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The President today announced the appointment of Norris Cotton, of Lebanon, New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Cancer Advisory Board for the remainder of a term expiring March 9, 1978. He succeeds W. Clarke Wescoe who resigned effective March 25, 1974.

He served in the United States Senate from November 2, 1954, until the conclusion of the 94th Congress.

The Board was established by P. L. 92-218 of December 23, 1971, and its membership consists of the Secretary of HEW, Director of the National Science Foundation, Director of the National Institutes of Health, Chief Medical Officer of the Veterans' Administration (or his designee) and a medical officer designated by the Secretary of Defense and 18 members appointed by the President, not more than 12 are scientists or physicians and not more than 8 shall be representatives from the general public.

Members of the Board are appointed for staggered terms of 6 years.

The Board, under the Chairmanship of Jonathan E. Rhoads, advises the Director of the National Cancer Institute, Frank Joseph Rauscher, Jr., with regard to the National Cancer Program.

Mr. Cotton was born in Warren, New Hampshire, on May 11, 1900. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy, Wesleyan University and George Washington University Law School. He was majority leader and later speaker, New Hampshire's Second District, 1946, serving four consecutive terms in the House; elected to the United States Senate, 1954, to serve 2 years of unexpired term and reelected for three consecutive 6-year terms, present term ends January 3, 1975.

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