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A tireless legislator and devoted worker³⁻¹

After former Gov. Harold Stassen died two weeks ago, senior legislative staffers and officials for the Minnesota Historical Society assembled a list of eight Minnesotans who had lain in state in the State Capitol rotunda before Stassen. Omitted from that list was state Sen. Fay George Child, who died of a heart attack on April 2, 1965, while speaking on a bill in a committee meeting.



Fay George Child, a respected senator from Maynard, died in office in 1965.

Child, who represented a western Minnesota district, was a newspaper publisher who served more than 14 years in the Senate. He was a Farmer-Labor activist early in life but was a member of the Conservative caucus as a senator, said his daughter, **Sandy Hamilton**.

Child was known for his ability to get along with all factions and had an "irreverent" sense of humor, she said. Antique printing equipment from the newspaper he published in Maynard, Minn., is still on display at the State Fair's Heritage Village. A legislator paying homage to Child in 1967 noted that he was "a tireless legislator and devoted worker," and that he lay in state "as witness to the high respect and esteem" in which his colleagues held him.

— *Dane Smith*