



“Aged Solon succumbs to pneumonia”

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WASHINGTON, March 23 (A.P.) Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris of Michigan, died here this morning after a short illness from bronchial pneumonia.

Death came at 6:15 o'clock this morning at the hotel where he made his home in the capitol. Member of his family, summoned a week ago when the doctors virtually gave up hope of saving his life, were at the bedside. The body will be taken to his Michigan home, at Big Rapids, for burial.

Senator Ferris was 75 years old and was serving his first term in the Senate. He recently announced that because of his advanced age and ill health he would not be a candidate for re-election.

He was the first democratic senator from his state in nearly half a century. He was elected in 1922, defeating Senator Charles E. Townsend.

Prior to his Senate service he had served as governor of Michigan for two terms, in 1913-1914 and 1915-1916, and it was largely upon his record as governor that the Democrats turned to him and elected him to the Senate in the off-year elections of 1922.

By profession, Senator Ferris was an educator. He was born in Spencer, N.Y., Jan. 6, 1853 and after graduating from several schools went to Illinois, where at the age of 23 he became a principal of a business college at Fremont.

He was later identified with Rock River University at Dixon, and was superintendent of schools at Pittsfield. In 1884 he founded Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Mich.; and since then has been president of that institution. He was also president of the Big Rapids Savings bank.

The Senate met at noon, immediately adopted resolutions of regret at the death of the Michigan Senator; and adjourned for the day out of respect, on the motion of Sen. Couzens of Michigan.