	2/1	House	Withdrew from Republican primary for Lt. Governor, 1946
Winston L. Prouty, Republican	1947-1949	40	Newport	Newport (east)	Lumber	3/1	0/0	House	Lost Republican primary for Lt. Governor, 1948; U.S. Congress, 1951-1959; U.S. Senate, 1959-1971
J. Harold Stacey, Republican	1949-1951	50	Connecticut	Windsor (east)	Lumber	4/1	0/0	House	Lost Republican primary for Governor, 1950; Senate, 1955-1957

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Wallace M. Fay, Republican	1951-1953	54	New York	Proctor (west)	Railroad	4/1	1/0	House	----
Consuelo N. Bailey, Republican	1953-1955	53	Fairfield	South Burlington (west)	Lawyer	2/1	1/0	House	Lt. Governor, 1955-1957; Presidential elector, 1956 and 1972
John E. Hancock, Republican	1955-1957	51	Hardwick	Hardwick (east)	Farmer	4/1	1/0	House	House, 1966-1977
Charles H. Brown, Republican	1957-1959	52	Whiting	Brandon (west)	Lawyer	4/1	0/0	House	Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, 1959 (died in office April 26, 1959)
F. Ray Keyser, Jr., Republican	1959-1961	31	Chelsea	Chelsea (east)	Lawyer	3/1	0/0	House	Governor, 1961-1963; lost bid for Governor, 1962

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Leroy Lawrence, Republican	1961-1963	52	Arlington	Stamford (west)	Farmer/Salesman	4/1	0/0	House	House, 1963-1965
Franklin Billings, Jr., Republican	1963-1965	40	Woodstock	Woodstock (east)	Lawyer	3/2	0/0	House	Superior Court, 1966-1972; VT Supreme Court, 1975-1984; U.S. District Court, 1984-1996
Richard W. Mallary, Republican	1966-1969	36	Massachusetts	Fairlee (east)	Dairy Farmer	5/1	0/0	House	Senate, 1969-1971; Secretary of Administration, 1971; U.S. Congress, 1973-1975; lost bid for U.S. Senate, 1974; Secretary of Administration, 1977-1980; House, 1999-2000
John S. Burgess, Republican	1969-1971	48	New York	Brattleboro (east)	Lawyer	3/1	0/0	House	Lt. Governor, 1971-1975; lost Republican primary for U.S. Congress, 1974
Walter L. Kennedy, Republican	1971-1975	50	Chelsea	Chelsea (east)	Car Dealer	7/2	0/0	House	Lost bid for Governor, 1974

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Timothy J. O'Connor, Jr., Democratic	1975-1981	38	Brattleboro	Brattleboro (east)	Lawyer	6/3	0/0	House	Lost Democratic primary for Governor, 1980
Stephan A. Morse, Republican	1981-1985	33	Springfield	Newfane (east)	Painting Contractor	4/2	0/0	House	----
Ralph G. Wright, Democratic	1985-1994	49	Massachusetts	Bennington (west)	Teacher	8/5	0/0	House	----
Michael J. Obuchowski, Democratic	1995-2001	43	Bellows Falls	Rockingham (east)	Basketville, Inc.	16/5	0/0	House	House, 2001-2011; Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, 2011-
Walter E. Freed, Republican	2001-2005	49	Rhode Island	Dorset (west)	Petroleum	5/2	0/0	House	----

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Gaye R. Simington, Democratic	2005-2009	50	Massachusetts	Jericho (west)	Business Management	4/2	0/0	House	Lost bid for Governor, 2008
Shapleigh Smith, Jr., Democratic	2009-	43	Connecticut	Morristown (west)	Lawyer	3/1	0/0	House	----