

Sid Snyder Biographical Highlights

- July 30, 1926 Born in Kelso, Washington
- 1949 Hired as an elevator operator in Capitol Building for Session; then worked in Bill Room under Chief Clerk Si Holcomb. Charles Hodde was Speaker of the House.
- 1952 Called back to assist Si Holcomb before opening of session, but as Republicans had the majority, was not a session employee during 1953 session
- 1955 Returned to work at Capitol as assistant chief clerk for Chief Clerk Si Holcomb. Held this position from 1955 to 1965. John O'Brien was Speaker from 1955 to 1961. Served under William Day as Speaker in 1963 and under Speaker Robert Schaefer in 1965.
- 1967 Retained as assistant chief clerk under the Republicans when they held the majority in 1967 and 1969. Worked with Chief Clerk Malcolm McBeath during those sessions under Speaker Don Eldridge.
- 1969 After the death of Secretary of the Senate Ward Bowden, Sid Snyder was elected to succeed him in the office. He served the Senate as Secretary for 19 years under Lieutenant Governor John Cherberg.
- 1988 Retired as Secretary of Senate.
- 1990 Appointed to serve as senator for District 19 upon death of Senator Arlie DeJarnatt, then ran for office and was elected
- 1991 Served as Democratic caucus leader until 1996
- 1996 Elected Senate Majority Leader
- 2002 Retirement from Senate