

Pennsylvania - 12th District

12 John P. Murtha (D)

Of Johnstown — Elected 1974

Born: June 17, 1932, New Martinsville, W.Va.
 Education: U. of Pittsburgh, B.A. 1962.
 Military Career: Marine Corps, 1952-55, 1966-67.
 Occupation: Car wash operator.
 Family: Wife, Joyce Bell; three children.
 Religion: Roman Catholic.
 Political Career: Pa. House, 1969-74.
 Capitol Office: 2423 Rayburn Bldg. 20515; 225-2065.



Committees

Appropriations (14th of 36 Democrats)
 Defense; Interior; Legislative.

Elections

1982 General			
John P. Murtha (D)	96,369	(61%)	
William Tuscano (R)	54,212	(35%)	
1982 Primary			
John P. Murtha (D)	31,945	(52%)	
Don Bailey (D)	23,685	(38%)	
David McWherter (D)	3,393	(6%)	
1980 General			
John P. Murtha (D)	108,750	(59%)	
Charles Getty (R)	72,999	(41%)	
Previous Winning Percentages:			
1978	(69%)	1976	(68%)
1974	(58%)	1974*	(49%)

* Special election

District Vote For President

1980		1976	
D	87,100 (46%)	D	94,428 (51%)
R	94,584 (49%)	R	88,982 (48%)
I	7,535 (4%)		

Campaign Finance

	Receipts	Receipts from PACs	Expenditures
1982			
Murtha (D)	\$272,918	\$142,175 (52%)	\$245,716
Tuscano (R)	\$32,689	\$250 (.7%)	\$24,240
1980			
Murtha (D)	\$112,350	\$54,350 (48%)	\$116,386
Getty (R)	\$17,675	\$200 (.1%)	\$17,675

Voting Studies

Year	Presidential Support		Party Unity		Conservative Coalition	
	S	O	S	O	S	O
1982	53	39	68	21	64	30
1981	45	50	70	27	64	33
1980	74	21	78	19	49	48
1979	72	28	74	24	57	39
1978	59	40	66	33	55	43
1977	66	29	61	28	54	38
1976	37	61	65	32	56	41
1975	42	49	60	32	55	39
1974 (Ford)	44	52				
1974	54	46†	67	32†	52	47†

S = Support O = Opposition

† Not eligible for all recorded votes.

Key Votes

Reagan budget proposal (1981)	N
Legal services reauthorization (1981)	Y
Disapprove sale of AWACs planes to Saudi Arabia (1981)	Y
Index income taxes (1981)	N
Subsidize home mortgage rates (1982)	Y
Amend Constitution to require balanced budget (1982)	N
Delete MX funding (1982)	N
Retain existing cap on congressional salaries (1982)	N
Adopt nuclear freeze (1983)	Y

Interest Group Ratings

Year	ADA	ACA	AFL-CIO	CCUS
1982	45	43	90	33
1981	45	29	80	22
1980	44	21	78	65
1979	37	8	79	47
1978	25	30	65	33
1977	20	27	86	31
1976	45	36	91	25
1975	42	48	95	36
1974	26	29	100	30