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# In Memoriam

## SENATORS

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# **State of Minnesota**

**Senate Chambers**

**Wednesday, April 3rd, 1963**

**3:30 o'clock p.m.**

SENATE CHAMBERS  
MEMORIAL SERVICES

—for—

FORMER SENATORS—

ALFRED BERGLUND	MARTIN M. MALONE
COLVIN G. BUTLER	NELS A. PEDERSON
SHERMAN W. CHILD	HERBERT ROGERS
LEONARD W. DERNEK	GEORGE SIEGEL
H. C. HANSON	HENRY C. STIENING
JOHN A. JOHNSON	JOSEPH VADHEIM
CHARLES KLEIN	HARRY L. WAHLSTRAND

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Introduced by Mr. Zwach on March 4, 1963.

A SENATE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR MEMORIAL  
SERVICES FOR DECEASED SENATORS

WHEREAS, 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: Honorable Alfred Berglund, Honorable Colvin G. Butler, Honorable Sherman W. Child, Honorable Leonard W. Dernek, Honorable H. C. Hanson, Honorable John A. Johnson, Honorable Charles Klein, Honorable Martin M. Malone, Honorable Nels A. Pederson, Honorable Herbert Rogers, Honorable George Siegel, Honorable Henry C. Stiening, Honorable Joseph Vadheim, Honorable Harry L. Wahlstrand.

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.

—Adopted by the Senate  
March 5, 1963

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

Messrs. Hanson R., Hanson N. W., Larson L., Josefson and Knudsen.

Pursuant to the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3 on March 5, 1963, Mr. R. Hanson, moved that the Memorial Services for deceased Senators be made a Special Order of Business for Wednesday, April 3, 1963, at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Which motion prevailed.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### SPECIAL ORDER

Wednesday, April 3, 1963

3:30 o'clock p. m.

The President announced the order of business to be memorial services set pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 3, adopted March 5, 1963, in honor of former Senators: Alfred Berglund, Colvin G. Butler, Sherman W. Child, Leonard W. Dernek, H. C. Hanson, John A. Johnson, Charles Klein, Martin M. Malone, Nels A. Pederson, Herbert Rogers, George Siegel, Henry C. Stiening, Joseph Vadheim, and Harry L. Wahlstrand.

### CALL OF THE SENATE

Mr. Hanson, R., moved a call of the Senate.

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

Adams	Dunlap	Kalina	Mitchell	Salmore
Allen	Ferrario	Knudsen	Mosier	Sinclair
Anderson, E.J.	Franz	Krieger	Nelson, H.S.	Sundet
Anderson, W.R.	Grittner	Kroehler	Nelson, H.I.	Swenson
Bares	Hansen, Mel	Langley	Novak	Thuet
Bergerud	Hanson, N.W.	Larson, L.	Ogdahl	Ukkelberg
Benson	Hanson, R.	Larson, N.	Olson	Vukelich
Blatz	Harren	Laufenburger	Parish	Walz
Butler	Heuer	Lofvegren	Parks	Westin
Carr	Holium	Maruska	Patterson	Wright
Child	Holand	McCarty	Perpich	Zwach
Coleman	Holmquist	McGuire	Popham	
Davies	Imm	McKee	Popp	
Dosland	Josefson	McKnight	Rosenmeier	

### CALL LIFTED

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

Which motion prevailed.

Prayer by Reverend Leman Olsenius, Chaplain of the Senate.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

"But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together

with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."

Prayer:

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

"We beseech Thee to grant us courage and grace to follow their examples and to carry on the torch of truth and justice so Thou wilt say to us as we draw to life's close, as Thou didst say to these departed friends, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant'. May we all hear the call to nobler living and give our energies to the highest and the best.

"We know, Lord, that at last all the lost chords of earth will be found in Heaven; all the broken melodies of our lives will be blended in the harmony and beauty of Thy glory. By this hope are we upheld and sustained; in this hope we live.

"Thou hast promised to wipe away all tears from our eyes. We ask Thee to fulfill that promise now. Thou hast promised to bind up our wounded spirits. We ask Thee to fulfill that promise now. Thou hast promised to give us peace, not as the world gives but in the midst of our trouble. We ask Thee to fulfill that promise now. Thou hast promised to be with us always. We therefore thank Thee that Thou art walking beside us every step of the way. We put our hands in Thine and walk on into the future, knowing that it will be a good future because Thou art in it. This we pray in the Name of our Lord and Master. Amen."

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES

The President of the Senate recognized the Senator from Freeborn County, Mr. Hanson, R., 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:

Sen. Alfred Berglund of the 9th District,  
Sen. Colvin C. Butler of the 55th District,  
Sen. Sherman W. Child of the 38th District,  
Sen. Leonard Dernick of the 2nd District,  
Sen. H. C. Hanson of the 52nd District,  
Sen. John A. Johnson of the 1st District,  
Sen. Charles H. Klein of the 14th District,  
Sen. Martin Malone of the 12th District,  
Sen. Nels A. Pederson of the 22nd District,  
Sen. Herbert Rogers of the 60th District  
Sen. George L. Siegel of the 48th District,  
Sen. Henry C. Stiening of the 56th District,  
Sen. Joseph Vadheim of the 20th District,  
Sen. Harry Wahlstrand of the 23rd District.

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

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

It is an honor for me today to pay tribute to the memory of Alfred Berglund. Mr. Berglund was a member of this body for three terms. He was first elected in 1934 and served until 1946.

Alfred Berglund lived a long and useful and colorful life. He passed away on November 20, 1962, at the age of 89 years. He was a lifelong citizen of Freeborn County, Minnesota. His parents were emigrants from Sweden, who settled on a Freeborn County farm. Alfred Berglund, too, became a farmer and became particularly prominent in activities related to farming. A partial list of organizations in which he was an active leader includes the Albert Lea Cooperative Creamery Association, the Freeborn County Holstein Breeders Association, the Freeborn County Agricultural Society, and the Freeborn County Cooperative Oil Company. Mr. Berglund was also active in church and community affairs.

The speaker has a long personal recollection of the Berglund name, as my own parents once farmed in the community where the Berglunds lived. I became well acquainted with Senator Berglund in his later years, when both of us were directors of the Freeborn County Historical Society. Then in his mid-eighties Senator Berglund was a lively, active man of clear mind and excellent judgment. Though firm in his opinions, he was a jolly sort of a man, a man who made many friends, a man who was held in the highest regard.

To mourn his passing, Senator Berglund left a widow, Rachael, a son, Alfred Berglund, Jr., and three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Pearl) Dalberg, Mrs. Albert (Mary) Grazier and Mrs. John (Mildred) Otteri. To the family we extend our sympathy

and we express our appreciation that we too have known Alfred Berglund, a fine and worthy citizen of our state.

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

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

I rise to speak in memory of the Rev. Colvin Butler, church leader, legislator, and traveler who passed away at his home in Fergus Falls on Saturday, April 15, 1961.

Colvin G. Butler, the son of pioneer parents, was born in Perham, Minnesota, July 17, 1880. His parents were an old established family in Otter Tail County, his father having served as County Treasurer for many years.

He attended the public school of Perham until his parents moved to Fergus Falls where he graduated from High School. In High School, he took part in many sports and was outstanding as a debater.

He entered the Park Region College of Fergus Falls where he studied Commercial Law and took a business course. He also attended and graduated from Hamline University, specializing in the classics and Greek Testament. He studied Theology at the Presbyterian Seminary of Omaha, Nebraska, and received his degree as Doctor of Divinity from Buena Vista College of Iowa. He was ordained to the Ministry in Sioux City and held pastorates in Iowa and Nebraska before returning to Fergus Falls.

On January 2, 1906, he was married to Elizabeth Bartelson who passed away on January 26, 1953.

Colvin Butler served one (1) year in the House of Representatives and served in the State Senate in the Sessions of 1943 and 1945.

During Winter Vacations, he traveled extensively throughout South America and Mexico.

Funeral Services were held at the Methodist Church in Fergus Falls on April 19, 1961, the Rev. Meyer officiating.

Otter Tail County lost a valuable citizen who has contributed a great deal to the State of Minnesota and the people of Otter Tail County.

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

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

Sherman Walker Child, born March 23, 1887, died December 22, 1962; served in the Minnesota House of Representatives in

the 1917 session, and at the close of that session volunteered in the United States Army, World War I, and served 26 months. He was a captain of Company L, 349th Infantry, and was entrenched with order to attack the Fortress of Metz on Armistice Day in 1918. Following the Armistice, he organized a military police company for the Division, became Provost Marshal of the district, and returned home June 1, 1919. He served again in the House of Representatives in the 1921 session; was elected to the State Senate in 1922 and served 12 years, announcing his retirement from public service during the 1934 election. His father, Sampson R. Child, came to Minnesota from New England, served in the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1913 and was active in passing Minnesota's first aid to dependent children law, which was called the Mother's Aid Law and was administered by the Probate Courts. Minnesota thus became the third state in the union to provide state aid in this field.

Senator Child was a lawyer, a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School in 1911. His principle interest was judicial administration and public welfare. He served as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and of the Committee on Public Welfare.

He was a charter member and organizer of the American Legion and a member of the Theodore Peterson Post No. 1 of the American Legion at Minneapolis. He was nationally recognized for his work on behalf of the children of veterans and became chairman of the American Legion's national child welfare committee. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and of Trinity Community Church of Minneapolis.

He and his surviving wife, Fan L. Child, were the parents of three sons: Dr. Sheman B. Child of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Sampson R. Child of Excelsior, Minnesota; and James W. Child of Los Angeles, California. He is also survived by two sisters: Mrs. K. Wallace Husted of Hopkins, Minnesota, and Miss Emilie Child of Minneapolis, a distinguished worker in the field of social welfare, and by his brother, Lewis W. Child, a prominent Minneapolis lawyer; and six grandchildren.

Senator Child took pride in his work and in his relations with his fellowmen. He believed in patriotism and loyalty, in sound government and in hard work. He stood *foursquare* before his fellow legislators and before the people.

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

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

Leonard W. Dernek, 57, LaMoille, Minnesota, died Saturday July 8, 1961, at St. Mary's Hospital, after suffering a stroke the preceding Wednesday.

Mr. L. W. Dernek was born November 4, 1904 in Winona,



Minnesota, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dernek and had lived in Winona and vicinity all his life.

He attended St. John's Parochial School, graduated from Cotter High School and attended the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, before joining Jones and Kroeger Company, a Winona office equipment and printing firm, in 1926. At the time of death, he was office manager.

Mr. L. W. Dernek was married to Miss Helen Riedell in 1938, who passed away on July 20, 1949. On May 7, 1955, he married Miss Hazel Jiracek of La Crosse, Wisconsin and resided at LaMoille, Minnesota.

He was elected to a two-year term as Winona alderman-at-large in 1941. He served as a Representative, in the State Legislature in the 1943 and 1945 sessions, and was then elected to State Senator in the second district. He was elected November 1946 and started serving in 1947. He served on many important committees. They were, Education, Game and Fish, General Legislation, Liquor Control, Municipal Affairs, Telephone and Telegraph and Workmen's Compensation.

He was a member of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and its Holy Name Society, a Fourth Degree Knight, a Grand Knight, and a District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a past president of the Winona Activity Group. Mr. L. W. Dernek was a member of the Winona Athletic Club, Elks Club, Chamber of Commerce, Eagles and Winona Tribe of Red Men.

In his early youth he was very active in scouting, serving as an assistant and later scoutmaster for 8 years. He was active in practically all Winona community and area civic projects, an ardent booster for conservation, and an enthusiastic bowler.

One of his greatest enjoyments was in helping the less fortunate and infirm.

He is survived by his wife, three brothers and one sister. A younger brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted at Winona Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, July 11, 1961. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery at Winona, Minnesota.

I quote as follows from a tribute to Mr. Dernek by Wm. A. Galewski, former councilman and mayor of Winona.

"Words alone cannot entirely express the many good deeds and charitable acts that Len Dernek did for the city of Winona and surrounding communities.

He served in the Winona City Council, State House of Representatives and in the State Senate.

He served the state on many major committees and took a leading role helping pass legislation, also in creating the Minnesota Department of Aeronautics. He also was a staunch con-

servationist and worked on many of the conservation committees. He was a very active city representative while in the House and Senate.

He served his community by spearheading a number of civic drives, especially the Sister Kenny, President's Polio drive, Community Chest, rehabilitation of paraplegics, and numerous local projects. He was also a very religious man, who gladly helped many people regardless of faith or color.

In the death of Len Dernek, the city of Winona lost one of its great citizens."

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Carlton, Mr. Hanson, N. W., 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 Hans Carl Hanson from Carlton and Aitkin Counties. Senator H. C. Hanson served in the state Senate from 1926-1934. He was born on April 1, 1873, the first white child born in Brookville Township, Redwood County, Minnesota. He attended the Wilder Academy, now known as the Breck School.

On January 20, 1898, he was married to Miss Ada Tharkeldson at Evan, Minnesota where he had a general store. In 1903 he moved to Barnum to live on a farm which was his home for the rest of his life. Here at Barnum he founded the Barnum bank of which he was president for 54 years, retiring in 1957.

He also began operation of the Barnum Creamery in 1904 and ran it until 1957.

Senator H. C. Hanson was nationally known for his work as a Guernsey cattle breeder, and for promoting the development of fine Guernsey cattle in our area. He was a member of both state and national Guernsey Breeders Associations.

Senator H. C. Hanson was a member of many community organizations. He had served as Clerk of the common School District for 12 years and six years as Clerk of the consolidated district. He was a member of the Barnum Methodist Church.

Senator H. C. Hanson is survived by his wife and one son Clements, of Barnum, and two daughters, Mrs. Richard Meyer of Little Falls, and Mrs. Ruth Mike of Barnum, and five grandchildren.

Senator Hanson was a well known Community leader in Carlton County and was always interested in promoting the welfare of the people in our area. After a brief illness, he died on January 22, 1962 at the age of 88 years, and was still actively engaged in farming. He will be long remembered as one of the best community builders in our area.

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

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

Today it is my privilege to honor a friend, a former Senator, a former Speaker of the House, a man who contributed much to his state and to his community.

Mr. John A. Johnson was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1921, representing Fillmore and Houston counties. Mr. Johnson served as Speaker of the House at the 1925, '27 and '29 sessions of the Legislature. Mr. Johnson then left his legislative work for a few years, returned to the House in 1939 and served there until his election to the State Senate in 1948, where he served very ably as our Senator until his retirement in 1959. In 1925 he was appointed as a member of the Minnesota Crime Commission. While serving in the State Senate he served as Chairman of Railroads and Communications Committee and served on many of the standing committees of the Senate. Mr. Johnson received his education in the Public Schools and Business College.

Mr. Johnson, a native of Litchfield, Minnesota, was born there on July 9, 1883. He later made his home at Hancock, Minnesota, where he was engaged in business. In 1915 he came to Preston, Minnesota, where he was engaged in the Hardware Business, and in later years he was in the Insurance and Investment Business. He was a member of the Minnesota Farm Bureau, various Masonic organizations, Preston Lions Club, the Caledonia Rod and Gun Club, and a former president of Preston Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Johnson and his family were members of Christ's Lutheran Church of Preston and served his church faithfully in many capacities.

Mr. Johnson leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Anna Louise, whom he married on November 1, 1911; two sons: Wesley E. Johnson, a Mechanical Engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio; and Lieutenant Colonel Robert P. Johnson, a West Point graduate, now serving in the Judicial Branch of the U.S. Army; also four grandchildren; a brother, Major General Harry A. Johnson of San Antonio, Texas; and two sisters: Mrs. Frank E. Taplin and Mrs. Fred Meier, both of Hancock, Minnesota.

Mr. Johnson was a kind, personable and generous man who was well known around the state and had a host of friends in the first Legislative district. He passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 3, 1962.

Blessed be the memory of Honorable John A. Johnson.

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

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

I am honored today to pay tribute to a distinguished departed citizen of Carver county and a ruggedly self-reliant leader in the state of Minnesota—Charles H. Klein.

Senator Klein was born on June 2, 1872, on a farm in Benton township, Carver county, Minnesota. When he died, in September of 1961, he was in his ninetieth year and was at the time one of three remaining members of the 1911 and 1913 Senate sessions. Of that trio, none now survives. Senator Henry N. Benson of St. Peter, later Attorney General, has since passed away, and Senator Ole O. Sageng of Dalton died last Saturday and will be buried tomorrow.

"Charley" Klein, as he was familiarly known, is survived by his widow, the former Miss Mathilda Anna Bauermeister, whom he married at Norwood in 1897. As a youngster, Mr. Klein attended the Lutheran parochial school and rural district school in his home community, later completing a course at the Curtis Business College in St. Paul. Mr. Klein is recalled as both a brick-maker and a banker, and his first identification with the brick industry came when he was only 18 and his uncle, Mr. Herrmeyer, engaged him as bookkeeper in his brick business, where he worked for three years. Later came a three-year period as rural school teacher. Then, after marriage in 1897, the Kleins moved to Chaska, and it was there he established his well-known brick business. Over a period of years it grew into a large network of companies dealing in brick, sand and gravel, and concrete, including the C. H. Klein Brick Co. of Chaska, the Minnesota Sand and Gravel Co. of St. Louis Park, the Industrial Aggregate Co., the Ready Mixed Concrete Co., and the Quality Service Concrete Company. Advancing years diminished neither his forceful vigor nor his industrious habits, and in 1948, at the age of 76, "Charley" Klein became owner of the Belt Line Brick Co. in New Brighton.

In 1907 he bought controlling interest in the First National Bank of Chaska, of which he became president. Later he organized banks in Victoria, Waconia, Montevideo and Madison, and acquired controlling interests in the banks of Cologne and Young America. Senator Klein's career of public service began on the Chaska school board, to which he was elected in 1900, serving nearly 20 years as president. In 1902 he was elected to the House of Representatives, re-elected in 1904, serving thus in the 1903 and 1905 sessions. He was elected to the Senate in 1910, serving in the 1911 and 1913 sessions. Following retirement then as State Senator, he was elected chairman of the Carver county Republican committee, a post he held for the record-breaking span of 38 years.

For 63 years Mr. Klein was an active member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church of Chaska, and importance of the church to him throughout his long life is attested by the fact that most of his very considerable wealth went, through bequests at his death, to church and charitable purposes. He was also the benefactor of many fraternal and civic institutions, notably the gift he made to Carver county of \$500,000 for the construction of a new court house.

Few of us here had the privilege of knowing this fine gentle-

man, who was held in such high esteem by those who knew him best. He will be remembered, however, as one whose life story is one of meteoric and spectacular success in business, coupled with a sincere dedication to public service.

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

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

I am honored this afternoon to pay tribute to my predecessor in this body, the late Senator Martin M. Malone of Montgomery, who served LeSueur County, the former 17th Legislative District, during the 1955 and 1957 Legislative Sessions.

Senator Malone was born in Montgomery on August 2, 1888, the son of the late Michael and Ellen Malone. He attended parochial and public schools in Montgomery, and was married to Emma Kasanda at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer on November 14, 1911.

A prominent businessman, Senator Malone was a lifetime resident of the City of Montgomery. He operated a retail store for some years before becoming warehouse foreman of the Montgomery Plant of the Green Giant Canning Company. He was later promoted to the position of Superintendent of the Green Giant Plant at Montgomery and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1954.

In that year he was elected to the State Senate and served one term as a member of this body. Because of ill health he declined to run for re-election when his term ended.

During the four years that Martin Malone was a member of the Minnesota State Senate he served on the Committees on Dairy Products and Livestock, Game and Fish, General Legislation, Liquor Control, and Public Institutions. He was known to his colleagues as a kind and gentle man.

Senator Malone died on the 30th day of January, 1962, at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife, Emma, and by two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Roach and Mrs. Irma Foley, five grandchildren, and several brothers and sisters.

Senator Malone was active in church and community affairs. Many years ago he served on the committee that was instrumental in convincing the Green Giant Company of the advisability of establishing a canning plant in his home community. He also served as President of the Montgomery Community Club, Fire Department Chief, Grand Knight of the Montgomery Council of the Knights of Columbus, Director of the Citizens State Bank of Montgomery, and as a member of the Montgomery City Council and City Park Board. He was also a member of the Holy Redeemer Church Board.

The measure of a man is not so much what he does for him-

self as what he does for others. Measured in this light his community and state have lost a most faithful and honorable servant.

I know that the entire membership of the Senate joins with me in extending to the family of Senator Martin M. Malone our deepest sympathy on their loss of a loved one.

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

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

This is a sad occasion but also one in which we can express our pride in the type of men who have served in the Senate.

Born in Big Bend Township on May 22, 1877, former Senator Nels A. Pederson lived a long and purposeful life in Chippewa County.

In addition to his successful farming activities, Senator Pederson devoted many years of his life and much of his intellectual astuteness to local and state government.

He was a member of the Minnesota State Senate during the years from 1923 to 1927. He then served one term in the House of Representatives, after which he was returned to the State Senate from 1931 to 1941, when he retired.

His service in the legislature was distinguished, and among the members of both houses are individuals who remember him with respect and affection.

Mr. Pederson graduated from the Willmar Seminar Commercial Department in 1899. He was also active in many other community organizations and helped organize the People's State Bank of Milan, Minnesota, of which he became president in 1914 and served in that capacity until the bank was sold.

He was a devoted church worker, and had a multitude of friends in the community.

Senator Pederson was never married, and spent the last few years of his life with relatives. He passed away on November 26, 1962, at the age of 85 years. His mark on society will have a lasting effect and his name will continue to be magic in our part of Minnesota.

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

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

I am honored today to pay tribute on this solemn occasion to a distinguished citizen of the former 58th Legislative District, the City of Duluth, and the State of Minnesota—Herbert Rogers.

Mr. Rogers was a member of the Minnesota State Senate from

the year 1943 to 1959. For thirteen years prior to this period Mr. Rogers was an employee of the State Senate, appointed by the late Senator Edward R. Ribenack. When Senator Ribenack decided not to seek re-election, Mr. Rogers filed for the office and was elected.

Herbert Rogers was born in Ironwood, Michigan, where he attended grade school. He moved to Duluth and then to the Minnesota Iron Range where he attended Virginia High School.

He was an extensive traveler in the Duluth and Iron Range area as an advertising representative for daily and weekly newspapers. He resigned a position as resource clerk with the St. Louis County Welfare Department when he became a candidate for the State Senate.

He was formerly employed as a trainman by the Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific Railroad. At the time of his death he was employed by the Pickands Mather Company of Duluth and the Taconite Construction Corporation.

He lived a busy life, occupied with varied activities throughout. He was active in a great variety of civic and fraternal organizations.

Herbert Rogers, known as Lefty to many of us, was sociable and friendly by nature to all, regardless of rank. He was a warm individual who had countless friends. He was a kindly man who welcomed the opportunity to help others.

His smile and handclasp will be long remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Senator Rogers passed away on July 21, 1962, in Duluth, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Ruth. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Harry T. Fiske is with us today.

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

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

It becomes my duty and honor to present at this time a memorial and eulogy, for the Honorable George L. Siegel, a former member of this body who passed away on January 23, 1963.

George L. Siegel was a native resident of Saint Paul, born August 21, 1885.

He attended and was graduated from public schools and the Saint Paul College of Law 1911—(Delta Theta Phi).

On May 14, 1908 he married Lillian E. Nolan of Saint Paul. They had one child, a daughter, Valerie J. (Mrs. Richard Leyh).

Prior and subsequent to graduating from the Saint Paul College of Law, he was employed by the Great Northern Railway Company, Armour & Company, Swift & Company, and the legal

department of Employers Liability Assurance Corporation and National Surety Co.

George L. Siegel was engaged as a private practicing attorney since 1915.

He served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1917 through 1921.

As a member of this body George L. Siegel served continuously from 1931-1955.

He served as a member of the Saint Paul Board of Planning Commissioners for 20 years.

He was President of the B.R.T. and an active member in the following organizations:

Ramsey, Minnesota and American Bar Associations; Junior Pioneers; Masonic Lodge; Daytons Bluff and Hazel Park Commercial Clubs; East Side Association; Ramsey County Sportsmens Association; Community Chest and the Y.M.C.A.

His leisure time being an active sportsman was spent hunting and fishing.

To his wife and daughter we extend our deepest sympathy.

In our community the name George L. Siegel will be held in cherished memory as an able, and capable legislator. I personally share with his colleagues that Senator Siegel made a significant contribution to the building of a better State, Community and heritage for all of us who follow.

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

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

Seldom does one find a person who has had a more distinguished career than The Honorable Henry C. Stiening—a distinguished attorney—a faithful and selfless public servant—an eminently respected citizen.

Senator Stiening was born in Germany on December 26, 1895, and came to the United States in 1896, living in Illinois until 1900. His family homesteaded in Pierce County, North Dakota upon leaving Illinois, and in 1910 they moved to a farm near Felton, Minnesota in Clay County.

Upon graduation from Ada High School, Senator Stiening entered the University of North Dakota where he was graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1917. He started his career as an attorney at Barnesville, Minnesota, where he served as City Attorney until 1925, when he moved to Moorhead. He was successively Clay County Attorney from 1927 to 1932, Assistant Attorney General of the State of Minnesota from January 1st, 1932 to January 1st, 1933; State Senator from the 49th Legis-



lative District of Minnesota from January 1st, 1935 to January 1st, 1947; Moorhead City Attorney from 1948 to 1950 and Mayor of the City of Moorhead in 1952 and 1953.

Senator Stiening served on the Moorhead City Charter Commission for five years from 1945 to 1950. He was named to the City Public Service Commission in 1954, later becoming Chairman of that group and relinquishing his post shortly before his death, in June of 1962.

St. Ansgar Hospital in Moorhead was the result of a finance drive in which Senator Stiening played an extremely active part. He was active in the Lions Club, serving as President of the Moorhead Club, and as District Governor of Lions International. He was a member of the Moorhead Chamber of Commerce, the Moorhead Rod and Gun Club and the Moorhead Country Club, with which organization he served as Secretary for sometime. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Moorhead and also held membership in the Masonic Lodge and the Shrine. He was an active member of Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity.

Senator Stiening was Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee throughout all his terms in the Senate, having been appointed in his first session. He also served on the Committees for Agriculture, Civil Administration, Judiciary, Labor, Liquor Control, Military Affairs, Taxes and Tax Laws and Towns and Counties. He replaced Senator Grovenor D. McCubrey.

All I can say is that I was proud to have known him, proud to be a member of the same profession, and proud to serve in the same legislative body as he did.

Senator Stiening had a deep and sincere dedication to public service. He will be long remembered in his community and in this body.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Lyon, Mr. Josefson, 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 privilege to pay tribute to the late Joseph Vadheim who so ably represented the twelfth district composed of Lincoln, Murray and Pipestone Counties in the State Senate from 1954 until his death May 29, 1961.

Joseph Vadheim was born November 14, 1894 at Garretson, South Dakota. He attended high school in Tyler, Minnesota where he was a resident for 51 years and he and his good wife, the former Angie Hermanson, had the distinction of both being graduated from the College of Pharmacy of the University of Minnesota. His friends from early days will remember he aspired to be a teacher but after teaching half a term he turned to pharmacy and since 1919 had owned the Vadheim Drug in Tyler, Minnesota.

An appraisal of his life and the services he rendered to his

fellow man cannot be properly summarized here, but briefly, he was a member and past president of the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association; a member of McKinley Lodge, A.F. and A.M. of Tyler; he served his village as mayor and councilman for 12 years and was a past president and secretary of the Tyler Commercial Club.

A veteran of World War I he was a long time member and past commander of the American Legion. He still had time during a long and fruitful life, to serve as Superintendent of the Sunday school of his church, the First English Lutheran, for 25 years. This was not the extent of his work with young people, as he was a friend, counselor and benefactor of many a young person or distressed fellow citizen.

It can be said that Joseph Vadheim was a lover of nature in all its manifestations. As a sportsman and true conservationist, he was especially adapted for the post he filled so ably as vice chairman of the committee on Game and Fish as well as being a member of such major committees as Civil Administration, General Legislation, Public Welfare and Taxes, and it was following an all-day hearing of a Senate-House Tax Conference Committee that he drove home to Tyler, became ill, and the following morning passed away as a result of a heart attack.

Joseph Vadheim was loved and respected by his colleagues and his quiet but convincing manner won him many friends. He was especially interested in matters of health and welfare and was known to uphold the principle, irrespective of political consequences.

In addition to his wife, Angie, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Willard Pfleuger of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a son, Roger, of Tyler; three brothers, Dr. A. L. Vadheim of Brookings, South Dakota; Peter Vadheim of Olivia; Albert Vadheim of Billings, Montana; and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Nelson of Garretson, South Dakota and Mrs. Louise Moustén of Denmark.

In concluding this brief memorial, I should like to add this personal tribute: Joseph Vadheim was kind, personable and generous. His friends were many; his services to his community innumerable; his smile pleasant; and his disposition of kindness will long be remembered.

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

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

The Legislature and the State of Minnesota lost one of its most beloved and respected statesmen when Harry L. Wahlstrand passed away February 21, 1962 at the age of 71 years.

Harry Levine Wahlstrand was born on March 24, 1890 in Fahlun Township, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wahlstrand, early settlers of that commun-

ity. As a boy he received a rural grade school education. Growing into young manhood his thirst for knowledge led him to work his way through the former Northwestern Academy at Fergus Falls, graduating in 1913. By his own efforts he also attended Gustavus Adolphus College, graduating in 1917.

He was called into military service in World War I in 1918 and became a member of the 139th Infantry of the 88th Division, serving overseas. He saw grim action on the fronts of Verdun, St. Mihiel and the Argonne. After the conclusion of the war he studied at the University of Birmingham in England.

Following his discharge from the army he entered the teaching profession, his chosen vocation, and one for which he was eminently qualified. He taught at the Gustavus Commercial Department, and the high schools of Taylors Falls, Minnesota and Willmar, having served the latter school 32 years as teacher of history and social science. He was recognized in education when named Minnesota director of the National Education Association.

His interest in public affairs and his gifts as a public speaker led him to seek public office and he served four terms as Representative of Kandiyohi County in the Minnesota Legislature, being first elected in 1928. In 1938 he was elected to the State Senate where he served until his illness in 1960. He was chairman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and in 1959 was honored by his colleagues by being chosen as President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

In 1951 he resigned from the Willmar High School faculty to accept a position as Educational Director of the Minnesota Hospital Service Association and spoke extensively throughout the state. Senator Wahlstrand was an authority on American history and many recall his eloquent and brilliant discourses in that field.

As a war veteran he was a respected member of the Austin F. Hanscom Post of the American Legion and his comrades will always remember his brilliance as a Lincoln Day speaker. As a legislator, he sponsored considerable legislation for the benefit of teachers of Minnesota and likewise for public employees. In both the House and Senate he figured as a militant temperance leader. Through all these activities he had the devotion of his friends and sincere respect of his opponents.

He was a devoted member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Willmar, having served on its Board of Administration.

Senator Wahlstrand sustained a cerebral hemorrhage on October 2, 1960, from which illness he never recovered, having been hospitalized at Veteran's Hospitals in Minneapolis and St. Cloud.

His wife, Ruth, has since passed away, and he is survived by two sons, Myron and Owen, and a daughter Harriet.

A host of friends cherish his memory. If he could speak to you

today he would most likely repeat the words that appeared on the front of his obituary pamphlet—"Thanks be to God who Giveth us the Victory Through our Lord Jesus Christ" —I Cor. 15:57.

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

H. Y. Torrey, Secretary of the Senate.