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State Representative Thomas A. Letness was born on April 15, 1897. He was the son of Norweigen emigrants and raised on a farm near Neilsville, Minnesota.

Rep. Letness served overseas during World War I and returned to assume a position of responsibility and leadership in his community.

Mr. Letness operated a grain and cattle farm for many years. Among related activities, he contributed to the formation and growth of farm cooperatives and marketing enterprises. In 1950, he was elected State President of the Minnesota Flying Farmers.

He dedicated a great amount of energy and activity to veterans' organizations. He served as post-commander for both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Also, he served as Vice National Commander of the VFW and on the National Veterans of Foreign Wars Council.

Rep. Letness was a member of the House of Representatives from 1945 through 1953 sessions representing the 66th District. He served on several committees. The ones he particularly enjoyed were Aircraft and Airways, Highways and Taxes. Upon his retirement from agriculture, Rep. Letness moved to Tucson, Arizona where he lived until his death at age 75.