



Robert G. Paquin

Bob Paquin was recently appointed State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Services Agency in Vermont by Secretary Tom Vilsack and officially joined the state office on August 10, 2009 after a long career as a Congressional aide.

Paquin began working with Senator Patrick Leahy in 1977 as a Legislative Assistant in the Senator's Washington office. His duties included defense, foreign policy and appropriations. He returned to Vermont in the early 1980s to direct the Senator's Montpelier office and serve as liaison with the Vermont General Assembly.

Bob has worked on several Farm Bills, on many Vermont conservation issues and co-drafted several pieces of legislation including bills on Lake Champlain, the Connecticut River, the Northern Forest and the Green Mountain National Forest. He also served as a member of the University of Vermont College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Board of Advisors.

Bob is a native of St. Albans, Vermont and enjoyed working on his grandparents' dairy farm in Johnson while in high school. He holds Bachelor and Masters Degrees from the University of Vermont and has studied at the London School of Economics. He and his family live in Shelburne.