



MORRIS C. WEBSTER, Harwinton
Chairman of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs

Morris Catlin Webster, of Harwinton, was born at Harwinton, September 28, 1848, and is a lineal descendant of John Webster, who was one of Connecticut's Colonial Governors, serving two terms, 1656-57; three of his ancestors were Revolutionary soldiers and one earned distinction by carrying General Arnold, when wounded, from the battlefield at Saratoga. Through his mother he is connected with the Catlin family, so many of whom have held prominent and responsible positions in the State. Mr. Webster was educated at Winchester Institute, then a flourishing military academy in charge of Col. Ira W. Pettibone, and began business in the employ of Hart, Merriam & Co., of Hartford, where he remained six years. From Hartford he went to Milwaukee, thence to New York, then engaged for himself in business at Terryville, and in 1878 accepted the position of secretary and superintendent of the Malleable Iron Works in New Britain, which he held until May 16, 1902. In New Britain Mr. Webster began his political career. He served three years in the Common Council, several years upon the School Board, was Representative in the Legislature of 1897, and served two years as Mayor. He was Building and Loan Commissioner six years, 1891-97. He has always been prominent in church work and is known as a believer in and a member of several secret societies in New Britain. His wife, Ida E. Barber, is a member of one of Connecticut's oldest families, one of those who settled Windsor in 1636. Mr. Webster was the capable chairman of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs.