

# SENATOR FERRIS DIES IN WASHINGTON

Republican Majority Will Be  
Raised to 2 by Appointment  
to Michigan Democrat's Seat.

## FORDNEY LIKELY SUCCESSOR

Congress Honors Veteran in Politics  
and Education, Ending His  
Career at Age of 75.

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WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP).—  
Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, Dem-  
ocrat, of Michigan, died at the Hotel  
Washington this morning from the  
attack of bronchial pneumonia he  
suffered several weeks ago. Oxygen  
was administered, but the Senator's  
age of seventy-five years was against  
him.

Senator Ferris's death will increase  
the Republican majority in the pres-  
ent Senate by one member, as Gov-  
ernor Fred W. Green is a Republican  
and will undoubtedly appoint a mem-  
ber of that party to fill out the term  
of Senator Ferris, which expires  
March 3, 1929.

Word reached Washington through  
private channels from Detroit to-  
night that it is possible Governor  
Green may appoint ex-Representative  
Joseph W. Fordney, former  
Chairman of the Ways and Means  
Committee, to the vacancy.

### Senate and House Pay Honors.

Mrs. Ferris and two sons, Carlton,  
Executive Secretary of the Illinois  
Chamber of Commerce, and Phelps,  
the Senator's private secretary, were  
at the bedside.

Both the Senate and the House ad-  
journed in tribute to Senator Ferris  
after adopting resolutions and ap-  
pointing committees to attend the  
funeral.

In presenting the Senate resolution,  
Senator Couzens declared that in his  
colleague Michigan had lost "one of  
its useful citizens" and the nation  
"an outstanding figure in practical  
education."

The Senate delegation at the fu-  
neral will comprise Senators Couz-  
ens, Curtis, Fess, Robinson of Ar-  
kansas, Copeland, Barkley, Tydings,  
Dill, Steiwer and Brookhart.

The House Committee includes  
Representatives Clancy, Michener,  
Hooper, Ketcham, Mapes, Hudson,  
Cramton, Vincent, McLaughlin,  
Woodruff, Bohn, James and McLeod  
of Michigan, Hill of Washington,  
Rainey of Illinois, Green of Florida  
and Whitehead of Virginia.

### Shift in Senate Alignment.

During his Senate service Mr. Fer-  
ris is said to have made only one  
speech. He devoted his time princi-  
pally to committee work. He re-  
cently announced that he would not  
seek re-election.

When the present Senate was or-  
ganized in December, it was com-  
posed of forty-six Republicans, not  
including Smith and Vare; forty-  
seven Democrats, and Senator Ship-  
stead, the Farmer-Labor member.  
The death of Senator Jones, Demo-  
crat, of New Mexico, and the ap-  
pointment of Bronson Cutting, a Re-  
publican, as his successor, changed  
the ratio. Now, through the appoint-  
ment of a Michigan Republican, the  
Senatorial complexion will be forty-  
eight Republicans and forty-five  
Democrats, plus Mr. Shipstead.

On paper, this would give the Re-  
publicans a majority of three over  
the Democrats and a leeway of two  
over the Democrats plus Mr. Ship-  
stead, but this will not mean that the  
regular Republicans will be able to  
control the Senate on all issues.

They will have still facing them the  
Republican insurgents, who will un-  
questionably continue to exercise  
their own judgment by combining  
with the Democrats on occasion.



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**WOODBIDGE N. FERRIS,**  
United States Senator From Michigan,  
Who Died Yesterday in Washington.