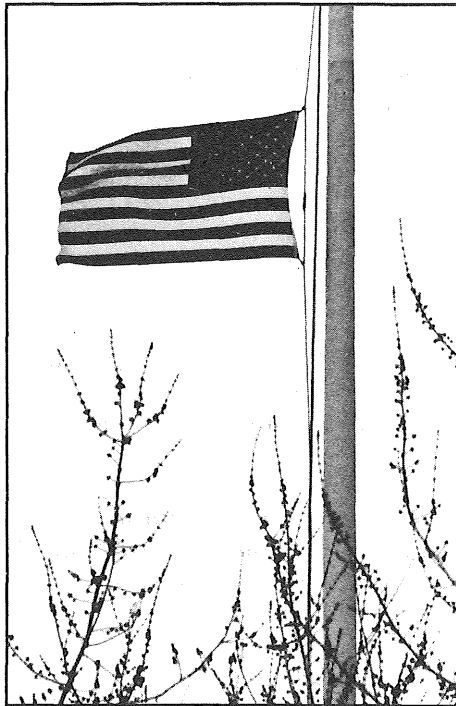


Frank DeGroat is the only known American Indian to have served in the Minnesota House of Representatives in the 20th century. DeGroat, a Republican, took office in 1962 and served seven terms in the Legislature. He served as Agriculture Committee chair and Natural Resources Committee vice chair. DeGroat, born May 7, 1916, is a descendant of the East Coast Brotherton tribe. His grandparents settled in Minnesota in 1887. Biographical data indicates he was born on the Morton Reservation and grew up on the White Earth Reservation.

Health facilities would have to make reasonable efforts to notify a family member of the admission of a patient and allow the family to participate in the patient's treatment if SF218 (House author: Clark, DFL-Mpls) becomes law. The bill would permit an exception if the facility has reason to believe the patient would not want a family member notified. The bill goes next to the House Floor.

People who pay money to winners of video games of chance, such as poker and blackjack game machines, could face a \$700 fine. The machines are for amusement only, but some bars make illegal payments. Those who pay cash prizes would not be eligible to obtain or hold a license to operate the video games, under HF1648 (Price, DFL-Woodbury), which the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee recommended to pass April 27.

information in the individual's corrections plan. The bill awaits action on the House Floor.



Flags over the Capitol flew at half staff to commemorate Ricky Ronald Peterson, 22, of Houston, Minnesota who died in an explosion on board the USS Iowa April 19.

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