

McKee

JOHN H. MCKEE

District 62

Beltrami, Lake of the Woods,
Koochiching Counties

Class 1955

Majority Group

Congressional District 9

Sen. John McKee represents one of the biggest--geographically--and coldest legislative districts in the state.

Representing three northern counties he must straddle the claims of Bemidji, International Falls and Baudette that each is "the icebox of the nation." Any partiality would be expected to go in favor of Bemidji, McKee's home town.

The variety of his district's interests show up in McKee's interim commission assignments on groups studying Indian affairs, school aids and forestry problems. In the 1955 session, his first as a senator, following two house terms, McKee was on committees on aviation, banks and banking, insurance, military affairs and civil defense, public domain and public health.

The senator attended Bemidji schools, including its junior college and the universities of North Dakota and Minnesota. He operates the funeral home founded by his father and a summer motel on Lake Bemidji.

He is a past president of the Bemidji Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Elks and Masons and the First Presbyterian church, which he has served as a trustee. McKee and his wife have two children, Mary, 17 and John, Jr., 12.

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John H. McKee of Bemidji will be a freshman in the 1955 state senate, but the affable northerner is no stranger in the state capitol.

McKee, elected from the 62nd district, has put in two terms in the house of representatives. He did a lot of work on the house claims committee in the last legislative session. Highway development is high on his list of interests.

"Mostly Republican" politically, he'll caucus with the senate conservatives. His district takes in Beltrami, Koochiching and Lake of the Woods counties.

McKee attended Bemidji State Teachers College and the Universities of North Dakota and Minnesota. He now operates the funeral home founded by his father and runs a summer hotel on Lake Bemidji. McKee and his wife have two children, Mary, 15 and John, Jr. 10.

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