



# Mary Stuart Lux

## Quick Facts

- Birth:** 1921  
Utica, New York
- Death:** March 18, 2012  
Olympia, Washington
- Occupation:** Registered Nurse
- Party Affiliation:** Democrat
- Years served:** 1965-69
- Office:** Representative
- District:** 22 (Thurston County)

## Personal:

- Army Nurse Corps, second lieutenant, 1945
- Ward Administration Instructor for Student Nurses, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, head nurse
- Program Development for Graduate Nurses, Vanderbilt University Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, 1952-1953
- Moved to Olympia in 1956
- Worked as a psychiatric nurse at Western State Hospital, 1972-1975
- Worked for the Department of Social and Health Services as a nursing consultant for 300 statewide long-term care facilities
- 5 children

## Education:

- William Smith College, B.A. and B.S., 1942
- Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing, R.N., 1945
- Cornell University, M.S., 1947
- Pacific Lutheran University, M.A. in Psychology and Business Administration, 1975

## Community Service:

- Washington Association for Social Welfare, Thurston County, chair, 1963
- League of Women Voters of Thurston County
- Thurston County School Directors, chair, 1960-1961
- Olympia Cooperative Nursery School, board member, 1957-1960
- PTA
- YMCA
- Church Guild

### **Affiliations:**

- League of Women Voters, one of the founders of the Olympia chapter
- American Association of University Women, Thurston County, board member
- WASW
- Medical Auxiliary

### **Awards:**

### **Legislative & State Service:**

- Ran for the House for the first time in 1962. Lost in the primary.
- First woman to serve in the legislature from Thurston County.
- Public Pension Commission 1965-1967
- Legislative Council Revenue Committee, 1967-1969
- Washington State School Director Association Committee on School Finance, chair, 1964-1965
- Ran again in 1992 for Representative #1 from District 22, but lost to Sandra Romero in the primary.
- Ran against Floyd Conway for Representative #2 from District 22. Lost by 196 votes in the 1970 general election.

**Committees: (1965)** Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Appropriations, vice-chair; Education and Libraries; Parks, Capitol Buildings and Grounds; Social Security and Public Assistance **(1967)** Appropriations; Higher Education; State Government and Legislative Procedures

### **House Bills Sponsored:**

#### **(1965 session)**

12-Providing for the report of campaign expenditures and contributions

Went to third reading

13-Establishing and setting forth powers and duties of a canal commission

Signed into law

14-Creating and setting forth powers and duties of the higher education facilities commission

Signed into law

21-Transferring motor pool functions to division of motor transport in department of general administration

Went to first reading

26-Allocating Washington State University income derived from land grants to bond retirement purposes

Reported out of committee and died

29-Providing apportionment of school funds to school districts monthly and providing for emergency advancements thereof

Went to first reading

35-Permitting port districts to engage in industrial development and promotion

Went to first reading

68-Establishing Southwestern Washington State College in Thurston County

Went to first reading

98-Extending appeal rights to state employees whose job is abolished or reclassified

Reported out of committee and died

128-Compensating state employees for overtime

Went to first reading

137-Authorizing the establishment of five additional community colleges

Signed into law

203-Raising per diem for state officials and employees

Signed into law

204-Raising mileage rate allowance for state officials and employees

Went to third reading

273-Creates state advisory committee on public assistance and provides for county advisory committee

Signed into law

284-Makes certain compulsory courses in state colleges of education discretionary

Went to third reading

300-Establishing financial responsibility for residents of state residential schools and their parents

Went to first reading

389-Regulating beverage bottle distribution

Went to first reading

426-Providing for apportionment of school funds

Reported out of committee and died  
432-Regulating female work day  
Signed into law  
554-Creating a division of motor transport in the department of general administration  
Reported out of committee and died  
691-Providing for a study of the efficiency of state government  
Reported out of committee and died  
696-Creating a commission on higher education  
Reported out of committee and died  
705-Transferring excess liquor funds allocated to certain cities and counties  
Went to first reading  
710-Provides for a flat gross income tax of one percent on individuals  
Went to first reading

**(1967 session)**

25-Requiring certain information for budget director and legislature from state agencies participating in certain federal programs  
Went to third reading  
37-Establishes boundary review board  
Went to second reading  
60-Amending and adding to the marine recreation land act of 1964  
Signed into law  
75-Relating to veterans reemployment rights  
Went to third reading  
97-Deleting tort immunity from political subdivisions of the state and providing a uniform system for filing claims therewith  
Signed into law  
111-Requiring the state and its political subdivisions to itemize its retirement program in its budget  
Went to first reading  
112-Creating a board of judges, under the supervision of the board of the state retirement system, to administer the judges' retirement system  
Went to first reading  
113-Establishing a statewide retirement system for firefighters and policemen  
Went to first reading  
131-Regulating use of breakable beverage bottles  
Went to first reading  
164-Increasing filing fees in civil suits to provide funds for the judges retirement system  
Went to first reading  
201-Enacting the interstate compact for education and providing for commissioners  
Went to first reading  
202-Granting administrative powers to the state arts commission and authorizing employment of an executive secretary and other assistants  
Signed into law  
206-Providing for the attachment of fiscal notes to bills and resolutions of the legislature  
Went to third reading  
228-Providing implied consent to taking of chemical tests by persons allegedly driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor  
Went to third reading  
234-Authorizing the creation of natural rivers conservancy districts  
Went to first reading  
262-Prohibiting the interception, recording or divulging of communications  
Went to first reading  
289-Directing a study to be made of hovercraft  
Went to first reading  
402-Creating a commission for constitutional revision  
Went to third reading  
406-Permitting wife to sue alone in action for personal injuries to herself  
Went to first reading  
407-Requiring instrument signed by both spouses to sell or encumber community household goods  
Went to first reading  
443-Regulating the solicitation of funds for charity  
Went to first reading  
444-Adopting uniform foreign depositions act  
Went to third reading  
446-Amending the laws regulating veterinary medicine

Signed into law  
452-Requiring notice to owner of increase in assessed value of real property exceeding two hundred dollars  
Went to second reading  
455-Providing for reorganization of school districts  
Went to first reading  
459-Establishing emergency detention procedures for mentally ill on certificate of two physicians  
Reported out of committee and died  
593-Establishing a school district excess levy relief fund  
Went to first reading  
596-Establishing four year college in Thurston county  
Signed into law  
606-Increasing additional payments for industrial insurance prior pensioners  
Went to first reading  
653-Expanding "extra-hazardous" employment  
Went to first reading  
704-Establishing a scenic and recreational highway system  
Went to first reading  
725-Removing certain restrictions on police and firemen's benefits  
Went to first reading  
790-Authorizing the use of electronic voting systems  
Went to first reading  
795-Directing start of Naches tunnel on cross-state highway  
Went to first reading  
796-Requiring affidavits for auto licensing  
Went to first reading  
860-Describing and depicting the seal of the state of Washington  
Signed into law  
864-Pertaining to education  
Went to first reading  
883-Pertaining to education  
Went to first reading  
917-Authorizing certain actions by judgment creditor against insurance company of judgment debtor  
Went to first reading  
959-Permitting county or judicial district in which seat of state government is located to have court reporters in excess of number of superior court judges  
Went to first reading  
960-Establishing the terms of members on boundary review boards  
Signed into law

**House Joint Memorials Sponsored:**

**(1965 session)**

28-Urging congressional legislation requiring health labels on cigarette packages  
Reported out of committee and died  
32-Requesting federal action in constructing a pilot industrial carbon products plant in this state  
Signed by the Senate

**(1967 session)**

12-Memorializing Congress to call a constitutional convention  
Went to third reading  
17-Memorial rescinding 1963 memorial for federal constitutional amendment as to apportionment of state legislature  
Went to third reading

**House Concurrent Resolutions Sponsored:**

**(1965 session)**

5-Proposing counties with population in compliance with apportionment standards be formed as a legislative district in apportionment legislation  
Went to first reading  
11-Relating to memorial services commemorating deceased members of the legislature  
Signed by President of the Senate

**(1967 session)**

10-Providing for annual sessions of the legislature

Went to first reading

11-Ratifying amendment to U.S. Constitution regarding presidential disability and succession to offices

Went to first reading

13-Allowing increases in compensation during terms of office

Signed by Speaker but not by Governor

19-Revising majority requirement for ratification of call for a constitutional convention

Went to first reading

20-Amending procedure for amending the constitution

Went to third reading

23-Removing certain constitutional limitations upon the power of the legislature and the people to legislate on tax matters

Went to first reading

### **Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

- Olympia City Council, 1983-1995—Served on the first council after the council-manager form of government was instituted in Olympia. One of the first two women to serve on the council, along with Joan Kelly.
- Mayor Pro Tem of Olympia, 1990-1993
- Olympia School Board, 1959-1965, served as president
- Attended the 1958 National Democratic Convention in Chicago
- Member of the Democratic State Central Committee, 1970-1971

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