



# Marie F. Keen

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** May 13, 1895  
Kentucky

**Death:** November 18, 1967  
Kelso, Washington

**Occupation:**

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Years served:** 1935-37

**Office:** Representative

**District:**  
18 (Cowlitz, Wahkiakum Counties)

## Personal:

- Moved to Kelso-Longview area in 1928
- Married to Herman G. Keen
- Active in the labor movement

## Education:

## Community Service:

- Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Spastic Society, chair
- National Youth Administration, advisory committee

## Affiliations:

- Cowlitz Valley Moose Lodge
- St. Stephen's church

## Awards:

## Legislative & State Service:

- First woman elected to represent the 18<sup>th</sup> district in the Legislature
- Instrumental in obtaining appropriations to construct the bridge from Cathlamet to Puget Island
- "Mrs. Keen is deeply interested in the right of all children to an education which will fit them for life, and in a taxation system as advocated by a former legislator, Jessie Bullock Kastner." ("Women Lawmakers in 1935 session")

**Committees: (1935)** Appropriations; Dikes, Drains and Ditches; Labor and Labor Statistics; Revenue and Taxation; Unemployment Relief and Public Welfare

**House Bills sponsored:****(1935 session)**

55-Relating to motor fuel

Went to second reading

76-Relating to conditions of employment

Reported out of committee and died

104-To provide the necessary appropriation for a bridge across Columbia Slough

Signed by Governor Martin

107-Relating to trading stamps

Went to third reading

118-Relating to the licensing of pilots

Signed by Governor Martin

124-Relating to community property rights

Went to first reading

177-Relating to unemployment

Went to second reading

232-Relating to the relief of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company

Reported out of committee and died

281-Relating to probate

Went to first reading

295-Relating to the Narrows Bridge

Signed by Governor Martin

425-Relating to the welfare of minor children

Signed by Governor Martin

432-Relating to deficiency judgment

Went to first reading

433-Relating to mortgage foreclosures

Signed by Governor Martin

438-Relating to motor vehicles

Went to first reading

475-Relating to railroads

Reported out of committee

504-Relating to establishing a primary state highway

Went to first reading

513-Relating to taxation

Signed by Governor Martin

536-Relating to aeronautics

Went to second reading

539-Relating to primary highways

Reported out of committee and died

581-Relating to licensing of auto mechanics

Went to first reading

664-Relating to right of redemption

Went to third reading

**House Joint Resolutions sponsored:****(1935 session)**

17-Relating to salaries of members of the legislature

Reported out of committee and died

19-Relating to an amendment to section 1 of article VII of the state constitution

Went to third reading

**Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

- Assistant State Director of the National Youth Administration, n.d.

**Sources:**

## Articles:

- "Women Lawmakers in 1935 Session," *Legislative Counsellor*, Women's Legislative Council of Washington, January-February 1935
- "Mrs. Marie Keen, First Woman Legislator, Dies," *Longview Daily News*, November 21, 1967