

Pillsbury may seek McKnight Senate seat

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George S. Pillsbury, Orono, said today he definitely is interested in running next year for the seat now held by State Sen. Henry T. McKnight.

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McKnight, Woodland Conservative, announced Thursday he will not seek reelection from the 33rd District.

Pillsbury, 48, ended a 23-year career with the Pillsbury Co. Nov. 30 to become president of Sargent Management Co., a family investment firm.

In announcing his resignation, he said he hoped to devote more time to governmental and educational affairs in the future.

"Now, suddenly, here is an opportunity to serve in government in an important way," he said today.

Pillsbury served six years on the Orono School board in the early 1960s. He is the younger brother of John Pillsbury, president of Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. and a contender for the Republican endorsement for governor in 1966.

State Rep. O. J. Heinitz, 48, freshman Conservative who represents the northern half of the district, reportedly also is interested in McKnight's seat. He was in Washington today and could not be reached for comment.

Three other men who have figured in speculation as contenders have indicated they do not plan to run.

They are State Rep. Salisbury Adams, Wayzata Conservative; E. F. Robb, Hennepin County Commissioner, and Russell M. Bennett, Deephaven, a lawyer.

Adams, who has represented the southern part of the district since 1963, said he has not decided whether to seek reelection to the House.

The district consists of the Lake Minnetonka area plus the villages of Minnetonka, New Hope and Plymouth.