



## Warren Grant Magnuson

**Party:** Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

**State:** WA

### Biography

A Representative and a Senator from Washington. Born in Moorhead, Clay County, Minn. , April 12, 1905. Attended the public schools, the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks and North Dakota State College. Graduated from the University of Washington in 1926, and from the law school in 1929. Admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Seattle, Wash. Secretary of the Seattle Municipal League in 1930 and 1931. Served as special prosecuting attorney of King County, Wash. , in 1931. Member, State house of representatives 1933-1934. Delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1933. Served in the United States Navy during the Second World War, attaining rank of lieutenant commander. United States district attorney in 1934 and prosecuting attorney of King County, Wash. , 1934-1936. Elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fifth Congress and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1937, until his resignation on December 13, 1944. Appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Homer T. Bone, and served from December 14, 1944, to January 3, 1945. Elected in 1944 for the term commencing January 3, 1945. Reelected in 1950, 1956, 1962, 1968 and 1974 and served from December 14, 1944, to January 3, 1981. Served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Ninety-sixth Congress. Unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1980. Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (Eighty-fourth through Eighty-seventh Congresses), Committee on Commerce (Eighty-eighth through Ninety-fifth Congresses), Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation (Ninety-fifth Congress), Committee on Appropriations (Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth Congresses). Resumed the practice of law. Died in Seattle, Wash. , May 20, 1989. Interment in Acacia Memorial Park.

### Legislative Activity (–)

**Bills sponsored:** 0

**Bills cosponsored:** 0