



Thomas Slade Gorton

Party: Republican • **Chamber:** Senate

State: WA

Service: 1981–2001

Most recent Congress: 106

Biography

A Senator from Washington. Born in Chicago, Cook County, Ill. , January 8, 1928. Attended public schools in Evanston, Ill. Graduated, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. , 1950, Columbia University Law School, New York City 1953. Served in the United States Army 1945-1946, United States Air Force, lieutenant, 1953-1956, United States Air Force Reserve, colonel, 1956-1980. Admitted to the Washington State bar in 1953 and commenced practice in Seattle. Served in the Washington State house of representatives 1959-1969, majority leader 1967-1969. Washington State attorney general 1969-1981. Member, President's Consumer Advisory Council 1975-1977. Member, Washington State Law and Justice Commission 1969-1980. Member, State Criminal Justice Training Commission 1969-1980. Elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1980, and served from January 3, 1981, to January 3, 1987. Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1986. Resumed the practice of law. Elected again as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1988. Reelected in 1994 and served from January 3, 1989, to January 3, 2001. Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 2000. Member, National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States (9-11 Commission) 2003-2004. Was a resident of Seattle, Washington, until his death on August 19, 2020.

Legislative Activity (1981–2001)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0