



Agnes M. Gehrman

Quick Facts

Birth: April 24, 1893, Iowa

Death: August 1, 1982, Foresthill, CA

Occupation: Business woman

Party Affiliation: Republican

Years served: 1941-45 (S)
1947-49 (H)

Office: Senator, Representative

District:
19 (Pacific, Grays Harbor Counties) 1941
32 (King County) 1947

Legislative & State Service:

- Senate race was very close; she defeated her opponent, Ted Bloomer by a small margin in the 1941 Senate race. The Senate created a committee to investigate the eligibility of the election because allegedly there were voting irregularities in a dozen South Bend and Raymond precincts. After the investigation she gained five votes and was finally sworn in as Senator.

Committees: (House) Social Security, chairman; Education and Libraries; Parks and Playgrounds; Roads and Bridges-(Senate) Commerce and Manufacturing; Dairy and Livestock; Education; Labor and Labor Statistics; Roads and Bridges; Social Security, chairman; State Charitable Institutions; Fisheries; Insurance; Military and Naval Affairs; Public Utilities; Reclamation, Irrigation, Dikes, Drains and Ditches; State, Granted, School and Tide Lands

House Bills Sponsored:

(1947 session)

116-Relating to highway beautification

Went to first reading

121-Relating to beauty parlors

Went to third reading

145-Relating to partnerships

Went to first reading

396-Relating to old age assistance

Reported out of committee and died

Senate Bills Sponsored:

(1941 session)

40-Relating to public highways

Read first and second time and referred

69-Relating to primary highway; Raymond via Oakville to Olympia

Read first and second time and referred

168-Requiring canvas ballot bags to be sealed with a metal seal

Reported out of committee and died
195-Relating to an appropriation for a fish hatchery on the Chinook River in Pacific county
Reported out of committee and died
223-Relating to appropriation for Raymond national guard armory
Reported out of committee and died
291-Providing for privilege tax on crabs
Signed by the Speaker but not by the Governor
292-Relating to exchange of forest lands
Reported out of committee and died
293-Relating to cascara bark
Reported out of committee and died
349-Relating to aeronautical commission
Read first and second time and referred
416-Relating to appropriation for Columbia River international Exposition
Reported out of committee and died

(1943 session)

64-Relating to food fishes and shellfishes
Signed by the Speaker but not by the Governor
65-Providing for privilege tax on crabs, tuna and Chinook salmon
Signed into law
122-Relating to unemployment compensation
Reported out of committee and died
124-Making an appropriation of \$150,000 for construction of an armory in Raymond,
Washington
Read first and second time and referred
134-Designating an official flower and bird for the state
Voted on final passage
164-Relating to cascara bark
Signed by the Speaker but not by the Governor
246-Relating to public assistance
Signed by the Speaker but not by the Governor
247-Relating to tuberculosis hospitalization by counties
Signed by the Speaker but not by the Governor
248-Providing for a county tax levy for public health work
Signed by the Speaker but not by the Governor

Senate Joint Memorials Sponsored:

(1941 session)

5-Relating to establishing military air base I Pacific County
Signed into law

Senate Concurrent Resolutions Sponsored:

(1941 session)

4-Relating to granting of permission to introduce a bill
Signed into law

Sources:

- Rogues, Buffoons and Statesmen: The Inside Story of Washington's Capital City, by Gordon Newell, Seattle: Superior Publishing Co., 1975
- Bob Bailey speaks of her on pages 54, 55 in his book
- Mentioned on page 130 in Sine Die