

McKnight to step down as legislator

State Sen. Henry T. McKnight, Woodland Conservative, said today he will relinquish his 33rd District seat next year in order to devote more time to two major real estate projects.



McKnight

The legislator, 56, is president of Jonathan Housing Corp., developer of a New Town in the northern part of Chaska, and chairman of the board of Cedar-Riverside Associates, a firm coordinating and financing the redevelopment of a section of Minneapolis east of the Downtown area.

In announcing his intention not to seek reelection, McKnight said he believes "the time has come for all of us, each in his own way, to concentrate on improving the quality of our environment."

He said there is "ample legislation" to accomplish this, but that "what is lacking is a sense of dedication, a sense of deep commitment, to protect and enhance our natural resources before our planet becomes unlivable."

McKnight's chief legislative interest has been conservation. He was chief Senate author of the Omnibus Natural Resources Act of 1963 and is a member of the Minnesota Resources Commission.

He has represented the 33rd District, comprised of the Lake Minnetonka area plus Plymouth, Medicine Lake, New Hope and part of Minnetonka since 1963.

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