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# In Memoriam

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# **State of Minnesota**

**Senate Chambers**

**Wednesday, March 29, 1967**

**2:00 o'clock p. m.**

SENATE CHAMBERS  
MEMORIAL SERVICES

—for—

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Senate Resolution No. 5

Introduced by Mr. Holmquist, for the Committee on Rules and Legislative Expense, on February 23, 1967.

**A SENATE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES  
FOR DECEASED SENATORS**

*Whereas*, the Almighty God has seen fit in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst by death, since the last session, the following persons who were former members of the Minnesota State Senate: The Honorable A. A. Anderson, The Honorable Fred W. Behmler, The Honorable Fay George Child, The Honorable William Dietz, The Honorable Blake Fisk, Sr., The Honorable H. P. Goodin, The Honorable J. William Huhtala, The Honorable Joseph A. Kozlak, Sr., The Honorable Leo J. Lauerman, The Honorable Wendell L. Ledin, and The Honorable Walter P. Wolfe.

*Whereas*, the high character and public service of these men merit an expression of respect and veneration for their memory,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, that the President of the Senate be and he is hereby directed to appoint a committee of five members of the Senate who shall arrange for and report such resolutions and memorial exercises as in the judgment of the committee will fittingly express the respect and sentiment which the members of the Senate feel for the memory of their late fellow members.

Pursuant to the foregoing resolution, the President appointed the following members as a committee on resolutions and memorial exercises:

Messrs. Henry T. McKnight, Chairman, Cliff Sommer, Eugene F. Welter, Wendell R. Anderson and Norbert Arnold.

Mr. McKnight moved, pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 5, adopted on February 23, 1967, that the rules of the Senate be so far suspended, that the memorial services for deceased Senators be made a Special Order of Business for Wednesday, March 29, 1967, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. Which Motion prevailed.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### SPECIAL ORDER

Wednesday, March 29, 1967

Two o'clock p. m.

The President announced the order of business to be memorial services set pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 5, adopted on February 23, 1967, in honor of Former Senators: A. A. Anderson, Fred W. Behmler, Fay George Child, William Dietz, Blake Fisk, Sr., H. P. Goodin, J. William Huhtala, Joseph A. Kozlak, Sr., Leo J. Lauerman, Wendell L. Ledin and Walter P. Wolfe.

### CALL OF THE SENATE

Mr. McKnight moved a call of the Senate.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Anderson, E. J. Franz	Hughes, Keith	Mammenga	Popp
Anderson, J. T. Gage	Jensen, C. A.	McCarty	Rosenmeier
Anderson, W. R. Glewwe	Jensen, V. K.	McKnight	Sinclair
Arnold	Grant	Johnson	Metcalf
Ashbach	Greig	Josefson	Mosier
Benson	Grittner	Jude	Nelson
Bergerud	Hansen, Mel	Kalina	Novak
Blatz	Hanson, N. W.	Kirchner	Nyquist
Brown	Hanson, R.	Krieger	Ogdahl
Bursch	Harren	LaBrosse	Olson
Coleman	Higgins	Larson, L. W.	Parks
Conzemius	Holmquist	Larson, N.	Perpich, A. J.
Davies	Holsten	Laufenburger	Perpich, Rudy
Dosland	Hughes, J. M.	Leiseth	Popham
			Wright

### CALL LIFTED

Mr. McKnight moved that further proceedings under the Call of the Senate be dispensed with, and the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to bring in the absent members. Which motion prevailed.

Mr. C. R. (Baldy) Hansen was excused from the session of today, account of illness.

Prayer by Reverend Leman Olsenius, Chaplain of the Senate.  
"Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day'. Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25,26

"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."  
Prayer:

"Almighty, Merciful, and Eternal God! Thou hast by reason of sin appointed unto men once to die: but, that we might not remain

forever in the power of death, Thou hast given Thy Son Jesus Christ, Who knew no sin, to suffer death for us, and through Him hast taken away the sting of death. Help us to remember that we also at Thy good pleasure shall be called hence and our bodies return to dust. Grant us grace to remember that we have not here an abiding city. Teach us to seek the things that are eternal and so to walk in accordance with Thy Holy Will that on the last day we may arise to everlasting life.

"We thank Thee, O God, that Thou hast called us to remember our colleagues who have been summoned to the life where, 'Age shall not weary nor the years condemn.' For their lasting contributions which they have made, for the labor given our great state, for the gentleness of their character, for the breath of their sympathies, for their power of their convictions, for their patience and courage, for genius of friendship, their loyalty to a great tradition, all of which has made this world richer, we thank Thee, O God.

"Bless these loved ones who mourn their passing and surround them with Thy love and mercy. We thank Thee for these friends. Grant that we all may be worthy of our friends and true to those who trust us. Send us back to our tasks with new cheerfulness and hope, gladly to accept whatever Thou dost give us to do or endure. As we wait for the cloudless day to dawn when the shadows shall flee away, give us unquestionable confidence in Thy Holy Will, and unto Thee shall be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

The President of the Senate recognized the Senator from Hennepin County, Mr. McKnight, Chairman, Special Committee on Memorials, who addressed the Senate on behalf of the Memorial Committee, as follows:

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

At each regular session of the Senate, it is a custom and tradition of long standing that, by a special order, we set aside a time to honor the memory of former senators who have passed away in the interim. It is fitting that we should thus pause in the midst of our hurried activity and remind ourselves of our debt to those who have gone before and be ourselves reminded of the fleetingness of our own existence.

We gather today that the Senate may bid a formal farewell and express a final tribute to these former members:

Senator A. A. Anderson	Senator H. P. Goodin
Senator Fred W. Behmler	Senator J. William Huhtala
Senator Fay George Child	Senator Joseph A. Kozlak, Sr.
Senator William Dietz	Senator Leo J. Lauerman
Senator Blake Fisk, Sr.	Senator Wendell L. Ledin
Senator Walter P. Wolfe	

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

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

It is an honor and a privilege for me today to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator A. A. (Andy) Anderson, of Luverne, Minnesota, who served in the Minnesota State Senate from 1950 through 1958.

Senator Anderson was born in Hills, Minnesota, October 2, 1886, and passed away September 30, 1966, at the age of 79 years. He attended a country school in Rock county; Luther College at Decorah, Iowa; Augustanna College, Sioux Falls, S. D. and finished his education at the Minneapolis School of Business. His first job was as cashier of the First National Bank of Hills in 1909. This was followed by a lifetime career in the field of finance.

Senator Anderson is survived by his wife the former Marie Klugness of Minneapolis whom he married in 1910. He is also survived by a son, Garfield, of Minneapolis, a daughter, Mrs. R. J. (Elaine) Walerius, Chicago, a sister, Mrs. Jacob Sells, and a brother, Walter, both of Hills, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Senator and Mrs. Anderson moved to Luverne in 1915 at which time he became cashier at the Farmers National Bank. In 1921 he was elected president. He became vice president and executive officer of the Luverne National Bank in 1927.

Senator Anderson was a member of the National Guard from 1918 until 1941 when war clouds gathered and the National Guard was activated. He entered the United States Army with a rank of Lt. Colonel. His unit was first stationed at Ford Ord, California and then was sent to Kodiak Island, Alaska. Senator Anderson was authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal and ribbon. He was relieved from active duty August 1, 1944 because of an injury received while on duty in Alaska.

Senator Anderson returned to the bank upon the conclusion of his military service and continued in the world of finance. He was active in farm management, real estate, loans and insurance. Since 1915 he had been a member of the Masonic Order, a Shriner, and a member of the Osman Shrine of St. Paul. He also was a leader in the VFW and the American Legion. He was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church.

Senator Anderson was a man of a multitude of interests and found time to participate in many organizations. He was a hard-core Republican — there was nothing halfway in his enthusiasm. He was a man of strong convictions and no one was ever in doubt as to where he stood on an issue.

With the passing of A. A. Anderson, banker, soldier and public servant, the book was closed on a colorful personality. He was a man who was not afraid to make his opinions known and who fought to preserve the American way of life, to encourage private initiative and free enterprise, and to make the world a better place to live.

Members of this Senate gratefully and respectfully honor the memory of Senator A. A. Anderson.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Stevens, Bigstone, Pope, Grant and Traverse, Mr. Benson who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

Dr. Fred Behmler, known to many of us as Senator Behmler, was born in Jordan, Minnesota, February 2, 1895. He graduated from high school in Jordan, went to college for two years at Carlton College, and then enrolled at the University of Minnesota and was graduated from the College of Medicine in 1920.

The doctor began his medical practice at Lafayette, Minnesota, and then moved to Appleton in 1923, where he practiced medicine from 1923 to 1936. In November 1936 he became associated with Dr. King, in Morris, and later was one of the founders of the Morris Medical Center.

Dr. Behmler was married to Mathilda Eidem at Jordan, Minnesota, on August 20, 1920. He was taken ill while returning home from a visit at the home of his daughter in Ohio in November of 1966 and died shortly thereafter. He is survived by his widow Mathilda, one son, Richard, of Brazil, a daughter, Mrs. Howard Hagedorn, of Lancaster, Ohio, three granddaughters, two grandsons, and two brothers, Edward Behmler of Mound, Minnesota, and Dr. Raymond Behmler of Minneapolis.

Dr. Behmler was elected to the state Senate in 1958 and served for a period of four years as the senator from the 48th legislative district.

In 1957 Dr. Behmler was appointed chairman of the Interim Legislative Commission to study the schools of agriculture and to recommend alternate goals to effectuate maximum use of these university facilities. It was his legislative commission that recommended to the 1959 Legislature the establishment of a four-year liberal arts program on the Morris campus. The Senator was one of the early, most active and most devoted supporters for the establishment of the University of Minnesota at Morris, and he worked closely with members of the West Central Educational Development Association and the University people.

Out of respect for the work he did for the establishment of the University of Minnesota at Morris, on July 1, 1966 he was honored for his long and devoted service in the cause of higher education by having the former food service building name "Behmler Hall".

The doctor was a kind, considerate individual, he was devoted to his family, to his community and to his friends. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle and Yellow Medicine, Mr. Jensen, V. K., who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

I am privileged today to honor the memory of the late Senator Fay George Child. Fay Child served the people of his constituency, and the state of Minnesota for 14 years as a member of the State Senate.

Fay Child was born in Wabasha, Minnesota in 1908 and eventually made his way to Western Minnesota where he was to begin a distinguished career in the newspaper business, advertising field and in public affairs. He edited the Maynard News for many years and served as Clerk of the school board as well as Mayor of Maynard. From 1942 to 1947 Fay Child served as Administrative Assistant to Congressman Harold C. Hagen in Washington, D. C. He was first elected to the State Senate in 1950 and was re-elected in 1954, 1958 and 1962.

Senator Child, a good friend of mine and many of you here today, was to become one of our key legislators in welfare matters—his long service on the Finance Committee gave him keen insight into the area of welfare. He served as Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee. He was a dedicated worker for his district and state and will long be remembered as a man who got things done.

Senator Child collapsed and died of a heart attack shortly before 10:00 a. m. Friday, April 2, 1965 while speaking on a bill before the Senate Education Committee here at the State Capitol. Although he had suffered two previous heart attacks in 1954 and 1963, Senator Child remained a tireless legislator and devoted worker right up to his death. As witness to the high respect and esteem held by his colleagues, the senator's body lay in state in the Capitol rotunda the following Monday, the first time a state official has been so honored since the death of Governor Floyd B. Olson in 1936.

Senator Child is survived by his wife, Sylvia, a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Hamilton; a grandchild, a sister, Mrs. Doris Davids; and a brother, Donald Child.

To the family we extend our sympathy and express appreciation for having known Fay G. Child, beloved and respected by his colleagues and all who were privileged to know him.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Carver, Scott and LeSueur, Mr. Metcalf, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

William L. Dietz was born at Montgomery, Minnesota, April 28, 1898, a son of Mrs. Mary R. (Kuchynka) Dietz of Montgomery, Minnesota, and the late John J. Dietz. He died May 18, 1965, at the age of sixty-seven years, at the Masonic Hospital, Minneapolis, following a prolonged illness.

"Bill", as he was familiarly known, spent his entire lifetime in LeSueur County. He attended rural school in Lanesburg town-



ship, Montgomery High School and the University of Minnesota, College of Agriculture.

On April 12, 1921, he was united in marriage to Mary M. Kalal at the Catholic Church in New Market. Their home was blessed with three sons and two daughters.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary M. Dietz of Montgomery; his sons, Dan L., Ray M. and Lee Dietz, and his daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Burns of Richfield, and Mrs. Carolyn Dvorak of Montgomery, and many grandchildren.

Senator Dietz operated the farm in Lanesburgh township homesteaded by his grandfather, August Dietz, a Civil War veteran. In 1957 he and his wife moved to Montgomery where, in addition to active farming, he conducted a State Farm Insurance agency for the last thirty-two years of his life. He served in the State Senate for sixteen years, commencing in 1934. He was a dedicated man and worked diligently for legislation he deemed necessary for the agricultural area he represented. Senator Dietz was also an agricultural co-operative organizer in establishing the LeSueur County Farm Bureau; a member of the Montgomery Shipping Association and the Montgomery Creamery Association, the Rural Electrical Association, which he served for twenty-five years. He was a member of the LeSueur County Fair Board, the original Kolacky Day committee, and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Land Bank Association at the time of his death.

He was a faithful member of the Catholic Church, a devoted family man and enjoyed the friendship of a great many people.

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

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

It is with distinct pleasure this afternoon for me to have the opportunity to pay tribute to and eulogize a former legislator who served so well and so ably in this distinguished body of yesteryear.

Mr. Blake W. Fisk, 93, a former state Representative and Senator from Plainview, died Friday, March 3, 1967, at the Samaritan Rest Home in Rochester, where he had resided the past six months.

Mr. Fisk was born May 22, 1873 at Plainview. He attended Carlton College at Northfield. On December 28, 1898, he married the Former Grace Landon, who preceded him in death in 1959.

Mr. Fisk served two sessions, in 1923 and in 1925, in the State House of Representatives. While he was serving those two terms he served very admirably on the following committees: In the 1923 session he served on Corporations, Game and Fish, Grain and Warehouse, Municipal Affairs, and Public Highways. In 1925 he was reelected and was named to the following committees: Crime Prevention, of which he was named Chairman, Game and Fish, General Legislation, Markets and Marketing, Towns and Counties, and Workmen's Compensation.

He was elected to the State Senate in 1931 and served diligently on the following committees: Finance, Game and Fish, Dairy Products, Public Highways, State and County Affairs, and Towns and Counties. He was a member of the Plainview Board of Education for ten years, a member of the Wabasha County Board of Commissioners for six years, and the Plainview Town Board for six years. He farmed during his married life in the Plainview area, where he lived until moving to the rest home.

Survivors include four sons, B. W. Fisk, Branch Road, Suffield, Connecticut; George Fisk, 5604 South Vincent Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Russell Fisk, 558 West Broadway, Winona, Minnesota; Millard Fisk of Plainview, Minnesota, presently working in the Minnesota State Senate; also a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ann Fisk, 710 South Sixth Street, Brainerd, Minnesota; a brother Ira, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at 3:30 p. m., Monday, March 6, 1967 at the Community Presbyterian Church of Plainview. The Reverend Charles Schwenke officiated. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Fisk may be parted from us, but his memory will long remain among his devoted friends and fellow people of Wabasha County and the State of Minnesota.

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

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

H. P. (Pat) Goodin was born at Dayton, Minnesota, May 27, 1897. His parents' names were Octave and Mary Goodin. Octave was born near Dayton, on the Paul Goodin homestead. Mary Goodin's maiden name was Mary Radecop. She was born in Denmark and came to this country from Copenhagen.

Pat's paternal grandparents, Paul Goodin and his wife, came to Minnesota in a covered wagon from the state of Maine and settled down on a homestead near Dayton during the administration of President Abraham Lincoln. The homestead patent, in the name of Abraham Lincoln as president, was signed by Secretary of State Seward, who served under President Lincoln. The original patent papers transferring title to Paul Goodin from the United States are on file with the Hennepin County Historical Society.

Grandfather Paul Goodin was very kind to the Indians, who were numerous in the area during those early days—considerably over one hundred years ago. The Indians, in turn, appreciated this kindness and were always friendly in return.

Henry Patrick Goodin, known to all of us as "Pat", came with his parents to Minneapolis at the age of twelve years. He finished his public school education in Minneapolis and completed special courses at the University of Minnesota.

At the age of 20 Pat enlisted in the United States military forces and served two years in the Motor Transport Corps, attaining the rank of an Army master sergeant during World War I.

In 1924, or thereabouts, Mr. Goodin became an employee of the City of Minneapolis, advancing over the years from the job of city mechanic to the office of safety director of Minneapolis, in which capacity he dedicated himself to the task of lowering the accident and injury rate of city employees. After a distinguished record in the service of Minneapolis for thirty-eight years, he retired from city service in 1962.

In 1947 Pat was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives from the Thirty-ninth district in North Minneapolis, and he continued through successive re-elections to serve in the House for six two-year terms. He was Chairman of the House Committee on Cities of the First Class for three terms. He was then elected to the Minnesota Senate, where he served for an additional four years.

Senator H. P. (Pat) Goodin, throughout his legislative career, dedicated his time and talents to the improvement of city and local government, and especially to the problems of Minneapolis and Hennepin County. He worked continuously and with great dedication in the matter of promoting better working conditions and retirement pensions for all of the state and its political subdivisions.

Pat was a member of many veteran and community organizations. He was a member of Plymouth Masonic Lodge No. 160, a 32° Mason, and a member of Zuhrah Temple. He was a member of Christ English Lutheran Church, Lowry & Oliver Avenues North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Pat was active in his union and served Machinists' Local No. 382 as secretary for several years. He was also president of Machinists' District No. 77.

Pat loved the outdoors and spent much time from his busy life in Northern Minnesota and upon land which he owned in Anoka County. Among his favorite projects was a tree farm near Bethel, in Anoka County.

In recent years Pat lived at 3818 Thomas Avenue North, Minneapolis, with his wife, the former Hildur Fulton of Two Harbors, Minnesota, whom he married in 1924. They have one son, Robert H., of Glencoe, Illinois, and one grandson, John Thomas Goodin. Besides his widow, son, and grandson, survivors include three brothers, Paul L., Chicago, Illinois; Al, Osseo, Minnesota; and David, Pittsville, Wisconsin.

The name of Senator H. P. (Pat) Goodin is held in high esteem in this body. He is affectionately remembered by all who knew him.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from St. Louis, Mr. Perpich, A. J., who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

John William Huhtala served in the Minnesota Legislature eight years; in the House of Representatives from 1939 through 1942, and from 1943 to 1946 in the State Senate.

Senator Huhtala was born June 8, 1903, and was a life-long resident of Virginia, Minnesota. He attended grade and high school in Virginia, and in 1929 was graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Law. He was married to Esther Pudas and had one daughter, Mrs. John Trenti of Virginia.

Senator Huhtala retired from the Legislature at the age of 42 but continued his civic duties. From 1952 to the time of his death he served as Vice-Consul of Finland for 19 northern Minnesota counties. Also in 1952 Governor C. Elmer Anderson appointed Senator Huhtala to be Ambassador of Good Will to Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. He also received the Order of the Knights of the Lions of Finland from the President of Finland, Urho Kekkonen.

There are many accomplishments which can be credited to Senator Huhtala, but perhaps the greatest of his legislative efforts was the encouragement he gave to the taconite industry in the early 40's.

Senator Huhtala will long be remembered in northeastern Minnesota as a civic-minded citizen. He was a well known, extremely busy practicing attorney; but most important of all, he will be remembered as one who always had time for the ordinary citizen; he devoted his time and talents to the less fortunate of our society, those who needed a helping hand when they had a problem, those least able to afford it. Indeed, Senator Huhtala was known as the poor man's lawyer.

It can well be said that Senator Huhtala truly left a void in the community and state he served so well.

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

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

I am honored to have the privilege on this occasion to pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Joseph A. Kozlak, Sr., a former member of this body who passed away on August 14, 1966 at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Kozlak was first elected to the House of Representatives at the age of 24 and served his first session in the year 1921. He was reelected to that body for the sessions of 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931 and 1933. In 1934, Mr. Kozlak was elected to the Minnesota State Senate and served in the 1935 and 1937 sessions. During his long and dedicated service in the legislature, he served on many important committees, including the committee on Rules, Judiciary, Labor, Appropriations and Highways. He is well remembered by his colleagues, some of whom are here today, as a hard working legislator who always fought for his principles and beliefs.

He was one of the founders of the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota, and one of the leading spokesmen of the liberal philosophy of the day.

Mr. Kozlak was born in Minneapolis on July 8, 1896, of Polish immigrant parents. He was a life-long resident of Minneapolis, attended Holy Cross and Schiller Elementary Schools, St. Thomas Military Academy, and the University of Minnesota. He graduated from the Minnesota College of Law and was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Minnesota.

Mr. Kozlak was a man of many talents, abilities and accomplishments. He loved a challenge and conquered many.

At the age of ten, he started his first employment and worked at many jobs during those early years. He later served in the U. S. Army during World War I and during a serious influenza epidemic at Camp Grant served in his first professional capacity, embalming. He practiced this profession following his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army together with managing a furniture store founded by his father.

He continued his education during this period and upon graduating from the Minnesota College of Law, he started the successful practice of law in association with the late Judge George R. Smith with offices in the Northwestern Bank Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He continued to practice law during the years of his legislative service. In 1943, he embarked upon and made a success of still another career. He started and operated a restaurant which he called "Jax Cafe". Within a few years, it came to be known as one of Minneapolis' finest restaurants. Today, it is recognized as one of the great restaurants in the United States and has received numerous national awards. He continued his activities in the restaurant business until his death.

Mr. Kozlak ably served his community, his church, and fellow-man throughout his lifetime. He was a man of great individuality, dedication, courage, and compassion. He will always be remembered by his friends and community as a dedicated public servant and a good citizen. I am personally indebted to him for the guidance he gave to me on my entrance into the political world. Nearly everyone in our community knew "Joe Sr.". He never missed the opportunity to visit in the neighborhood with the old timers. He always had a story and a bright "Hello" in his place of business. He made life a lot easier for many of us and our community misses him.

Mr. Kozlak is survived by his wife, Gertrude, three sons, Joseph A. Kozlak, Jr., John S. Kozlak and William P. Kozlak and two brothers, Peter and Frank.

We pay him our most sincere tribute in this ceremony.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Renville, Meeker and Wright, Mr. Holmquist, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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

At this memorial service, I am indeed honored to pay tribute to a former member of this body, Leo J. Lauerman. Senator Lauerman served in the Minnesota State Senate for three terms, 1947 to 1955 and 1959 to 1963 representing the twenty-third district.

Senator Lauerman died of a heart attack December 8, 1965 while on a visit to St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, his alma mater. He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth; three sons, Robert D. of Minneapolis, Fred J. of St. Paul, and Leo J., Jr. of Olivia and two daughters, Mrs. Norman E. Sanders, Minneapolis and Mrs. Philip Bodovitz, Wilmette, Illinois; four sisters, Gertrude of St. Paul, Rose, Mae and Regina, all of Los Angeles.

Senator Lauerman was born in Little Falls, Minnesota in 1891. He attended the University of Zurich, Switzerland and was graduated from St. John's University and the St. Paul College of Law, now the William Mitchell College of Law.

At the time of his death, Senator Lauerman was a practicing attorney in Olivia. He also was the operator of several farms and enterprises in the area.

A former Renville County attorney, Senator Lauerman was active in many civic and community activities in Olivia and elsewhere. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church of Olivia.

It would be easy to recite statistics about Senator Lauerman's activities; about his fifty-five years of public service; about the responsible positions which he held in church and states; about the associations to which he belonged; about the land mark court cases he tried or processed; about the many honors that came to him. These would indeed be impressive, but they would not tell us about Senator Lauerman, the man. They would not point out the quality, the complete integrity and the great ability of Senator Lauerman. He was outspoken and courageous. His stand on legislation was never in doubt. He had an agile and alert mind, a delightful sense of humor and the capacity to do well in whatever he undertook.

Today we pay tribute to the memory of Senator Leo J. Lauerman. Many of us recall his membership in this body and remember his contributions to the common problems of our great state. Let us strive to serve the people of our state with the dedication and zeal that Senator Lauerman exhibited.

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

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

Wendell L. Ledin, Sr. was born April 25, 1897 at Spring Lake, Isanti County, Minnesota. He moved with his family to Bethel in 1899 and maintained residence in that community for the rest of his life.

He served in the U. S. Navy during World War I, from 1915 until 1922. He was the owner and operator of the Bethel Feed and Produce Company at Bethel, Minnesota.

Mr. Ledin was united in marriage to Elsie Phair of New York City. To this union three children were born.

Wendell Ledin, Sr. was elected to the Minnesota State Senate in 1938 and represented Anoka and Isanti Counties for 16 years — 1939 to 1953 sessions, inclusive. He served as chairman of the Reforestation Committee in 1941 and of the Game and Fish Committee from 1945 to 1953, and was a member of several other important standing committees.

Mr. Ledin was a member of Helios Lodge #273, A.F. & A.M., Cambridge, Minnesota, St. John's Royal Arch Masons, Zion Commandery and Zuhrah Temple Shrine of Minneapolis.

He died suddenly November 13, 1965 at Ash River, a resort owned by his son, Wendell, Jr., near Orr, Minnesota. Funeral services were held November 17th at Carlson Funeral Home in Cambridge with Reverend Floyd Welch, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cambridge, officiating. Pallbearers were: Aldean Guy, Marvin From, Oliver, Donald, Howard and Alden Ledin. Burial was in the North Isanti Baptist cemetery where many of Mr. Ledin's former colleagues in the Senate, Masonic brethren, and other friends gathered with his family to pay their last respects and bid a last fond farewell to Wendell L. Ledin, Sr., who had passed on to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Survivors are his wife, Elsie; a daughter, Dorothea, Mrs. Raymond Strandin; a son, Wendell, Jr.; four grandchildren, a sister and a brother. A daughter, Elaine, preceded him in death.

Wendell Ledin, Sr. has without question made his mark in his local community and in the state as a man of unquestionable integrity and dedication to duty in the public service. It is altogether fitting and proper that we pay tribute to his memory this day.

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

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

Walter P. Wolfe spent his life earning happiness and contentment from his work. He practiced law in Minneapolis for 51 years. Only poor health during his last year necessitated any retirement. Even during that time he visited his office when he was able to do so.

His was a general practice marked by faithful, personal concern for his clients. He opened his office in the Midland Bank Building soon after graduation from the St. Paul College of Law in 1914. He maintained his office in that building throughout his long career. His office associates were Robert Petzke and William Lindsten.

Senator Wolfe was born in Goodhue County in 1886 on a farm near Belle Creek. He preserved his Goodhue County roots through lifelong membership in St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Belle Creek. He regularly attended Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Minneapolis but limited his formal affiliation to the Belle Creek parish.

Senator Wolfe came to Minneapolis as a young man and began work as a carpenter. He spent several years in Chicago where he finished high school work and one year of law school. He then moved back to Minneapolis where he continued his work as a carpenter while he finished law school. Thereafter vocation became avocation as he found relaxation in building projects. Included was a summer cottage at Grey's Bay on Lake Minnetonka where he spent much of his leisure time. He also spent many happy hours tinkering with cars which he repaired and sold.

Fraternal activities in Masons and Elks highlighted Senator Wolfe's recreational activities. He was a charter member and a past master of Richfield Lodge 334 of the Masons. In 1935 and 1936 he served as Exalted Ruler of the Elks in Minneapolis. Other fraternal responsibilities extended over many years.

In 1930 Walter P. Wolfe was elected to the Minnesota Senate. He served for twelve years. During that time he served on the Senate Organization Committee and these standing committees: Finance, General Legislation, Judiciary, Public Domain, Workman's Compensation, Rules, Committee on Committees, Public Welfare and University.

In 1942 Senator Wolfe was defeated in his campaign for a fourth term. He continued his political activity, however, serving as President of the Hennepin County Republican Club in the late 1950's.

In 1944, after 59 years of bachelorhood, Senator Wolfe married Emmaline Hintz. Billie, as he called her, brought warmth and companionship to him for more than a score of years. She survives him and is with us today as we honor him.

Other survivors are his brother Silas, and his sister Mrs. Bessie Chapman, both of Minneapolis.

Senator Wolfe was a quiet, polite gentleman who deserved the honor he received in life and the honor we pay him today.

Mr. McKnight 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 prevailed.

Mr. McKnight moved that the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby instructed to send enrolled copies of the memorials and personal tributes, as presented and read, to the widows of deceased Senators or their next of kin. Which motion prevailed.

Mr. McKnight moved as a further tribute to the memory of these former Senators that the Senate do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock a.m., tomorrow. Which motion prevailed.

H. Y. Torrey, Secretary of the Senate.