



Mrs. Jurie B. Smith
King

Nettie L. Smith

Quick Facts

Birth: 1887
Iowa

Death: April 25, 1962
Seattle, Washington

Occupation: Senior Clerk

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1943-47

Office: Representative

District: 32 (King County)

Personal:

- Born as Nettie Louella Purinton
- Also known by her husband's name, Mrs. Jurie B. Smith
- Moved to Seattle in 1926
- 5 sons, 1 daughter

Education:

Community Service:

Affiliations:

- Order of the Eastern Star, Wallingford Chapter No. 204

Awards:

Legislative & State Service:

- First appointed to the House of Representatives to serve the remainder of the unexpired term after the death of her husband, Jurie B. Smith, on November 9, 1942. Jurie Smith served for five regular and one special sessions of the Washington Legislature, 1933- 1942, and has been described as "the leader of the progressive bloc, often referred to as the Democratic Left Wing. Mr. Smith's leadership had a gentle quality which did not depend upon threats of reprisals. He seldom raised voice even in the midst of debate. Known as a master strategist, he ruled with an air of gentle benignity a group that often became vociferous." (Gilbert, J.W.)

Committees: (1943) Counties and County Boundaries; Educational Institutions; Elections and Privileges; Public Utilities; Unemployment Relief and Public Welfare (1945) Education; Elections and Privileges; Enrollment; Public Utilities; Social Security

House Bills sponsored:

(1943 session)

370-Relating to rationing

Reported out of committee and died

(1945 session)

88-Relating to the establishment of nursery schools

Approved by Governor Wallgren

189-Relating to white canes for the blind

Approved by Governor Wallgren

259-Relating to the highway approaches to the University of Washington and the Washington State College

Approved by Governor Wallgren

277-Relating to the use of lavatories in public places

Went to second reading

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

Sources:

- Gilbert, J.W., "Democrats to Pay Tribute to Jurie B. Smith," *Seattle Daily Times*, November 11, 1942
- "Smith, Nettie L.," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 27, 1962