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ROBERT J. TESTO, Democrat, born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, March 3, 1920; married, father of eleven children (including three sets of twins); attended Bridgeport schools; graduate of St. Thomas Seminary, 1941; Fordham University, B.A. 1943; Fordham Law School, 1946-49; military service, U. S. Marine Corps, 1943-46, discharged with rank of Captain; presently a member of U. S. Marine Corps Reserves; admitted to Connecticut Bar, July 26, 1949; admitted to practice in the United States District Court, May 7, 1951; Alderman, City of Bridgeport, 1949-51; City Attorney, City of Bridgeport, 1965 to present; State Representative from Bridgeport, 1959 to present; Assistant Majority Leader, House of Representatives, 1959 session, Assistant Minority Leader, 1961, 1963, 1965 sessions, Speaker, 1967 session; Chairman, Rules Committee, 1959-61; Judiciary Committee, 1961 to present; Chairman, Commission to Study the Revision of Criminal Statutes of Connecticut; executive committee member, National Legislative Council; Vice Chairman of Legislative Council; sponsor of bill providing for "An Accused to Have the Right to Counsel"; served on subcommittee of Judiciary charged with the drafting of the "Bill Providing for Reapportionment of the House and Redistricting of the Senate"; club and civic affiliations, Park City Council No. 16, Knights of Columbus (Fourth Degree), Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church, Savoy Athletic Club, Mill River Country Club, Algonquin Club, Italian Community Center, American Legion, Harry W. Congdon Post No. 11.