

monument to him and to his service to the people of the state, and the legislative district he so ably represented.”

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

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

One of the sixteen men we meet in tribute to, John B. Stepan, represented Todd and Wadena Counties during the 1919-1921 Sessions. An ardent supporter of the Non-Partisan League, he concerted every effort in behalf of the farmer and farm movement. In typical, true American style, Mr. Stepan, devoted many years of his life to political efforts and in public offices. He served as State Hotel Inspector during Governor Olson’s term of office, later worked as an appraiser for the Rural Credit Department in the state.

The former Senator was born at New Prague, Minnesota, May 21, 1879, spent his early life there, later moved to Long Prairie with his parents, then to Browerville. They moved to North Dakota for a short duration, then back to Browerville. After his term as Senator, Mr. Stepan’s duties required his moving to Minneapolis and Randall, Minnesota, but when he retired, he moved back to Todd County where he resided until he passed away March 18, 1951, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Stepan was conscientious, devoted to his family; he was public spirited and manifested a deep interest in the welfare of his fellow man, physically strong and sincere in his convictions, he worked untiringly in his service to the public.

Left surviving him are two daughters and two grandsons who reside in the State of Washington.”

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

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

→ George Albert Turnham, who was my predecessor in this Senate, was born February 19, 1859, near Long Lake, Hennepin County. His parents, Edwin and Emily Turnham, were among the early settlers of western Hennepin County and some years earlier had taken a homestead from the federal government.

Mr. Turnham grew up, married and raised his own family in the same vicinity of his birthplace. He became a highway, rail-

road and bridge contractor, which was his primary business interest until the time of his death in December 1948.

In November 1914, Mr. Turnham was elected to represent the newly apportioned 36th Senatorial District, representing rural Hennepin County. He served this district for four successive terms, until the end of 1930.

An ardent conservationist, Senator Turnham took an active interest in fish and wild life legislation, and during his last three terms of office was chairman of the Senate Game and Fish Committee. He co-authored the bill providing for a hospital for the tubercular at Glen Lake, and sponsored the women's jury service bill which became a law. In addition to a life long interest and devotion to political affairs on all levels, Senator Turnham took great pride in being identified with pioneer groups in the area of his long and honorable residence. For the last many years of his life, he served as president of the Western Hennepin Territorial Pioneers Association, an active group of several hundred members, who met each year to renew friendship and recount activities of by-gone years.

Senator Turnham was a very respected citizen with high morals and principals. His great love of nature and outdoor life caused him to work to preserve the beauties of nature and wild life. Likewise he sought to preserve the history of the pioneer days in Hennepin County and many of these records are now in the archives of our State Historical Society. Mr. Turnham's life was a very active and useful one, and he took an active interest in problems of the day right up to the time of his death although he had reached the ripe old age of almost 90 years.

May I also just mention those other Senators to whom we pay tribute today, especially those with whom I served in the Senate, Senators James A. Carley, Fred Gage, George Herreid, Harold Harrison, Adolph S. Larson, Helmer Myre, Frank Romberg, Frank Sell and Oscar Swenson.

'Into the field the Reaper came  
Calling these friends of ours by name.  
Each bowed his head in submissive grace,  
And nought a fear bore they a trace,  
Jesus, the Christ has shown the way,  
And they have followed steadfastly'."

Mr. Lauerman moved that the memorials and personal tributes as presented and read be approved and spread upon the pages of the Journal of the Senate.

Which motion was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.