

TOM VILSACK: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Tom Vilsack is an American politician, a member of the Democratic Party, and presently the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. He received a Bachelor's degree in 1972 from Hamilton College in New York, and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) in 1975 from Albany Law School. He served as the 40th Governor of the state of Iowa. He was first elected in 1998 and re-elected to a second four-year term in 2002. As of May 1, 2007, Vilsack joined the Des Moines office of Minneapolis-based law firm Dorsey & Whitney and is of counsel. Barack Obama announced Vilsack's selection to be the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under his administration on December 17, 2008. Vilsack's nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate by unanimous consent on January 20, 2009.