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**Rep. Fitzsimons
Is 'Satisfactory'
After Mishap**

CROOKSTON, Minn. — State Rep. Richard Fitzsimons, Argyle Conservative, remained in satisfactory condition Saturday at St. Francis Hospital in Crookston, suffering from burns received in a tractor accident.

Mrs. Fitzsimons said the accident occurred just before noon Friday on their farm near Argyle, Minn.

"He hasn't been able to tell us much, but he said he was gassing up when the funnel broke and gas went all over him," she said. "It ignited somehow."

His hands, particularly his left hand, and his arms were burned the worst, she said. His face was not burned.

Fitzsimons, 47, is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He has been a member of the House since 1953.

Mrs. Fitzsimons said "helpful neighbors" were going to take care of the farm while her husband remains hospitalized.

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**Rep. Fitzsimons
Transferring to
'U' Hospitals**

State Rep. Richard Fitzsimons will be transferred today from St. Francis Hospital in Crookston to University of Minnesota Hospitals.

The legislator, a Conservative, was severely burned in a tractor accident at his farm near Argyle, Minn., Aug. 8. His condition is satisfactory, according to hospital officials.

The reason for the transfer, said Fitzsimons' doctor, Donald Stewart, is that as a state legislator, Fitzsimons can receive free medical treatment at the university hospitals.