



# Florence W. Myers

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** January 16, 1889  
Iowa

**Death:** September 18, 1973  
Spokane, Washington

**Occupation:** Parole Officer

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Years served:** 1933-39

**Office:** Representative

**District:** 9 (Whitman County)

## Personal:

- Resided in Colfax
- White was her maiden name
- Married Sidney S. Myers in 1911 and had seven children, he passed away in November 1933

## Education:

- University of Washington, A.B.
- Studied library work even though there was no library school at the time

## Community Service:

- Involved in local politics

## Affiliations:

- American Association of University Women

## Awards:

- Woman of Achievement, Business and Professional Women, 1958

## Legislative & State Service:

- First woman elected to the legislature from Whitman County
- Subcommittee to organize liquor control
- “Mrs. Myers’ philosophy was: ‘The home is the yardstick by which to measure all proposed legislation. My aim is to help make the state a better place for our children and our children’s children, with a program of economy such as housewives have to practice, without hindering the function of the state.’ ” (Dakin)

**Committees: (1933)** Appropriations; Educational Institutions; Labor and Labor Statistics; Liquor Control; Memorials; Public Morals **(1935)** Appropriations; Educational Institutions; Liquor Control; Memorials **(1937)** Agriculture; Claims and Auditing; Memorials; Public Buildings and Grounds; Revenue and Taxation

**House Bills sponsored:**

**(1933 extraordinary session)**

63-Relating to motor transportation

Went to second reading

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Went to second reading

192-Relating to higher education institutions to construct dormitories, hospitals, and infirmaries

Signed by Governor Martin

203-Related to the University of Washington, providing for disposition of certain student fees

Signed by Governor Martin

**(1933 regular session)**

44-Related to certificates of teachers in the common schools

Reported to committee and died

134-Related to primary elections

Reported to committee and died

248-Related to payment on premiums on surety bonds

Went to first reading

271-Related to the rates of interest on certificates of delinquency

Went to third reading

304-Related to evidence in civil actions

Went to first reading

**(1935 session)**

53-Relating to evidence in civil actions

Reported to committee and died

124-Relating to community property rights

Went to first reading

536-Relating to aeronautics

Went to third reading

545-Relating to the relief of May Ripley

Went to first reading

551-Relating to the Cascade wagon road

Went to first reading

**(1937 session)**

103-Relating to primary highway

Went to second reading

143-Relating to school district

Signed by Governor Martin

265-Relating to tax on gasoline and other inflammable liquids

Reported out of committee and died

269-Relating to the sale, transportation, handling and slaughtering of livestock

Signed by Governor Martin

338-Relating to judicial ballots

Went to second reading

358-Providing educational opportunities for the children of soldiers, sailors and marines who were killed in action or died during the world war

Signed by Governor Martin

490-Relating to dancing where beer and wine are sold retail

Reported out of committee and died

551-Relating to the establishment of an unpaid commission to facilitate the cooperation of the State of Washington with other units of government

Signed by Governor Martin

575-Relating to game animals

Reported out of committee and died

651-Relating to state examiners

Went to second reading

**House Concurrent Resolutions sponsored:**

(1937)

8-Relating to Father's Day

Went to third reading

**House Joint Memorials sponsored:**

(1937)

15-Relating to many large areas of stump land and land otherwise undeveloped

Reported out of committee and died

**Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

- Chair Adams County Board of Education, 1958
- Chair of the State Library Board, n.d.
- American Association of University Women, state offices held

**Sources:**

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