

Slade Gorton Biography

Senator Slade Gorton is a member of the Commission on the Theft of American Intellectual Property. Previously, Senator Gorton served as a Commissioner on the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. He represented Washington State in the United States Senate for 18 years, from 1981-1987, 1989-2001. While in the Senate, Gorton served on the Appropriations, Budget, Commerce, Science and Transportation, and Energy and Natural Resources Committees. He served as chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee (1995-2001), the Commerce Subcommittees on Consumer Affairs (1995-99), and Aviation (1999-2000). He was also a member of the Republican leadership as counsel to the Majority Leader (1996-2000). Gorton began his political career in 1958 as a Washington state representative; he went on to serve as State House majority leader. In 1968, he was elected attorney general of Washington state, where he argued 14 cases before the Supreme Court. He currently serves as Counselor to The National Bureau of Asian Research which is home to the Slade Gorton International Policy Center.