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REP. BERNARD CARLSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM STATE LEGISLATURE

Rep. Bernard Carlson (DFL-Cloquet) announced his coming retirement from the Minnesota House of Representatives where he has served District 14B for 14 years, a total of 7 terms. His retirement becomes effective December 30.

"It's time someone younger take over in my place," stated Carlson, who was first elected in 1960, "and I am happy to see that the DFL has endorsed a very able contender for the position, Marvin Ketola, a Cloquet attorney. My plans are to do some of the traveling I have planned for many years, to see this big, beautiful country of ours without the daily responsibilities of legislative duties. I have experienced deep satisfaction in serving my district in the state legislature these 14 years, particularly in the last session when the DFL was able to institute many long-awaited reforms in state governent," he emphasized.

Carlson, who is employed in the maintenance department of Northwest Paper Company at Cloquet, is a past president of the Firemen and Oilers Local 939. A graduate of Cloquet Public Schools, he served on the local school board from 1948 to 1961 and was a director of the Cloquet Memorial Hospital from 1958 to 1961. He has a son and a daughter in Cloquet - Gary who is employed at Wood City Motors and Gail (Mrs. Art Manisto).

As chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Rep. Carlson has deep concern for the highway development plans of the state and the transportation problems "that are ever with us," he said. He has worked closely with the Cloquet area officials to help alleviate problems where they have arisen.

Now in the offing is an 18-mile stretch of new road in the Cloquet area as part of the Voyageur National Park roadway approach, estimated to cost about 29 million, reports Carlson. "Even in my retirement, I shall be happy to help where I can," he stated, "but rest and vacation are first on my mind as I know that Marvin Ketola, if elected my successor, would serve the area well," concluded Rep. Carlson.