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For 20 consecutive years he represented Virginia's Seventh District in the US House of Representatives. Beginning in 1994, he served as Chair of the House Committee on Commerce, the oldest committee in the House and the one with the broadest jurisdiction, for six years.

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Mr. Bliley began his political career in 1968 when he was elected to the Richmond, Virginia, city council, serving as Richmond's mayor from 1970 to 1977. He was elected to his first Congressional term in 1980. He remains active in Richmond community affairs, including numerous board and commission memberships.

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Prior to joining Steptoe, Mr. Bliley was a senior advisor to the Scott Group and the Government Relations and Public Policy Practice Group at the law firm Collier Shannon Scott.

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- Leading passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which opened a trillion-dollar-a-year industry to fair, free, and open trade.
- Leading bipartisan efforts to enact food safety and safe drinking water legislation.
- Spearheading enactment of securities litigation reform, and leading the House in the first—and only—successful veto override of the Clinton Presidency.
- Leading a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's securities laws in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.
- Shepherding on the building blocks to Internet commerce, electronic signatures legislation, through the Congress and into law.