

# Irv Newhouse

Irv Newhouse was a central Washington hops farmer who served the 15th Legislative District of Washington state in the House of Representatives from 1965 to 1980, and then in the Senate from 1980 to 1999.

While in the Washington State House of Representatives, Newhouse held the office of minority leader from 1975 – 1977. He also served as floor leader in the Senate from 1988 to 1996 and as Senate president pro tempore from 1996 to 1998.

During his 34 years in the Legislature, Newhouse was known as a brilliant parliamentarian and skilled negotiator. Former Gov. Gary Locke called him a “common-sense” guy.

His successor, Sen. Jim Honeyford, said, “Irv’s wisdom and institutional memory were incredible. I could ask him about some issue from 25 years ago and he could remember little details about it like it happened yesterday.”

Rep. Bruce Chandler, R-Granger, said Newhouse was someone who “always put the interests of the people of central Washington first.”

Sen. Irv Newhouse is the father of U.S. Rep. Dan Newhouse, serving the 4th Congressional District.



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