

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Senator De Koster,

Lucas James - Represented Lyon, Sioux, and Plymouth Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 June 1918 Hull, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Dorothy LaVonne Hyman 30 Dec. 1942 Hull, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the Iowa Bar in June 1952; he was a  
founding member of the Hull Public Library; member, American and Iowa  
Bar Association

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Lawyer; insurance business

4. Church membership American Reformed

5. Sessions served 61<sup>st</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup>, 63<sup>rd</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, 67<sup>th</sup>, 68<sup>th</sup> Several Assemblies

6. Public Offices 1965, 1967, 1969-1970, 1971-1972, 1973-1974, 1975-1976, 1977-1978,  
1979-1980

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State Served on the Iowa State Board of Public Instruction for 6 years

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 23 July 2000 Hull, Iowa; buried Upper Cemetery, Hull, Iowa

8. Children Sarah K. (Mrs. Dr. Randall G. Hart); Rev. Jacqueline A. (Mrs. Frank  
D. Thomas); John D.; Claire E. (Mrs. Paul H. Gallagher); Mary D. (Mrs. Philip A. Nece)

9. Names of parents John and Sarah Katherine (Poppo) De Koster

DeKoster, Lucas James

10. Education Edueated in the Hull Iowa public schools

11. Degrees Attended Kansas State College <sup>1935-1936</sup> graduate of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa <sup>1936-1939</sup> with a degree in mechanical engineering; Marshall Law School, Cleveland, Ohio cum laude

12. Other applicable information

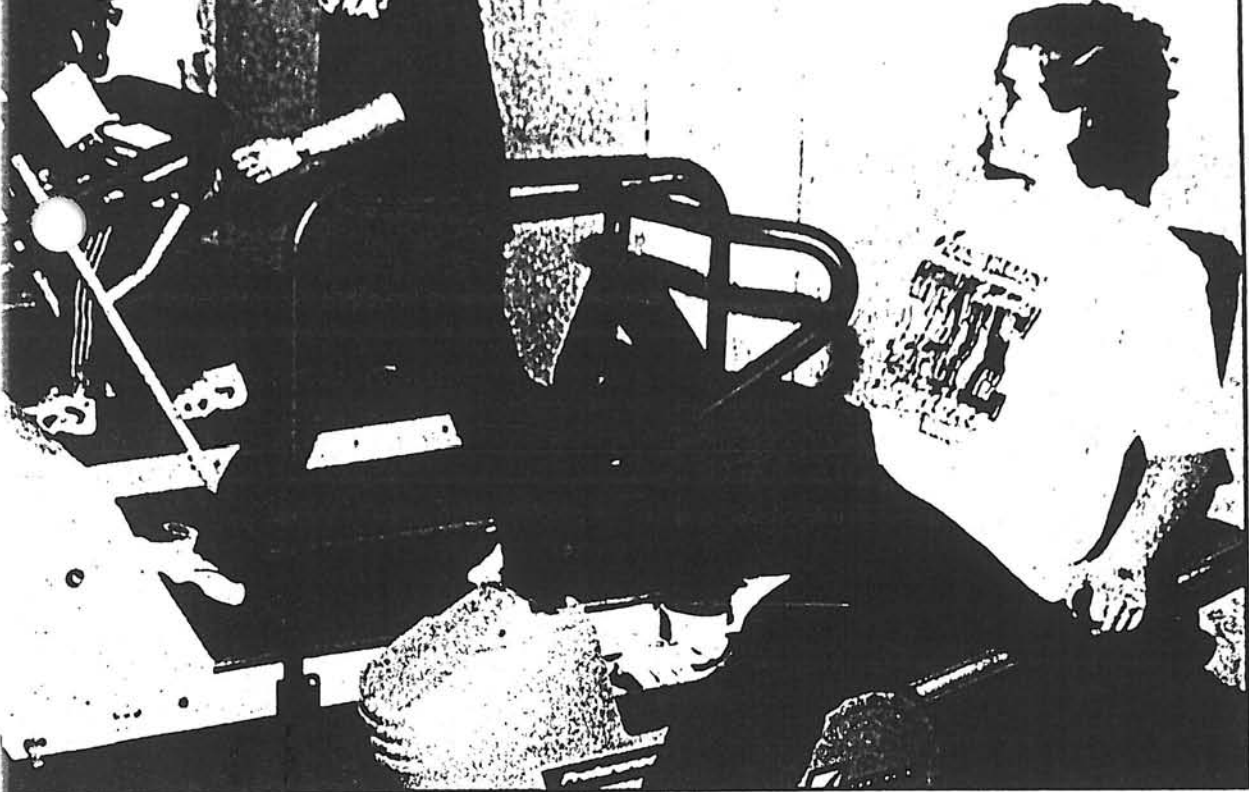
- After graduating from college he was employed in the aeronautical industry in New Jersey, Virginia and Ohio
- While in Ohio he went to law school and practiced patent law in Cleveland.
- In the early 1950's he and his family returned to Hull, Iowa where he first assisted his father in the insurance business.
- He then practiced general law and patent law as well as the ownership and operation of the DeKoster Insurance Agency until his death.

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### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

#### Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Obituary</u>	-		- <u>The Sioux County Independent Reporter, Hull, Iowa,</u> <u>Wed. Mar 1 2000, p.1, col 5, 6 and</u> <u>p.5, col 4, 5</u>
- <u>Iowa Official Register 1979-1980,</u>			



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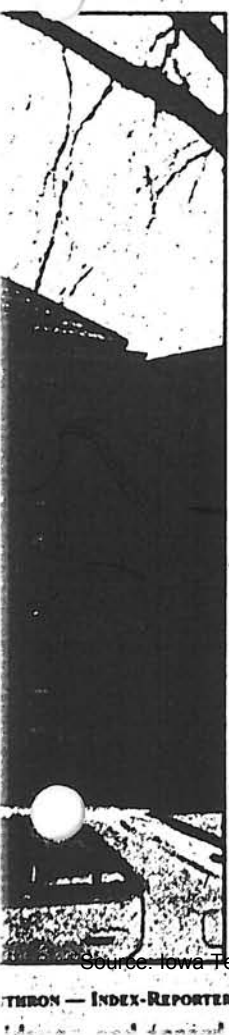
# Former state Senator De Koster passes at 81

HULL — One of Hull's most respected civil servants and business people Lucas J. De Koster died Wednesday at his residence



Lucas J. De Koster

following a lengthy illness. The 81-year old both practiced law and, until his passing, owned the De Koster Insurance Agency company in Hull. From 1965-1983, De Koster served the Northwest Iowa region as a state senator and over the course of his life in Hull, worked on various civic projects and committees, most notably as a founding member of the Hull Public Library.



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are on display in art galleries. The through March 18 e art gallery in the orium and the new tea ar the C160 he main classroom

bride; Trisha Soodsma, cousin of the bride; Jodi and Kristen Franken, sisters of the groom.

Groomsmen were Scott Heynen, brother of the bride; Russ Smies, Ryan Breems, Brian Wisselink and

mony a reception was held in the church fellowship hall.

The couple is making their home in Hull. The bride is employed at American State Bank in Sioux Center and the groom is employed at VetPharm in Sioux Center.

## OBITUARIES

### LUCAS J. DE KOSTER

Mr. Lucas J. De Koster, 81, of Hull, passed away Wednesday, February 23, at his residence.

Memorial services were held on Monday, February 28, at the American Reformed Church in Hull. The Rev. Steven Bierly officiated. Interment will be at Hope Cemetery in Hull, at a later date under the direction of the Oolman Funeral Home in Hull.

Lucas James was born June 18, 1918, in Hull, the son of John and Sarah Katherine (Poppen) De Koster. He was raised in Hull. He attended Kansas State College and Iowa State College, graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering. On Dec. 30, 1942, he married Dorothea LaVonne Hymans in Hull.

After graduating from Iowa State, Lucas was employed in the aeronautical industry in New Jersey, Virginia, and Ohio. While in Ohio, he attended Cleveland Marshall Law School and received a Doctor of Laws degree, cum laude. He then practiced patent law in Cleveland.

In the early 1950s Mr. and Mrs. De Koster returned to Hull, where Lucas first assisted his father in the insurance business. After being admitted to the Iowa Bar in June of 1952, he practiced general and patent law, and continued the ownership and operation of the De Koster Insurance Agency until his death.

Mr. De Koster was devoted to his family and church and gave many

years of dedicated service to his community, state and nation. He was an active member of the American Reformed Church and a founding member of the Hull Public Library. He represented northwest Iowa in the Iowa Senate from 1965-1983, and served on the Iowa State Board of Public Instruction for six years. In addition, he served as a loyal and valued member of numerous civic, community, and state organizations.

Survivors include his wife; five children and their spouses, Sarah K. and Dr. Randall C. Hart, of Oskaloosa; The Rev. Jacqueline A. and Frank D. Thomas, of St. Joseph, Mo.; John G. and Glenda De Koster, of Hull; Claire E. and Paul W. Gillaspey, of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Mary D. and Philip A. Ness, of Albert Lea, Minn.; twelve grandchildren, Nathan, Cynthia, and Valerie Hart; James, Anne, and Rachel Thomas; Lucas and Philip De Koster; Elizabeth and Emily Gillaspey; and Sondra and Alysia Ness; and four sisters, Neeltje-Anne De Koster, of Cleveland; Judith Englert and Patricia Echeiberger, both of Grand Prairie, Texas; and Theodora Jones, of Omaha, Neb.

Memorials may be directed to the Friends of the Hull Public Library and the American Reformed Church Building Fund.

### ROGER K. SMIT

Roger K. Smit, 46, of Newton, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16, at

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