

## List of new leadership in the House and Senate

### HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

- **Speaker of the House: Nancy Pelosi (CA)**

Most senior officer of the House of Representatives, and second in line to the Presidency after the Vice President. Among other duties, the Speaker of the House sets the agenda by deciding what legislation comes before the House.

- **Majority Leader: Steny Hoyer (MD)**

Day-to-day manager of business on the House Floor. Together with other elected leaders, also responsible for building and managing Democratic Caucus consensus on legislation.

- **Majority Whip: James E. Clyburn (SC)**

Assisted by a network of Members assigned to count votes and "whip" or convince their colleagues into supporting the leadership's legislative position.

- **Democratic Caucus Chair: Rahm Emanuel (IL)**

The Democratic Caucus is the primary vehicle for communicating the party's message to Members. The Chair directs the day-to-day operations of the Caucus. Reports indicate that this position will have an expanded role under Speaker Pelosi.

- **Democratic Caucus Vice Chair: John Larson (CT)**

Assists the Democratic Caucus Chair.

- **Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chair: TBA**

### HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

- **Minority Leader: John Boehner (OH)**

Serves as the senior official for House Republicans. Works to help set the party agenda, message, and strategy.

- **Minority Whip: Roy Blunt (MO)**

Counts votes and persuades Members to support the party position on votes.

- **Republican Conference Chair: Adam Putnam (FL)**

The House Republican Conference is the organizational vehicle for all Republican Members of the House and their staff. The Chairman directs the day-to-day operations of the Conference office and staff.

- **Republican Conference Vice Chair: Kay Granger (TX)**

Assists the Conference Chair.

- **Republican Conference Secretary: John Carter (TX)**

Assists the Conference Chair and Vice Chair.

- **Republican Policy Committee Chair: Thaddeus McCotter (MI)**

Assists all House Leaders and Committee Chairmen in designing, developing and executing policy ideas within the Congress.

- **Republican Campaign Committee Chair: Tom Cole (OK)**

Oversees the political committee of House Republicans which is not funded by tax dollars nor located in the Congressional complex.

## **SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP**

- **Majority Leader: Harry Reid (NV)**

Highest ranking partisan position in the Senate. Day-to-day manager of business on the Senate floor, responsible for working with each Committee on legislation and scheduling the sequence and manner of debate on all legislation. In concert with other elected leaders, the Majority Leader also builds and manages Democratic Conference consensus on legislation.

- **President Pro Temp: Robert C. Byrd (WV)**

Largely ceremonial position, generally reserved for a senior member of the party.

- **Assistant Majority Leader: Richard Durbin (IL)**

Majority Leader's key aide on and off the floor. Persuades Members to support the Conference position on votes and project support for the Conference position.

- **Vice Chair of the Democratic Conference: Charles E. Schumer (NY)**

Oversees strategy and policy to keep and build support for Democratic values. Senate Democratic Conference is the organizational vehicle for all Democratic Members of the Senate and their staff. The Conference hosts periodic meetings of Senate Democrats and is the primary vehicle for communicating the party's message to Members.

- **Chairman of Democratic Senate Campaign Committee: Charles E. Schumer (NY)**

- **Secretary of the Conference: Patty Murray (WA)**

Plays a critical role in helping shape and set the Democratic agenda.

- **Chair of Policy Committee: Byron L. Dorgan (ND)**

Conducts aggressive Congressional oversight and assists all Senate Leaders and Committee Chairmen in designing, developing and executing policy ideas within the Senate.

- **Chair of Steering and Outreach Committee: Debbie Stabenow (MI)**  
Engages Democratic Senators and community leaders across the country in an active dialogue about the pressing issues facing the nation.
- **Chair of Committee Outreach: Jeff Bingaman (NM)**  
Provides a voice in the Democratic leadership for Committee Chairs. Bingaman will harness the Committee Chairs' tremendous knowledge and experience, and ensures that the work of Committee Chairs work is advanced in a united and consistent manner.
- **Vice Chair of Committee Outreach: Hillary Rodham Clinton (NY)**  
Works closely with the Chair of Committee Outreach in helping to coordinate the committee work of the Democratic Caucus.
- **Chair of Rural Outreach: Blanche L. Lincoln (AR)**  
Guides rural outreach for the Caucus and find new ways to reach rural, suburban and exurban American communities.
- **Chief Deputy Whip: Barbara Boxer (CA)**  
Responsible for managing and implementing Caucus efforts on the Senator floor. Working as the "right hand" of the Democratic Leader and Assistant Democratic Leader, Boxer plays an instrumental role in articulating, advancing and achieving the objectives of the Democratic Caucus.
- **Deputy Whips: Thomas R. Carper (DE)**  
**Bill Nelson (NE)**  
**Russell D. Feingold (WI)**  
Deputy Whips play critical roles in organizing the Caucus.

### **SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP**

- **Minority Leader: Mitch McConnell (KY)**  
Serves as the senior official for Senate Republicans.
- **Minority Whip: Trent Lott (MS)**  
Counts votes and persuades Members to support the Republican Conference position on votes.
- **Republican Conference Chair: Jon Kyl (AZ)**  
The Senate Republican Conference, led by the Chair, is the organizational vehicle for all Republican Members of the Senate and their staff, and is the primary vehicle for communicating the party's message to Members.
- **Republican Policy Committee Chair: Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX)**  
Assists all Senate Leaders and Committee Chairs in designing, developing and executing policy ideas within the Senate.

- **Republican Conference Vice Chair: John Cornyn (TX)**

Assists the Republican Policy Committee Chair.

- **National Republican Senatorial Committee Chair: John Ensign (NV)**

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