

SEN. PETERSON
St. Louis county's 60th District

The Conservative senate leadership's high regard for Liberal Sen. Elmer Peterson is reflected in the responsibility assigned to him.

Peterson in 1959 was placed on the highly-sensitive finance committee as well as such well-springs of controversy as the committees on elections and reapportionment, conservation, public highways and the university in addition to those on aviation, public domain and railroads.



He also is on the commission on iron ore taxation and the iron range resources and rehabilitation commission.

Peterson, 56, first went to the legislature in 1941 in the first of three terms as a house member. He has served in the senate since 1947.

Peterson is a husky, modest man whose chief hobby for years has been the encouragement of sports programs for youngsters in his home town, Hibbing.

He's coached their teams with particular success in basketball. He's been the Hibbing school system chief electrician for more than 25 years.

He and his wife are the parents of two grown sons and, in their words, "two very fine daughters-in-law and one grandson."

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