

Jane Swift
Lieutenant Governor

On November 3, 1998, Jane Swift was elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. Her career in government began in 1991 when, at 25, she was the youngest woman ever elected to the Massachusetts State Senate. Swift quickly made her mark, becoming the youngest woman in Senate history to serve in either party's leadership when she rose to the rank of Assistant Minority Leader. While running for Congress in 1996, Glamour magazine listed her as one of "Eleven Women Who Could Change the Country."

As a member of the Senate, Swift advocated effectively for her constituents, paying special attention to the issues of education and the budget. As a member of the Senate Ways & Means Committee, she helped steer much of the Weld-Cellucci economic recovery program into law. Swift also helped craft the historic Education Reform Act of 1993 as a member of the Education Reform Conference Committee.

In 1997, Swift became Director of the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation and had been Director of Regional Airport Development at the Massachusetts Port Authority before assuming that position.

Swift graduated from the North Adams Public Schools and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity College in 1987. She is a corporator of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and sits on the Board of Directors for the Western Massachusetts Girl Scout Council.

Swift, 34, is a native of North Adams. She, her husband, Chuck Hunt, and their daughter, Elizabeth, who was born two weeks before Swift was elected, now reside at Hunt's family farm in Williamstown.