

“Mr. President, Members of the Senate, and Honored Guests :

It is indeed a great privilege that has been bestowed upon me by custom and election, to prepare and deliver this eulogy of our former Senator and friend, Frank F. Romberg.

The year 1870 dates the birth of Senator Romberg. He was born in Home Township, southeast of Sleepy Eye, and spent most of his long lifetime there, retiring to Sleepy Eye in 1947.

In 1894 he was married to Sophie Windhorn, who preceded him in death on August 30, 1902. Four children were born to this union, one of whom, Mrs. Arnold Tessmer, survives him.

On July 16, 1907, he was married to Minnie Miller, who survives him. Seven children were born to this union, six of whom survive. They are: Dr. W. E. Romberg, Dayton, Ohio; Marie, Cleveland, Ohio; Edmund, Cabazon, California; Alma and Walter, of Sleepy Eye.

He was a farmer by occupation, and his interests in his neighbors and community were borne out by his connections with many civic and business organizations.

He was chairman of the board of directors of the State Bank of Sleepy Eye for many years. He served as secretary of the Church Board of St. John's Evangelical Church for 50 years, resigning in 1948 after observing his fiftieth anniversary in that capacity.

He was one of the organizers of the Sleepy Eye Shipping Assn., was township assessor, and for years was president of the Home Cemetery Association.

Mr. Romberg was elected to the State Senate in 1918 and served continuously for twenty years.

Senator Romberg was a liberal in the true meaning of that word. Members of this body soon learned that his support and influence could always be counted upon for good and desirable legislation—and against the bad—and ill-conceived.

He was highly respected by all of his colleagues, which is attested by the fact that although he was a member of the minority, he served for many years on the rules committee of this body. This is an honor never bestowed upon a minority member before or since that time. Several members of this Senate remember well his sturdy character.

After a very short illness, he died in his 82nd year on January 18, 1953, at his home in Sleepy Eye. He was buried from St.

John's Lutheran Church, the institution to which he had given so much of his time and service during his lifetime.

Ours is a better state and nation because of men like Frank Romberg. As a legislator and community leader, his work has touched the lives of many. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him".

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Nobles, Mr. A. A. Anderson, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

"Mr. President, Members of the Senate, and Honored Guests:

We are today paying tribute to Frank J. Sell as a citizen and former State Senator, who represented the 11th Senatorial District, and a friend.

Mr. Sell was born June 7, 1893 at Adrian, Minnesota and lived there ever since. His education was received at Adrian Public Schools and he graduated from Adrian High School and also from Minneapolis Business College. He was active as a salesman for R. Sell and Company of Adrian, Minnesota and later entered into Real Estate and Insurance business.

Mr. Sell was County Commissioner for Nobles County for several years. He was elected State Senator of the 11th district in 1930, reelected in 1934, and 1938, serving three terms, including special sessions.

He was married March 17th, 1919 to Grace de Neui of George, Iowa, who survives him.

Frank J. Sell was in ill health since June, 1950 and he died March 2nd, 1952. He was buried in Adrian Cemetery, Adrian, Minnesota.

As a legislator and leader his work has touched the lives of many. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Nicollet, Mr. Daun, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

"Mr. President, Members of the Senate, and Honored Guests:

It is with deep respect and humility that I rise today to say a few words at this service in memory of my distinguished predecessor, former Senator Oscar A. Swenson.