Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Davis

Wilson Lloyd – Represented Lee and Van Buren Counties respectively

1. Birthday and place 5 Aug 1917 Goodrich, North Dakota

2. Marriage (s) date place

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3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He received the American Society of Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration ALCO award for distinguished public service in 1969

B. Civic responsibilities Chamber of Commerce; Rotary; Veterans Reserve Commission; Boy Scouts

C. Profession Plumber and electrical contractor; cattle ranching operations in North Dakota; real estate developer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 63rd, 64th General Assemblies 1969-1970, 1971-1972

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 18 Dec 2003 Keokuk, Iowa; Burial Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk, Iowa

8. Children Pat (Mrs. Raney); Wilson Lloyd, Jr.; Barbara; James

9. Names of parents James Ellsworth and Velma (Watson) Davis

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Davis, Wilson Lloyd

10. Education Educated in Bismark, North Dakota schools

11. Degrees Graduate of University of Minnesota in 1939 with a dual degree in business and engineering

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His older brother, John Davis, was a governor of North Dakota
- He grew up in Bismarck, North Dakota
- He was president of the Junior Class in college, his wife was the homecoming queen
- During World War II he was a technical advisor for the Honeywell Corporation working on strategic initiatives such as submarine detection systems, new technologies for aviation and radar bombing systems, served U.S. Navy 2 years South Pacific and Air Force in Saipan.
- After the war he and his wife moved to Keokuk, Iowa where he went into a plumbing and electrical contracting firm

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary - The Daily Gate City, Keokuk, Iowa, Mon. Dec. 22, 2003, p.3, col. 1, 2			
- Iowa Official Register 1971-1972, p.37			

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Wilson Lloyd Davis

Aug. 5, 1917 – Dec. 18, 2003

Will Davis died at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at the River Hills Home in Keokuk.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Enid Dygert Davis.

He is survived by: his four children, Pat (Davis) Raney, Dr. Wilson L. Davis, Jr., Barbara Davis and James Davis; seven grandchildren, Joseph Raney, Jane Raney, Kate Warman, Jay Davis, Kathryn Davis, Ashleigh Davis and Drew Davis; and three great-grandchildren, Zavior Raney, Ezzera Raney and Destiny Raney.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1917 in Goodrich, N. D., to James Ellsworth and Helen Wilson Davis. He had two older brothers, former North Dakota governor, John Davis and David Davis, both of whom predeceased Will. He is survived by his sister, Mary (Davis) Keating, living in Wayzata, Minn.

Mr. Davis grew up in Bismarck, N. D., and attended Bismarck High School where he was an Eagle Scout and state champion in both tennis and bugling. He also played football and hockey.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1939 with a dual degree in business and engineering. At the University of Minnesota he served as the president of the Junior Class, where he met his wife to be, the Minnesota homecoming queen.

During World War II, Mr. Davis had a distinguished career as a technical advisor for the Honeywell Corporation working on strategic initiatives such as submarine detection systems, along with newly developed technologies for aviation, including the automatic pilot and radar bombing systems. He married his wife on Oct. 17, 1942 during the middle of his war activities.

After the war in 1948, he and his wife moved to Keokuk, where they raised their family. He bought the Seither & Cherry Company, building it into a multi-state plumbing, HVAC and electrical contracting firm. He also founded Davis Development Corporation and built a cattle ranching operation in Sheridan County, N. D.

He retired from active business in the middle 1980s, and has since lived part time in Naples, Fla., along with Keokuk.

During his business career in Keokuk, Mr. Davis served the community in a number of ways, starting as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, then participating as a member of the Chamber for years, along with becoming a Paul Harris Fellow with the Rotary Club, and chairing the Urban Renewal Commission during the 1960s, credited for much of the new development that occurred in Keokuk during that timeframe.

He served Boy Scouts in a number of ways, receiving the Silver Beaver Award for his contributions to Scouting in the area. He developed and coached a very successful youth hockey program in Keokuk as well.

Beginning in 1969, Mr. Davis was elected to the State Senate of Iowa for two terms.

He also served as both an Elder and Deacon of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, playing a key role in its reconstruction after the original church burned down.

Visitation was Sunday at DeJong's Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Funeral services were today at the United Presbyterian Church in Keokuk, with the Rev. Brian Rihner officiating.

Burial was in Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk following the services.

Memorials have been established at the United Presbyterian Church, 102 Main Street, Keokuk, IA. 52632 and the Mississippi Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 3007 Flint Hills Dr., Burlington, IA. 52601.

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Chief urges public to celebrate firefighters' lives

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trained, dedicated firefighter is the only hope at all."

"We will, as we have done in the past, as was proven on Dec. 22, 1999, by three of the bravest men in the history of Keokuk, again without hesitation,

McNally, Bitting and Tuck families for allowing their sons, husbands, brothers and fathers to be a part of fellow firefighters' lives, Wessel said, "It was truly an honor to have known them."

Three of Melissa Cooper's children, Robert, 1, Rebecca, 1,

State considers importation of pr

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a part of the process rather than watch some states move forward on their own," Ottenhoff said.

New Hampshire, as well as Boston and Springfield, Mass., have said they are considering the illegal, cross-border importation of prescription drugs as a way to cut costs. But Blagojevich, while continuing to push to overturn the federal ban on importing lower-priced drugs from Canada, has said he will not break the law.

Bill Pierce, a spokesman for DHH, said previous laws have included similar language but

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