

He held many offices in the Democrat party and during his entire life time politics was his main hobby and interest.

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

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

It becomes my duty to present at this time a memorial and eulogy for the Honorable Samuel A. Rask, a former member of this body, who passed away on October 5, 1959, at Hudson, Wisconsin, at the age of 85 years. He was a member of the Minnesota Senate from 1917 to 1923. His home at that time was in Blooming Prairie and he was engaged in banking, being President of the First National Bank of that city.

Mr. Rask was a Spanish-American War veteran and a member of the Lions Club, Masonic Orders, and the Elks. He was state commander of the Spanish-American War veterans during 1923 and 1924. From 1935 to 1956 he was secretary and treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association, located in Blooming Prairie, and for many years was a director of the Federal Credit Administration at St. Paul.

I knew Mr. Rask very well personally. He was a pleasant, genial person who was much interested in others and in doing things for the community. As a member of the legislature he was very active and it was during his term that legislation was passed establishing the Southern Minnesota School of Agriculture at Waseca. Although it is 38 years since Mr. Rask was a member of this body, the work he accomplished here and the record he made are still remembered by all of us who knew him and of his services.

Senator Rask was survived by his wife, Harriet Rask, who has since passed away. We extend sincere sympathy to his daughter, Mrs. Johnson, and to his grandchildren and the great grandchildren who survive him.

→ The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Mille Lacs, Kanabec, and Sherburne, Mr. Mitchell, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

I am indeed highly honored to be extended the privilege on this occasion to pay tribute to the memory of a former member of this body, Charles F. Serline.

Mr. Serline, a pioneer resident of the Village of Mora, County of Kanabec, died at Mora on May 14, 1959, at the age of eighty-six years. He is survived by one son, Stanton M. Serline, of Knoxville, Iowa, and two daughters, Mrs. James Quigg of Manhasset, Long Island, New York, and Mrs. Clyde Zamjahn of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Mr. Serline was born at Cambridge, Minnesota, and came to Kanabec County with his parents when he was one year old. After he grew to manhood, Mr. Serline operated a successful insurance and real estate agency at Mora. In addition to his business affairs, Mr. Serline took an active part in the civic and political activities of the community. He was the first President of the Mora Commercial Club and served for some years as a member of the Village Council of Mora, and later was a member of the Kanabec County Fair Board for fourteen years.

His first political office was that of County Treasurer of Kanabec County, which office he held for three terms. In 1918 Mr. Serline was elected to the House of Representatives and held that office for two terms. In 1922 Mr. Serline was elected to the State Senate from the 55th Legislative District and held that position for three terms. During his term of office, Mr. Serline was the author of the bill creating a State Department of Agriculture and also of one which established the graduated state income tax. During his period of service in the State Senate Mr. Serline served with ability and distinction. His colleagues recognized him as a worthy and conscientious legislator.

Mr. Serline was a companionable, likable person, with all of the qualities which are attractive. He had an agile and alert mind, a delightful sense of humor, a genial, kindly and gentle disposition, and the capacity to do well in whatever he undertook. Mr. Serline was intensely loyal to his friends and would help them without any thought of reward in return. Much more might be said in extolling the virtues of Mr. Serline as a man, as a citizen, and as a former State Senator. Suffice to say, in conclusion, that all through his life he was guided in all things by the highest and noblest of ideals. In the community in which he lived the name of Charles F. Serline will always be held in cherished memory.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Stearns, Benton and Sherburne, Mr. Richardson, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

I have the privilege today of presenting the Senate's tribute to a great name in Minnesota Legislative history. Henry H. Sullivan of St. Cloud, my friend and predecessor in the Minnesota Senate, served the 45th District, which includes all of Benton County, the City of St. Cloud and surrounding townships, and the 7th Ward, City of St. Cloud, Sherburne County, for twenty years, from 1935 to 1955, following but for one term a like period of distinguished service in the Minnesota Senate by his father, John D. Sullivan. Illness brought an end to Henry Sullivan's long and brilliant service in the State Senate, and he retired in 1954, urging the election of the present senator from Stearns as his successor.