



Jeanette Testu

Quick Facts

Birth: 1900

Pierre, South Dakota

Death: January 10, 1964

Mexico City, Mexico

Occupation: Teacher

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1943-45, 1949-63

Office: Representative,
Speaker Pro Tempore (1961-63)

District: 34 (King County)

Personal:

- 1920 married, 3 children

Education:

- Normal School graduate

Community Service:

- YMCA

Affiliations:

- Alki Women's Improvement Club
- American Legion Post 160
- Business and Professional Women
- Democratic State Central Committee
- Eagles, Aerie 2643
- Elks
- Local # 987-Deputy Sheriffs
- Northwest Conservation League
- State Federation of Garden Clubs
- Supreme Emblem Club

Awards:

- Woman of the Year, State Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs, 1961

Legislative & State Service:

Committees: (1943) Cities of the First Class; Educational Institutions; Parks and Playgrounds; Roads and Bridges; Unemployment Relief and Public Welfare **(1949)** Transportation, chair; Education and Libraries; Engrossment and Enrollment; Roads and Bridges; State Government **(1951)** Colleges and Universities, chair; Education and Libraries; Medicine, Dentistry and Drugs; Roads and Bridges; State Government **(1953)** Memorials, chair; Colleges and Universities; Education and Libraries; Parks and Playgrounds; Roads and Bridges **(1955)** Appropriations; Education; Memorials; Rules and Order; Social Security and Public Assistance **(1957)** Cities and Counties; Commerce, Professions and Transportation; Constitution, Elections and Apportionment; Education; Rules and Order **(1959)** Commerce and Manufacturing; Higher Education and Libraries; Highways; Liquor Control; Rules and Order **(1961)** Higher Education and Libraries; Licenses; Rules and Order; State Government; State Institutions and Youth Control

House Bills sponsored:

(1943 session)

207-Relating to classification of property adjacent to public highways

Went to first reading

212-Relating to highways and landscape architects

Went to third reading

359-Relating to garnishments and attachments

Went to first reading

427-Relating to the care of needy persons

Went to first reading

(1949 session)

40-Relating to exchange of alien teachers; An Act relating to education, restricting the right to teach in the public schools, providing for the issuance of permits to teach and amending section 1, Chapter 38, Laws of 1919

Signed by Governor Langlie

61-Licensing and regulating manicurists

Went to first reading

164-Regulating the cutting of minor forest products

Went to first reading

165-Relating to reports of storage warehouses

Signed by Governor Langlie

266-Relating to highways

Went to third reading

303-An Act relating to the transportation of property by motor vehicle over the public highways of the State of Washington

Signed by Governor Langlie

385-Exempting records from certain motor vehicle regulations

Went to first reading

401-Relating to minimum salary for school teachers

Signed by Governor Langlie

496-Requiring work permits for minors under 18 years of age

Went to third reading

619-Relating to off-campus credits

Went to first reading

(1951 session)

41-Relating to licenses to holders of motor vehicle radio stations

Went to first reading

91-Relating to salaries of clerks in third class school districts Signed by Governor Langlie

105-Relating to athletic contests and the telecasting of athletic contests

Went to first reading

120-Appropriation for a bridge across the Duwamish waterway

Went to first reading

295-Relating to labor disputes concerning charitable hospitals

Went to first reading

317-Creating the Washington State progress commission

Went to first reading

322-Relating to compensation of sewer district commissioners
Went to third reading
373-Relating to the revocation of licenses to practice optometry
Went to first reading
527-Relating to the practice of sanipractic
Went to first reading

(1953 session)

106-An appropriation for purchase of certain land in Jefferson County for state park
Went to second reading
247-Authorizing toll bridge authority to sell surplus real property
Signed by Governor Langlie
474-Relating to certain healing sciences
Went to first reading
493-Raising compulsory school attendance age
Went to first reading
564-Defining standard weights in manufacture and sale of bread
Went to third reading

(1955 session)

26-Requiring that the national and state flags be displayed in certain public places
Went to first reading
231-Including building service employees under the term "extra-hazardous occupation" under the workmen's compensation act
Went to third reading
385-Permitting the use of school busses for athletic events and for educational purposes
Went to first reading
392-Requiring notice of termination by mail to certified school district employees
Went to first reading
404-Permitting the formation of county or regional school directors' associations as units of the state association
Signed by Governor Langlie
420-Permitting county-port district joint planning of river improvements
Went to third reading
430-Providing special auto license plates for amateur radio operators
Vetoed by Governor Langlie
460-Declaring the rules of the road with respect to certain blind pedestrians and their dogs
Went to third reading
467-Exempting blind proprietors of business located in public buildings from the provisions of the sales tax
Went to third reading
545-Providing one-half retirement payments to wives of deceased retired state employees
Went to first reading
548-Increasing the conveyance tax to one dollar
Went to first reading
562-Requiring the election of political party state committee officers prior to the convening of the legislature
Went to third reading
608-Appropriationg \$118,585 to the city of Seattle
Went to first reading
618-Placing certain port district employees under federal social security
Signed by Governor Langlie

(1957 session)

135-Extending coverage of workmen's compensation
Went to third reading
138-Extending employment security coverage to include commercial food processors
Signed by Governor Rosellini
220-Relating to disposition of public record
Signed by Governor Rosellini
262-Increasing amount of acreage school boards may condemn
Signed by Governor Rosellini

283-Authorizing county treasurers to collect fees for certain services performed
Went to third reading
295-Relating to taxation properties acquired by annexation
Signed by Governor Rosellini
332-Increasing volunteer firemen's relief and pension provisions
Signed by Governor Rosellini
348-Establishing a code of ethics for the profession of pharmacy
Went to first reading
388-Authorizing codification and/or revision of city and town ordinances
Signed by Governor Rosellini
390-Amending hairdressing and beauty culture code
Went to third reading
428-Abolishing public sale of fireworks
Went to first reading
497-Providing pensions for widows of those receiving state employees' retirement benefits
Went to first reading
522-Authorizing sale of certain state lands to Seattle
Signed by Governor Rosellini
581-Providing for examination and licensing to practice massage
Went to first reading
604-Establishing a state crime laboratory, making an appropriation
Went to third reading

(1959 session)

51-Extending definitions of dependent child to children living in home where common-law marriage exists
Went to first reading
64-Prescribing penalty of life imprisonment for selling narcotics to juveniles
Went to first reading
67-Permitting certain prisoners in county jails to be transferred to the state penitentiary or reformatory
Went to third reading
69-Abolishing capital punishment
Went to second reading
72-Amending the beauticians' licensing act
Signed by Governor Rosellini
108-Making it unlawful to refuse service in public places to the blind accompanied by guide dogs
Went to third reading
139-Adding maintenance work in certain apartment houses and certain other employment to list of extra hazardous employments
Signed by Governor Rosellini
464-Imposing graduated tax on chain stores
Went to first reading
484-Increasing compensation of commercial waterway district commissioners
Went to third reading
520-An Act relating to children and youth services; establishing a new department of children and youth services and providing for the support thereof; transferring certain powers, functions and duties from the department of institutions and the department of public assistance to the department of children and youth services and providing certain dates therefore; transferring certain personality, books, papers, files and records from the department of institutions and the department of public assistance to the department of children and youth services; providing certain penalties; amending sections...
Went to second reading
524-Deleting "epileptic" from motor vehicle operation license law
Went to third reading
570-Relating to minimum salaries
Went to first reading
577-Relating to disposal of property by department of commerce and economic development
Signed by Governor Rosellini
632-Relating to licensed practical nurses
Went to first reading
644-Relating to Seahurst-Seola tract for state part purposes
Went to first reading

(1959 extraordinary session)

44-Abolishing the department of commerce and economic development

Went to first reading

(1961 session)

13-Clarifying and correcting the securities act

Signed by Governor Rosellini

108-Authorizing transfer of prisoners from county jails to reformatories or penitentiaries

Went to third reading

113-Establishing safety rules for operation of boats

Went to first reading

123-Allowing expenses for library commission members

Went to second reading

135-Requiring boats to be registered and numbered

Went to first reading

187-Increasing minimum salaries for teachers

Went to first reading

190-Relating to county participation in fairs

Signed by Governor Rosellini

199-Authorizing L.P.N.s to be certified to administer medication under supervision and raising license fee

Went to third reading

235-Relating to distribution of federal surplus food by public assistance department

Went to first reading

279-Increasing city retirement benefits

Signed by Governor Rosellini

281-Relating to sentence credit for time confined awaiting trial

Went to third reading

324-Removing limitation on salary of public printer and requiring committee approval on purchase of machinery

Went to first reading

342-Relating to foreclosure of FHA mortgages when property has been abandoned by mortgagor

Went to third reading

359-Requiring two years' study of U.S. history for high school graduation

Went to first reading

377-An Act relating to cities and towns; authorizing establishment of pedestrian malls; and repealing all conflicting acts or parts of acts

Signed by Governor Rosellini

378-Relating to the composition of the board of natural resources

Went to third reading

399-Making Monday holiday when legal holiday falls on Saturday

Went to first reading

403-Regulating operation of vehicles by minors

Went to first reading

405-Creating department of medical examinations and abolishing office of coroner

Went to first reading

419-Exempting sale by broker of property acquired for resale from real estate excise tax

Went to first reading

430-Requiring distillery representatives to be licensed and nonresidents

Went to first reading

510-Modifying requirements for payments into unemployment compensation fund for public employees

Went to third reading

518-Protecting eagles, hawks, and owls

Went to first reading

522-Creating a minimum wage and hour act

Went to first reading

548-Relating to official fees of county treasurers

Went to first reading

575-Relating to Century 21

Went to first reading

687-An Act relating to world fairs or expositions and the participation of the political subdivisions and municipal corporations of the state therein; authorizing the acquisition and disposal of real or personal property by purchase, lease, or otherwise; authorizing the construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, and disposal of building or other structures; declaring a purpose; authorizing appropriations be made; providing financing procedures; repealing chapter 39, Laws of 1961; and declaring an emergency

Signed by Governor Rosellini

688-Relating to powers of municipal corporations

Went to first reading

(1961 extraordinary session)

18-Relating to teachers' retirement benefits

Went to first reading

49-Permitting women to sue alone for personal injury recovery

Went to first reading

60-Exempting nursing home from B.&O. tax

Went to first reading

House Joint Memorials sponsored:

(1949 session)

24-Relating to the issuance of commemorative postage stamps commemorating the advent of the schooner Exact

Passed

(1959 session)

46-Requesting study of rights of women

Went to first reading

(1961 session)

6-Requesting Congress to keep USS Missouri at Puget Sound naval shipyard during Century 21

Went to third reading

15-Petitioning Congress for workable surplus foods distribution program

Went to first reading

House Joint Resolutions sponsored:

(1955 session)

19-Affecting the constitutional provisions regarding eminent domain

(1961 session)

30-Amending Constitution to prescribe bill of rights for mental freedom

Went to first reading

House Concurrent Resolutions

(1961 session)

5-Relating to joint session for purpose of receiving a presentation story of Century 21 exposition

Passed

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Ran for Seattle City Council, unsuccessfully, in 1944 and 1954
- Deputy Sheriff of King County, 1957-1960
- Speaker Pro Tempore, 1961-1963
- World's Fair Commission, only female member, 1962
- National Democratic Committeewoman, n.d.

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