

**THE HONORABLE AL SWIFT
COLLING MURPHY SWIFT HYNES**

BIOGRAPHY

Al Swift served sixteen years in Congress representing the state of Washington's second Congressional district. His highly respected leadership qualities enabled him to be one of a select few Members who wielded two gavels simultaneously. A member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, he chaired the subcommittee with jurisdiction over Superfund, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), railroads, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Swift gained a reputation as a moderate, hard-working pro-business Democrat that was a deal-maker and had a knack for retaining substantive knowledge and legislating on point. He became the de facto chairman of a caucus of moderates who broke a long deadlock between environmentalists and pro-industry factions on the Clear Air Act.

Throughout his career, Swift took on many difficult issues, often those without political glamour, and developed effective bipartisan coalitions to move them forward. Collaborating with Rep. Tom Tauke of Iowa, he co-authored landmark telecommunications legislation. Swift also led the motor-voter registration and campaign finance reform in the House. He is the author of numerous laws in fields as varied as energy, transportation, and election reporting.

Before being elected to Congress, Swift was a broadcaster in his home state of Washington, where he was Director of News and Public Affairs for KVOS-TV and the winner of a regional Emmy for excellence. He was Washington's beloved evening anchorman for eleven years, but as the Congressional Quarterly noted, "it is hard to imagine anyone doing more than Swift to dispel the stereotype of the local TV anchorman as a prisoner of style over substance."

After serving in Congress, Swift served as Vice President of Government Affairs for Burlington Northern Railroad. He worked diligently to re-establish Amtrak service between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia. He reorganized their political action committee and placed the department on the political map.

Swift continues his involvement in these many areas of expertise and regularly authors the political commentary column "A Swift 2¢ Worth." With a background in broadcast journalism and decades of experience in Congress, he has an uncanny mastery at packaging and delivering a complete message to Congress.