



# Lorraine Wojahn

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** September 17, 1920  
Tacoma, Washington

**Death:** October 13, 2012  
Tacoma, Washington

**Occupation:** Public Relations

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Years served:** 1969-1977 (H)  
1977-2001 (S)

**Office:** Representative, Senator,  
President Pro Tempore 1993-97, 1999-2001

**District:** 27 (Pierce County)

## Personal:

- Married Gilbert Wojahn in 1942
- 2 sons
- Former Consumer Specialist for Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO, also worked as a lobbyist
- Worked in personnel for the Army Corp of Engineers during World War II

## Education:

- University of Washington

## Community Service:

- Tacoma-Pierce County YWCA, board member
- Tacoma Area Urban Coalition, executive committee
- PTA president
- Eastside Boys and Girls Club, president and board member
- Boys and Girls Club Tacoma/Pierce County, board member and trustee
- Tacoma School Board, advisory committee
- Allenmore Hospital (Multicare), board member

## Affiliations:

- Washington State Women's Council
- Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Tacoma/Pierce County, trustee
- Founding member of Consumer Credit Counseling of Seattle, trustee
- Washington Committee on Consumer Interests
- Washington Athletic Club
- Altrusa Study Club of Tacoma
- Women in Government, state director
- Rainier Institute, board member

**Awards:**

**Legislative & State Service:**

- Democratic Caucus Vice-chair (1989)
- Region V Advisory Council, State Department of Social and Health Services (1975)
- Washington State Judicial Council, served 10 years
- Served on various committees including: Judiciary; Commerce, chair; Rules; Ways and Means; Social & Health Services (various names)

**Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

- President Pro Tempore (first woman to preside ruling sine die)
- Majority Caucus Secretary (1981-83)
- White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health
- Governor's Commission on the Status of Women
- Consumer Federation of America, National Advisory Board