

Westin

LESLIE E. WESTIN

District 41

Ramsey County

Class 1955

Majority Group

Congressional District 4

Affable Sen. Leslie E. Westin has a deep interest in activities affecting youth and he carried that with him into his freshman session in 1955.

It resulted in his authorship of the new hunting safety law and firearms training program for youths.

1957

Westin, 39, graduated from the University of Minnesota, taught high school briefly and then went into business as an insurance salesman. He has maintained a strong interest in work of the YMCA, the boy scouts and parent-teacher association. He became active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was vice president of the St. Paul chapter and in 1952 was picked by the state jaycees as "outstanding young man of the year."

He was president of the St. Paul Gavel club in 1952-53, headed the St. Paul downtown Y's Men's club in 1952 and served a term as a YMCA district governor. He also participated in work of the St. Paul Leisure Time council, the Council of Churches, Community Chest and civil defense.

He was on the interim commission on school aids after having seen duty on the senate education committee as well as those on aviation, cities of the first class, general legislation, insurance, military affairs and university. He and his wife have three sons and live at 2160 Edgerton street.

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Leslie E. Westin turned to sales (insurance) after a term as a high school teacher. He "sold" himself so successfully to voters in the 41st district (Ramsey County) that they elected him to the state senate on his first try. Westin, with three sons, is active in YMCA Boy Scout and PTA work.

1955

In 1952-53 he was president of the Gavel club of St. Paul and a vice president of the St. Paul Junior Chamber of Commerce. State Jaycees in 1953 acclaimed him the "outstanding young man of Minnesota."

He headed the St. Paul Downtown Y's Men's club in 1952, is district governor of the organization. His other activities include St. Paul Leisure Time council, St. Paul Council of Churches, Community Chest and civil defense work. He is a member of First Covenant church.

Born in St. Paul Nov. 25, 1917, Westin is a University of Minnesota graduate and a director of the university alumni association. He and wife Harried and their sons live at 2160 Edgerton street, St. Paul.

Westin lists himself as a political independent. He plans to caucus with the senate conservatives.