



Maude Sweetman

Quick Facts

Birth: October 31, 1877
Michigan

Death: June 19, 1943
San Francisco, California

Occupation: City Employee

Party Affiliation: Republican

Years served: 1923-1931

Office: Representative

District: 44 (King County)

Personal:

- Married, 3 sons
- In 1927, after serving three terms, she published a book titled, *What Price Politics: The Inside story of Washington State Politics*.
- After serving in the legislature, she went on to manage a business firm on Union Street.

Education:

Community Service:

Affiliations:

Awards:

Legislative & State Service:

- First King County woman elected to the legislature
- In 1929 she was the prime sponsor of a bill enacting corporate and individual income taxes, which passed both Houses. It would have gone on to initiative, but the State Supreme Court found it unconstitutional and struck it down.

Committees: (1923) Cities of the First Class; Corporations Other Than Municipal; Labor and Labor Statistics; State Library; State Penal and Reformatory Institutions (1925) Educational Institutions; Engrossment; Labor and Labor Statistics; Medicine, Dentistry, Pure Foods and Drugs (1927) Educational Institutions; Industrial Insurance; Labor and

Labor Statistics; Medicine, Dentistry, Pure Foods and Drugs; Public Morals (**1929**) State Charitable Institutions, chair; Educational Institutions; Industrial Insurance; Labor and Labor Statistics; Medicine, Dentistry, Pure Foods and Drugs

House Bills sponsored

(1923 session)

79—Providing for taxes upon the sale of cigarettes

Went to first reading

182—Authorizing cities of the first class maintaining a harbor department to operate wireless telegraph stations in connection therewith

Signed by Governor Hart

(1925 session)

127—Relating to the facilities for aerial transportation, and declaring an emergency

Signed by Governor Hartley

129—Relating to exercise of power of eminent domain for highway purposes

Signed by Governor Hartley

160—Repealing Section 3015 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, relating to levy for reclamation revolving fund

Signed by Governor Hartley

206—Relating to irrigation districts

Went to first reading

260—Creating a commission to regulate running, trotting and harness horse contests

Went to third reading

(1927 session)

127—To regulate the practice of hair-dressing and beauty culture, and prescribing penalties

Signed by Governor Hartley

203—Relating to the construction of a high level bridge across the Westerly arm of Lake Union

Went to first reading

(1929 session)

102—Relating to money on deposit in banks and trust companies, belonging to the state

Went to first reading

113—Making provision for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disable in industry

Went to second reading

153—Relating to a East and West paved highway

Vetoed by Governor Hartley

255—Relating to a certain state highway

Went to first reading

370—Relating to community property

Went to second reading

371—Regulating and licensing the practice of Sanipractic

Went to first reading

394—Relating to the handling and serving of food for human consumption

Went to second reading

429—Amending article VII of the constitution of the State of Washington relating to revenue and taxation

Signed by Governor Hartley

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Chair of the State Charitable Institutions Committee, 1929

Sources:

Articles:

- "Mrs. Sweetman Died June 19 in San Francisco," *The Seattle Times*, November 25, 1943

Books:

- Sweetman, Maude. *What Price Politics: The Inside Story of Washington State Politics*. White & Hitchcock Corporation, Seattle, 1927