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Barney Bischoff
1969 photo

Bischoff was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1968 when he defeated incumbent Rep. Jack Fena, also a liberal. But he later was expelled from the House after Fena charged him with campaign violations.

The charges concerned Bischoff's TV and radio advertisements which said Fena used information he gathered as a legislator to buy land near where a highway was to be built. Fena said the information was false.

Bischoff was expelled from the House Feb. 7, 1969, but he returned a month later after easily winning both a primary and special election held to fill the seat.

In 1970 he left the Legislature after losing a race for the Senate to George Perpich. He was a municipal court judge from 1972 to 1976, when he returned to his law practice.

Former legislator Bischoff dies

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Barney Bischoff, a former state representative and municipal court judge in Hibbing, died Saturday of injuries resulting from an accident Wednesday in Sand Lake.

Bischoff, 49, had been playing Frisbee in the lake with his children. He dove under the water to retrieve the Frisbee but didn't come up, a Hibbing General Hospital spokesman said. Two of his daughters pulled him from the water and revived him through cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. He was taken to Hibbing General Hospital, where he died late Saturday night.

He is survived by his wife, Grace, and 10 children. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Leo's Church, Hibbing. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Dougherty Funeral Home in Hibbing.