



Power to the Last Grasp

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Remember congressional term limits? The idea, I mean. I know we don't have them yet, though U.S. Term Limits is starting to make [real progress](#) through the states.

There was a big push or pseudo-push for congressional term limits in Congress in the mid-1990s. Later, first-term President Trump sort of promoted congressional term limits for a little while.

Don't we all wish we had congressional term limits or age limits, or both, whenever a congressman of extremely advanced tenure or age, or both, drags himself through yet another reelection campaign?

Age limits would have been academic for Chuck Grassley, however, had he been subject to limits

of, say, two six-year terms when he first became a senator in 1981. This is not an issue of people in their 70s, 80s, and 90s getting elected to Congress for the first time.

Grassley, for example, has been in Congress for the last 52 years: 46 years in the Senate and six years before that as a U.S. Representative. And let's note 16 years in the Iowa State Legislature before that. Grassley has been in elected office non-stop for 68 years.

Five years ago, we were told that Grassley, filing to run for yet another term, would be 95 by the end of that term if he ran and won and survived. Now, at 93, he has just [filed paperwork](#) to run for yet another term. He would be 101 by the end of it if he runs and wins . . . and survives.

Which, accordingly, would be 74 consecutive years in public office.

Time to give someone else a chance? Or will Grassley run again in 2032?

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