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REP. REUBEN WEE

12th district—Murray county

Unassuming Rep. Reuben Wee found himself in one of the 1955 session's toughest spots when he bolted the liberals on the vote to raise various fees charged by the state for licenses and services.



His "nay" beat the bill by a single vote. **Wee**

Overnight, liberal leaders convinced the freshman member he'd made a mistake. The next day he asked for a reconsideration of the vote and that led to eventual passage of the bill. *Mpls. Star*

Wee, 47, operates a general store and livestock, poultry and cream-buying business at Current Lake in southwestern Minnesota's Murray county. He's a Lakefield, Minn., native, went to school at Pierpont and Bristol, S. D., high school at Clarkfield, Minn., took teacher training and taught in rural schools for five years in Yellow Medicine and Murray counties before entering business.

He is an Augsburg college graduate.

Wee has been active in both the Farm Bureau and Farmers Union, has done various civic chores and his only other political experience was an unsuccessful campaign for county superintendent of schools.

He was vice chairman of the commerce committee two years ago and member of those on agriculture, drainage and soil conservation, education, general legislation, law enforcement and welfare.

He and his wife are parents of seven sons and a daughter.

Between Nov. 1956 - Jan. 1957