

## Charles P. Pray

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Summary: Five decades of experience in public policy advocacy as a legislator, congressional liaison, coalition collaboration, strategy building, assessing effective governing and public relations at the State, regional and national levels.

### EXPERIENCES:

#### CURRENT:

Millinocket Town Councilor 11/15 - Present

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**Executive Director**, Maine County Commissioners Association 07/17 – 05/31/20

**Legislative Liaison**, Maine County Commissioners Association 03/17 – 07/17

**Consultant**, Public, Community & Political Affairs 04/13 – 07/17

**Commissioner**, Maine Land Use Planning Commission 07/13 – 05/19

**Interim Town Manager**, Town of Millinocket, ME 09/12 – 03/13

Builder, Retirement Camp, Maine Unorganized Territory 01/11 – 9/12

**Director of Congressional Affairs**, National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, Washington, DC 12/09 – 1/11

- Directed Congressional liaison activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) programs and senior officials with a staff of six employees
- Provided technical and authoritative analysis of Congressional actions and requests
- Represented the Administrator, senior officials, program directors, sites, and facilities in interaction with the Congress, its staff and committees of jurisdiction
- Served as facilitator and coordinator of Congressional hearings, briefings and oversight

**Consultant**, MAINE STRATEGIES, Millinocket, ME 09/08 – 12/09

- Consultant and advisor on legislative activity on Hydro/Biomass power rights and potential power developments as well as other legislative and governmental relations

**Nuclear Safety Advisor**, State of Maine, Augusta, ME 10/03 – 09/08

- Advised the Governor and Legislature on regulatory oversight of Maine's nuclear power plant
- Directed oversight, review, evaluation and counsel on State activities pertaining to the inspections and monitoring of the State's closing nuclear reactor and site
- Oversaw the formulating of oversight regulations of storage of nuclear waste materials
- Liaison with Federal, regional and national organization addressing nuclear facilities, radioactive waste and transportation of said materials
- Co-chaired a national task force advocating the federal government meet its Federal statutory obligations to remove high-level radioactive waste to a safe and secure national repository

**Advisor**, Maine's Department of Administration & Finance, Augusta 04/08 – 10/08

- Advised the Commissioner of Administration & Finance on energy assessments in operation of government facilities and initiation of energy efficiency operations and savings

**Consultant**, MAINE STRATEGIES, Springfield, VA 01/01 – 4/03

- Consultation and government relations service for private, public, and political clients

**Special Asst./Senior Advisor**, to Asst. Secretary of Congressional, Intergovernmental, Public & Tribal Affairs, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, Washington, DC 04/93 – 01/01

- Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs
- Interagency liaison to Departmental Programs for Intergovernmental activities
- White House Liaison to Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

- Liaison to National Organizations representing States' elected officials
- Chaired CI's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), 1999 and 2000
- Served as a member of Department of Energy's CFC's charitable steering committee, 2000

**State Senator, Augusta, ME**

01/75 - 12/92

- State Senator (9 terms) Leadership (7 terms)
- Assistant Minority Leader, 1978-82, (2 terms)
- Majority Leader, 1982-84, (1 term)
- President of the Senate, 1984-92 (4 terms)
- Legislative Council (7 terms) Chair 3 terms
- Committees: Labor, Health & Institutional Services, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Election Laws, and Public Utilities
- Select Committees: Jails, 1978
- Reapportionment Commission, 1982, Senate Lead
- Legislative initiatives included but not inclusive, governmental restructuring and reform, economic development, environmental and labor protection, utility regulations, energy, nuclear waste and health care

**National Organizational**

- National Conference of State Legislatures,
- Vice Chair, Labor & Economic Development, 1988-89
- Chair, Telecommunication Committee, 1990-91
- Member, High-Level Radioactive Waste Working Group, 1991-92
- New England Legislative Leaders Caucus: 1978-92, Chair 1984
- Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Council: 1982-92, Executive Committee 1989-90
- National Conference of Lieutenant Governors: 1984-92
- Federal Budget Task Force, Chair 1988
- Chair, Eastern Regional, 1989

**Employee to Proprietor, Pray's Cottages & Country Store, Ripogenus, ME**

1970 - 2008

A family lodging and retail business catering to outdoor enthusiasts for fifty-four years, est. 1954

**EDUCATION:**

University of Maine, Orono, ME B.A., Political Science, Minors; Education, Economics '73

1970 - 1973

Ricker College, Houlton, ME

1964 - 1966

**MILITARY:**

U.S. Air Force, Tactical Air Controller, Vietnam Conflict, 1966 – 1967

08/66 - 06/70

**ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES:**

Veterans of Foreign War\*

American Legion\*

Disable American Veterans\*

Vietnam Veterans for Peace\*

\* Life Member

**CIVIC:**

Friends of Millinocket Veterans Library <> Millinocket Elks <> KAT TV, Local Public Television Station, Past President

<> Millinocket Housing Authority, Board of Directors

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## Resume Overview

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Executive Director, Maine County Commissioners Association	06/17 – 5/20
Consultant: Government, Public, Community & Political Affairs	04/13 – Present
Commissioner, Maine Land Use Planning Commission	07/13 – 6/19
Legislative Liaison, Maine County Commissioners Association	03/17 – 07/17
Interim Town Manager, Town of Millinocket, ME	09/12 – 3/13
Retirement Camp Builder, T3R12, Maine Unorganized Territory	01/11 – 9/12
Director of Congressional Affairs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Washington, DC	12/09 – 01/11
Consultant, MAINE STRATEGIES, Millinocket, ME	09/08-12/09
Maine Nuclear Safety Adviser,	10/03-08/08
Executive Department, Department of Administration & Finance, Energy Efficiency Adviser	04/03-10/03
Consultant, MAINE STRATEGIES, Springfield, VA	01/01 - 4/03
Special Asst./Sr. Advisor to the U.S. Department of Energy's Asst. Secretary of Congressional, Intergovernmental, Public & Tribal Affairs, , Washington, DC	04/93-01/01
Maine State Senator, Augusta, ME	01/75 - 12/92
Employee, Operator, Proprietor, Pray's Cottages and Country Store, Ripogenus, ME	1970 - 2008

### EDUCATION:

University of Maine, Orono, ME	1970 - 1973
• B.A., Political Science, other areas of Studies; Education, Economics	
Ricker College, Houlton, ME	1964 - 1966

### MILITARY:

U.S. Air Force, Tactical Air Controller, Southeast Asia 1966 – 1967, Vietnam Conflict	1966 – 19701
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### ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES:

Veterans of Foreign War\*                      American Legion\*                      Disable American Veterans\*  
Vietnam Veterans for Peace\*                      \* Life Member

### Civic:

Friends of Millinocket Veterans Library <> Millinocket Elks <> Former Millinocket Housing Authority Board of Directors Member <> Former KAT-TV Board Member <> Member of the Katahdin Regional Chamber of Commerce

Active in several Local and Regional ad hoc groups promoting the welfare and development of the Katahdin Region