

LEGISLATIVE  
BRANCH



Chapter 2



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**86TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
2015 – 2016**



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### Organization

The Constitution of the State of Iowa places the legislative authority of Iowa government in a General Assembly made up of a Senate and a House of Representatives, and limits the membership to no more than 50 senators and 100 representatives, which is the present size.

The General Assembly is the lawmaking body of state government. A constitutional provision that no money be spent from the state's treasury unless the General Assembly writes a law to do so is the basis of the General Assembly's power of the purse. The General Assembly also has the power to call itself into special session upon written request made to the presiding officers of both houses by two-thirds of the members of both houses. The sole power of impeachment is vested in the House of Representatives, with the power to try impeachments vested in the Senate.

### Qualifications for Office

A state representative must be at least 21 years of age, and a state senator must be at least 25 years of age at the time he or she takes office. The other qualifications for the office of legislator are U.S. citizenship, Iowa residency for at least one year, and district residency of 60 days prior to election. Representatives are elected to two-year terms; senators are elected to four-year terms. Presently, half of the 50 senators' terms expire every two years.

### Compensation

Members of the General Assembly are paid an annual salary of approximately \$25,000. Members are reimbursed for round trips between their homes and the state capitol and are paid a per diem allowance for expense of office during the legislative sessions. The annual salary for the Speaker of the House and the House Majority and House Minority Leaders, and for the President of the Senate and the Senate Majority and Senate Minority Leaders, is approximately \$37,500. The annual salary for the Speaker Pro Tempore and President Pro Tempore is approximately \$27,000.

### Presiding Officers

The presiding officer of the House of Representatives is the Speaker of the House, a state representative who is elected to the position by members of the House of Representatives. The Senate's presiding officer is the President of the Senate, a state senator who is elected to the position by members of the Senate.

### Convening the General Assembly

The Constitution requires the General Assembly to convene yearly on the second Monday in January. General Assembly members are administered an oath of office upon the convening of the General Assembly in January of the year following their elections.

Iowa's General Assemblies have been numbered chronologically from statehood in 1846 to distinguish each new General Assembly, its membership, and its laws from all other General Assemblies. The 86th General Assembly, meeting in 2015 and 2016, marks the 86th time a two-year General Assembly has been held in Iowa; its bills signed by the Governor will become identifiable parts of the state's book of permanent laws called the Code of Iowa.

### Legislation

During the two years of each General Assembly's existence, the General Assembly can be expected to send approximately 300 to 400 bills to the Governor to be signed into law. As many as 10 times the number of bills that actually become law will have been filed for legislative consideration during the two years.

The Constitution stipulates that bills may originate in either chamber of the General Assembly and empowers each chamber to determine its own rules of procedure, except each is prohibited from adjourning for more than three days without the consent of the other.

**Final Action on Bills**

Bills passed by the General Assembly must be sent to the Governor for final action. The Governor has three options: sign the bill, veto the bill and send it back to the General Assembly, or take no action. In the case of a veto, the General Assembly may override the veto with two-thirds of the members of each chamber voting to pass the bill again. If, during the legislative session, the Governor does not sign or veto the bill, it becomes law after three days without the Governor's signature. Bills received by the Governor during or after the last three days of the session shall be signed or vetoed within 30 days; if not signed, the bills do not become law.

**Vetoes**

There are three types of vetoes used: the regular veto is a veto of the entire bill; the item veto may be used for appropriation bills and nullifies a specific portion of a bill; when the Governor fails to take action within 30 days on a bill received during or after the final three session days, the bill fails to become law (the pocket veto).

**Effective Dates of Legislation**

Bills signed by the Governor or passed by the General Assembly over the Governor's veto are sent to the Secretary of State, who is the custodian of all bills enacted into law. Bills normally go into effect on July 1 following their passage, unless another date is specified in the bill. Many bills become effective upon enactment, which means the date they are signed into law by the Governor. Any bills passed prior to July 1 but which are signed by the Governor on or after July 1 take effect 45 days after signature unless the bill specifies another enactment date.

**Rules**

Each chamber adopts its own rules. Joint rules are also adopted to govern legislative procedures that affect the orderly flow of bills between the two chambers.

The General Assembly functions year-round, although its legislative session lasts approximately four months. The periods between the lawmaking sessions are called legislative interim periods and are devoted to legislative studies by the members who work in committees to prepare proposals and bills for consideration in upcoming sessions.

The Constitution mandates that each chamber "shall have all other powers necessary for a branch of the General Assembly of a free and independent state." And with those powers, the Constitution mandates legislative accountability to the citizens of Iowa by requiring publication of all the General Assembly's proceedings in a journal.

Another constitutional requirement is that the doors of each house shall be open, "except on such occasions as, in the opinion of the house, may require secrecy." Present policy evolved through rules and provides that all official legislative business, including committee meetings, floor debates, and interim committee meetings, is open to firsthand public view.

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## SENATE OFFICERS AND STAFF

**President of the Senate** – Pam Jochum

Kris Bell, Senior Administrative Assistant to President; Erica Shannon Stueve, Administrative Assistant to President

**President Pro Tempore** – Steven J. Sodders**Majority Leader** – Michael E. Gronstal

Eric Bakker, Senior Administrative Assistant to Majority Leader; Debbie Kattenhorn, Senior Administrative Assistant to Majority Leader

**Majority Whip** – Joe Bolkcom

**Assistant Majority Leaders** – William A. Dotzler Jr., Matt McCoy, Amanda Ragan, Mary Jo Wilhelm

**Minority Leader** – Bill Dix

Chris Dorsey, Administrative Assistant to Leader; Ed Failor, Senior Administrative Assistant to Leader

**Minority Whip** – Jack Whitver

**Assistant Minority Leaders** – Rick Bertrand, Randy Feenstra, Tim L. Kapucian, Charles Schneider, Dan Zumbach

**Secretary of the Senate** – Michael E. Marshall

Michelle Bauer, Administrative Services Officer; Jennifer Bemnio, Administrative Services Officer; K'Ann Brandt, Administrative Services Officer; Lois Brownell, Senior Finance Officer; Jerry Carlson, Sergeant-at-Arms; Leila Carlson, Postmistress; Angie Cox, Administrative Services Officer; Linda Flaherty, Doorkeeper; Janet Hawkins, Assistant Secretary of the Senate; Jesse Hughes, Administrative Services Officer; Sharon Kimberlin, Doorkeeper; William Krieg, Doorkeeper; Robert Langbehn, Doorkeeper; Jo Ann Larson, Switchboard Operator; Frank Loeffel, Doorkeeper; Jack Miller, Doorkeeper; Jay Mosher, Bill Clerk; Kathy Olah, Administrative Services Officer; Christine Porter, Switchboard Operator; Dale Schroeder, Doorkeeper; Betty Shea, Administrative Services Officer; Kathy Stachon, Lobbyist Clerk; Maureen Taylor, Administrative Services Officer

**Republican Caucus Staff** – Eric Johansen, Director; Tom Ashworth, Senior Research Analyst; Robert Bird, Research Analyst; Joshua Bronsink, Research Analyst; Pamela Dugdale, Senior Research Analyst; James Friedrich, Senior Research Analyst; Gannon Hendrick, Research Analyst; Russ Trimble, Senior Research Analyst; Larissa Wurm, Communications Director

**Democratic Caucus Staff** – Ron Parker, Director; Catherine Engel, Research Analyst; Sue Foecke, Research Analyst; Bridget Godes, Senior Research Analyst; Theresa Kehoe, Senior Research Analyst; Rusty Martin, Communications Director; Jace Mikels, Research Analyst; Kerry Scott, Research Analyst; Erica Shorkey, Senior Research Analyst; Julie Simon, Senior Research Analyst; Aaron Todd, Research Analyst

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## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

*\* Denotes Minority Party Ranking Member*

**Agriculture:** Seng – Chairperson, Ragan – Vice Chairperson, Anderson, Bowman, Brase, Hart, Kapucian, Kinney, Rozenboom, Shipley, Sodders, Taylor, Zumbach\*

**Appropriations:** Dvorsky – Chairperson, Danielson – Vice Chairperson, Bisignano, Bolkcom, Brase, Chapman\*, Courtney, Dotzler, Garrett, Hogg, Kapucian, Kraayenbrink, Mathis, McCoy, Ragan, Rozenboom, Schneider, Schoenjahn, Segebart, Wilhelm, Zumbach

**Commerce:** Petersen – Chairperson, McCoy – Vice Chairperson, Allen, Anderson\*, Bertrand, Bolkcom, Courtney, Mathis, Schneider, Schoenjahn, Seng, Sinclair, Smith, Sodders, Zumbach

**Economic Growth:** Hart – Chairperson, Sodders – Vice Chairperson, Anderson, Bisignano, Bowman, Breitbach, Chapman, Chelgren\*, Danielson, Dotzler, Guth, Mathis, Schneider, Taylor, Wilhelm

**Education:** Quirmbach – Chairperson, Schoenjahn – Vice Chairperson, Behn, Bowman, Dvorsky, Hart, Hogg, Johnson, Kinney, Kraayenbrink, Mathis, Schultz, Sinclair\*, Wilhelm, Zaun

**Ethics:** Horn – Chairperson, Dearden – Vice Chairperson, Behn, Schultz\*, Seng, Zaun

**Government Oversight:** Hogg – Chairperson, Schoenjahn – Vice Chairperson, Garrett\*, Kinney, Whitver

**Human Resources:** Mathis – Chairperson, Ragan – Vice Chairperson, Allen, Bolkcom, Chelgren, Costello, Dotzler, Garrett, Jochum, Johnson\*, Segebart, Taylor, Wilhelm

**Judiciary:** Sodders – Chairperson, Hogg – Vice Chairperson, Bisignano, Garrett, Horn, Kinney, Petersen, Quirmbach, Schneider\*, Shipley, Taylor, Whitver, Zaun

**Labor and Business Relations:** Bisignano – Chairperson, Seng – Vice Chairperson, Bertrand, Brase, Costello, Courtney, Dearden, Dotzler, Shipley\*, Sodders, Whitver

**Local Government:** Taylor – Chairperson, Wilhelm – Vice Chairperson, Allen, Bisignano, Brase, Breitbach, Guth, Hart, Quirmbach, Sinclair, Smith\*

**Natural Resources and Environment:** Dearden – Chairperson, Brase – Vice Chairperson, Behn, Bolkcom, Johnson, Kinney, Petersen, Ragan, Rozenboom\*, Schoenjahn, Seng, Shipley, Zumbach

**Rules and Administration:** Gronstal – Chairperson, Jochum – Vice Chairperson, Chapman, Courtney, Dearden, Dix\*, Dvorsky, Guth, Ragan, Sodders, Whitver

**State Government:** Danielson – Chairperson, Courtney – Vice Chairperson, Bertrand\*, Bowman, Chapman, Dearden, Dvorsky, Feenstra, Horn, Johnson, McCoy, Petersen, Schoenjahn, Schultz, Whitver

**Transportation:** Bowman – Chairperson, Dvorsky – Vice Chairperson, Brase, Breitbach, Danielson, Dearden, Feenstra, Horn, Kapucian\*, Kraayenbrink, McCoy, Quirmbach, Smith

**Veterans Affairs:** Horn – Chairperson, Mathis – Vice Chairperson, Allen, Chelgren, Costello, Danielson, Hart, Ragan, Rozenboom, Segebart\*, Sodders

**Ways and Means:** Bolkcom – Chairperson, Allen – Vice Chairperson, Anderson, Behn, Breitbach, Dotzler, Feenstra\*, Hogg, Jochum, McCoy, Petersen, Quirmbach, Schultz, Seng, Smith

## SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

*\* Denotes Minority Party Ranking Member*

**Administration and Regulation:** Brase – Chairperson, Danielson – Vice Chairperson, Allen, Guth, Zumbach\*

**Agriculture and Natural Resources:** Wilhelm – Chairperson, Kinney – Vice Chairperson, Dearden, Rozenboom\*, Schultz

**Economic Development:** Dotzler – Chairperson, Hart – Vice Chairperson, Bisignano, Schneider\*, Smith

**Education:** Schoenjahn – Chairperson, Quirnbach – Vice Chairperson, Horn, Kraayenbrink\*, Sinclair

**Health and Human Services:** Ragan – Chairperson, Bolkcom – Vice Chairperson, Dvorsky, Johnson, Segebart\*

**Justice System:** Courtney – Chairperson, Hogg – Vice Chairperson, Chelgren, Garrett\*, Taylor

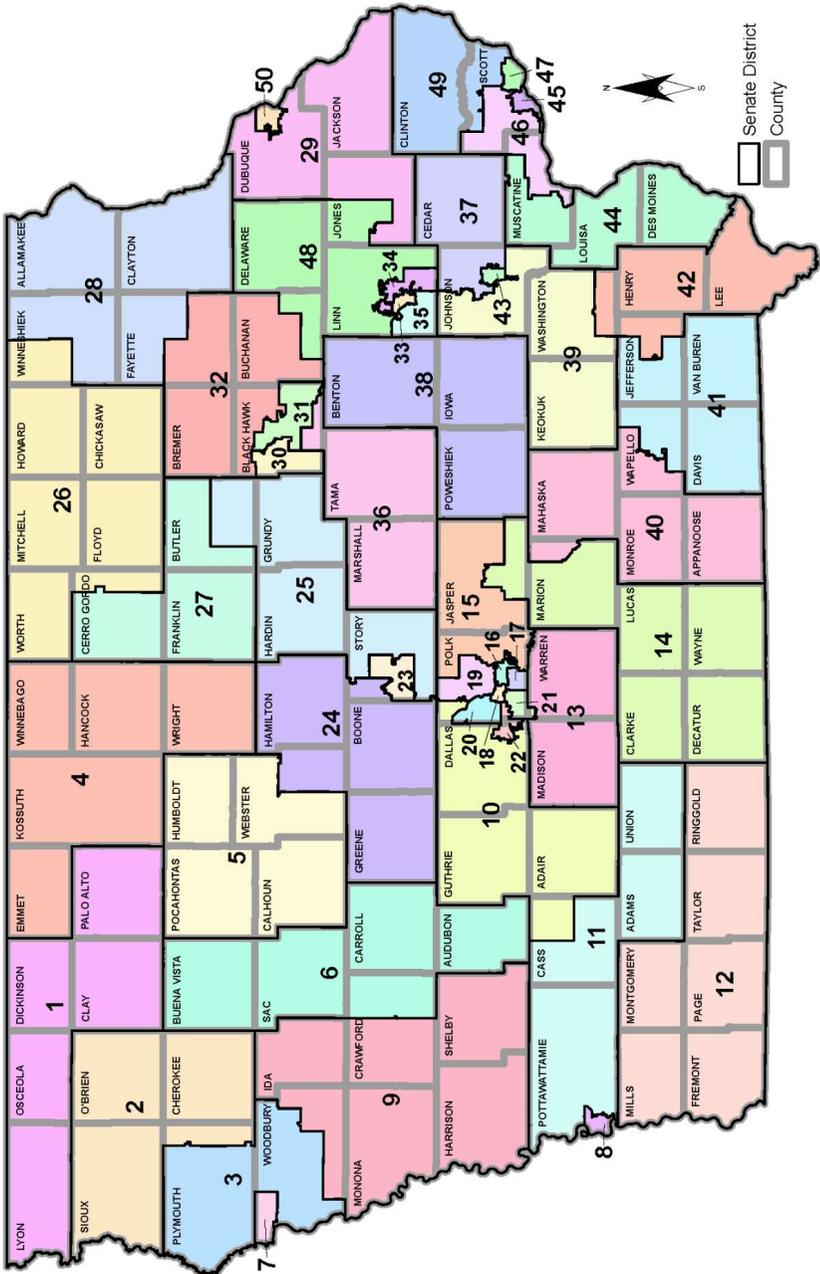
**Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals:** McCoy – Chairperson, Bowman – Vice Chairperson, Anderson, Kapucian\*, Petersen

## LISTING OF SENATORS BY DISTRICT

1	David Johnson (R)	26	Mary Jo Wilhelm (D)
2	Randy Feenstra (R)	27	Amanda Ragan (D)
3	Bill Anderson (R)	28	Michael Breitbach (R)
4	Dennis Guth (R)	29	Tod R. Bowman (D)
5	Tim Kraayenbrink (R)	30	Jeff Danielson (D)
6	Mark Segebart (R)	31	William A. Dotzler Jr. (D)
7	Rick Bertrand (R)	32	Brian Schoenjahn (D)
8	Michael E. Gronstal (D)	33	Robert Hogg (D)
9	Jason Schultz (R)	34	Liz Mathis (D)
10	Jake Chapman (R)	35	Wally E. Horn (D)
11	Tom Shipley (R)	36	Steven J. Soddors (D)
12	Mark Costello (R)	37	Robert E. Dvorsky (D)
13	Julian B. Garrett (R)	38	Tim L. Kapucian (R)
14	Amy Sinclair (R)	39	Kevin Kinney (D)
15	Chaz Allen (D)	40	Ken Rozenboom (R)
16	Dick L. Dearden (D)	41	Mark Chelgren (R)
17	Tony Bisignano (D)	42	Rich Taylor (D)
18	Janet Petersen (D)	43	Joe Bolkcom (D)
19	Jack Whitver (R)	44	Thomas G. Courtney (D)
20	Brad Zaun (R)	45	Joe M. Seng (D)
21	Matt McCoy (D)	46	Chris Brase (D)
22	Charles Schneider (R)	47	Roby Smith (R)
23	Herman C. Quirnbach (D)	48	Dan Zumbach (R)
24	Jerry Behn (R)	49	Rita Hart (D)
25	Bill Dix (R)	50	Pam Jochum (D)

# IOWA SENATE DISTRICTS

Effective Beginning With the Elections in 2012 for the 85th Iowa General Assembly



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**Secretary of the Senate****Michael Marshall – West Des Moines**

Appointed Secretary of the Senate, December 1998. **Education:** Received B.A., Drake University, 1983; J.D., with honors, Drake University Law School, 1987. **Memberships and Activities:** Executive officer, Iowa Department of Public Health, 1994–1998; attorney, private practice, 1990–1994; judicial clerk, Iowa Supreme Court, 1988–1989 and Iowa Court of Appeals, 1987–1988; Drake Law Review, 1985–1987. **Family Members:** Wife, Shannon Holz; one son and two daughters.

**STATE SENATORS****Chaz Allen – Newton (D)****District 15**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Owner of Jorlen Welding in Newton. Also serves as executive director of the Jasper County Economic Development Corp. **Education:** Graduated from Chariton High School. Attended Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. Received bachelor's degree in international business from Northwest Missouri State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as mayor of Newton from 2004–2012. Civic involvement includes Newton Development Corp., Prairie City Economic Development Corp., Mid Iowa Development Fund, Newton Rotary International, Governor Terry Branstad's Commercial Property Tax Review Committee, Task Force for Infrastructure and Transportation under Governor Chet Culver's Rebuild Iowa Office, Newton Mayor Dave Aldridge's Blue Ribbon Governance Task Force, and the Iowa League of Cities. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1970 in East Point, Georgia. Raised in Chariton and resides in Newton. **Family Members:** Wife, Teri; two daughters.

**William (Bill) Anderson – Pierson (R)****District 3**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Academy coordinator and policy advisor to Congressman Steve King. Small business owner. **Education:** Received A.A. from Northeast Community College, South Sioux City, Nebraska. **Military Service:** Iowa Army National Guard, 1994–2002. **Memberships and Activities:** Rotary, American Legion, and Farm Bureau. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1977 in Sioux City. Raised in Sioux City and resides in Pierson. **Family Members:** Wife, Angie; one son and two daughters.



**Jerry Behn – Boone (R)**  
**District 24**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in Senate. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Graduated from United Community Schools near Boone. **Memberships and Activities:** Former county supervisor. Member of Iowa Association of Business and Industry, Iowa Farm Bureau, the National Federation of Independent Business, the NRA, and Iowa Soybean Association. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1954 in Ames. Resides in Boone. **Family Members:** Wife, Dennise; two sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren.



**Rick Bertrand – Sioux City (R)**  
**District 7**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Commercial developer. **Education:** Received B.S. from University of Northern Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Siouxland Chamber of Commerce. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1969 in Sioux City. Raised and resides in Sioux City. **Family Members:** Wife, Tammy; two sons and one daughter.



**Tony Bisignano – Des Moines (D)**  
**District 17**

**Term:** Second nonconsecutive term in the Senate. Served three terms in the House. **Profession:** Retired human resources director for Polk County. **Education:** Graduated from Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines. Attended University of Northern Iowa, Grandview University, and Drake University. **Memberships and Activities:** Served seven years as president of his local AFSCME union. Founded Nick Bisignano Foundation, which promotes responsibility and good choices among teens. Active in the SouthSide Cares charitable organization, South Des Moines Little League, and Lincoln High School athletic boosters. Former board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters for Greater Des Moines. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1952 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Kim; two daughters, one son (deceased).



**Joe Bolkcom – Iowa City (D)**  
**District 43**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in Senate. **Profession:** Outreach and Community Education Director, UI Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research, and the Iowa Flood Center. **Education:** University of Iowa, Masters of Arts, Public Affairs, 1988. Saint Ambrose University, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, 1985. Black Hawk College, Moline, Illinois, Associate of Arts, Political Science, 1978. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Iowa Chapter of Sierra Club, Iowa Environmental Council, Iowa Bicycle Coalition, American Federation of Teachers, Local 716. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1956 in Bloomington, Minnesota. Resides in Iowa City.



**Tod R. Bowman – Maquoketa (D)**  
**District 29**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Educator and coach. **Education:** Received B.A. from Luther College and M.A. from Western Illinois University. **Memberships and Activities:** Kiwanis Club, Maquoketa Education Association – former President, National Wrestling Coaches Association, Jackson County Farm Bureau. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1965 in Maquoketa. Raised and resides in Maquoketa. **Family Members:** Wife, Renee; two sons and one daughter.



**Chris Brase – Muscatine (D)**  
**District 46**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Firefighter/paramedic. **Education:** University of Iowa. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1962 in Donahue. Raised in Scott County and resides in Muscatine. **Family Members:** Wife, Donna; three children and three grandchildren.



**Michael Breitbach – Strawberry Point (R)**  
**District 28**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Partner in Trans Star Trucking Co., Swales Precast Inc. **Education:** Received B.A. from Loras College, Dubuque. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on Farmers Savings Bank Board, Strawberry Point Economic Development Board, and Strawberry Point Leisure Homes Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1956 in Manchester. Raised in Colesburg and resides in Strawberry Point. **Family Members:** Wife, Theresa; five children and eight grandchildren.



**Jake Chapman – Adel (R)**  
**District 10**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** COO of private ambulance service, EMT. **Education:** Graduated Adel-DeSoto-Minburn High School. Received bachelor's degree from AIB College of Business. **Memberships and Activities:** Eagle Scout, founder of Young Republicans of Dallas County. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1984 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Adel. **Family Members:** Wife, Jennifer; four sons and one daughter.



**Mark M. Chelgren – Ottumwa (R)**  
**District 41**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Entrepreneur, inventor, and small business owner. **Education:** Received A.S. from Riverside Community College. Attended University of California studying astrophysics, geophysics, logic, and mathematics. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Rotary Club and proud member of NRA. Former president of Kiwanis. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1968 in Ross, California, and raised in Huntington Beach, California. Resides in Ottumwa. **Family Members:** Wife, Janet; one son, one daughter, two stepchildren, and four grandchildren.



**Mark Costello – Imogene (R)**  
**District 12**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. Served one term in House.  
**Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Nishna Valley High School, received B.A. from University of Northern Iowa in computer information systems. **Memberships and Activities:** Past president of Mills County Farm Bureau and member of the county legislative committee. Served as trustee for Deer Creek Township in Mills County. Elder at Sunnyside Bible Chapel in Atlantic. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1961 in Imogene. Raised and resides in Imogene. **Family Members:** Wife, Rachel; four sons and one daughter.



**Thomas G. Courtney – Burlington (D)**  
**District 44**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in Senate. **Profession:** Retired from Case Company in Burlington. Served six years as bargaining chair for UAW Local 807 and was the union production safety representative from 1988 until retirement in 2002. **Education:** Graduated from Wapello High School. **Military Service:** Served six years active duty in the U.S. Air Force as an air traffic controller. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as S.E. Iowa Community Action Program chair. Served eight years on the Burlington School Board, six years as president. Former chairman of the Burlington Civil Service Commission. Served on the Iowa Judicial Nominating Commission, currently serves on the Regional Workforce Development Board for Region 16, and member of AMVETS. Served on steering committee for Community Health Center of S.E. Iowa and Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety Board. Past chair of the Des Moines County Democrats. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1947 in Burlington. Raised in Wapello and resides in Burlington. **Family Members:** Wife, Nancy; one son, two daughters, and four grandchildren.



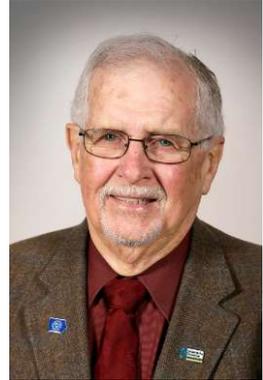
**Jeff Danielson – Waterloo (D)**  
**District 30**

**Term:** Serving third term in Senate. **Profession:** Career fire fighter, City of Cedar Falls. **Education:** Graduated from Waterloo Central High School. Received A.A. from Hawkeye Community College. Received B.A. (summa cum laude) in public administration and M.P.P. from the University of Northern Iowa. **Military Service:** U.S. Navy veteran. **Memberships and Activities:** Former Iowa Department of Transportation Commissioner and Waterloo Planning, Programming, and Zoning Commissioner. Civic memberships include Black Hawk Economic Development, Inc. Board, Waterloo Exchange Club, Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 life member, and Iowa Firemen's Association. Past president of Cedar Falls Firefighters Association – International Association of Fire Fighters Local #1366. Member of the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) and NewDeal Leaders. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1970 in Waterloo. Resides in Black Hawk County. **Family Members:** Wife, Kim; one son and one daughter.



**Dick L. Dearden – Des Moines (D)****District 16**

**Term:** Serving sixth term in Senate. **Profession:** Retired job developer for the 5th Judicial District. **Education:** Graduated from Des Moines East High School. **Military Service:** Iowa National Guard, 1956–1962. **Memberships and Activities:** Former chair of the Polk County Democratic Party, 1978–1980. Member of AMVETS, Izaak Walton League, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, and National Wild Turkey Federation. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1938 in Des Moines. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Sharon; two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Bill Dix – Shell Rock (R)****District 25**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. Served five terms in House. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Janesville High School. Received B.S. from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Butler County Farm Bureau, Shell Rock Music Association, Iowa Cattlemen’s Association, Iowa Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, Iowa Corn and Soybean Growers, and Methodist Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1962 in Janesville. Raised in Janesville and resides in Shell Rock. **Family Members:** Wife, Gerri; two sons and one daughter.

**William A. Dotzler Jr. – Waterloo (D)****District 31**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in Senate. Served three terms in House. **Profession:** Retired machine operator and labor representative at Deere & Company. **Education:** Received A.A. from North Iowa Area Community College and B.A. (cum laude) from the University of Northern Iowa. **Military Service:** Served in the U.S. Army in military intelligence with top secret clearance in Berlin. **Memberships and Activities:** Currently serves on the Black Hawk Gaming Commission, Iowa Innovation Council, Small Business Development Council, Iowa Workforce Development Board, Iowa’s Jobs for America’s Graduates Board, the Streamline Sales Tax Governing Board, and the Iowa Commission on Aging. Visiting Nursing Association (past president), Cedar Trails Partnership (charter president), Friends of Hartman Reserve Nature Center (past president), lifetime member of AMVETS Post 31, Area 7 Regional Advisory Board, and charter member of Black Hawk Leadership. Served as labor representative on the Private Industry Council. Recipient of the Governor’s Lifesaving Award and Volunteer Award. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1948 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Resides in Waterloo. **Family Members:** One daughter and one grandson.



**Robert E. Dvorsky – Coralville (D)**  
**District 37**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in Senate. Served four terms in House. **Profession:** Former executive officer, 6th District Department of Correctional Services. **Education:** Received B.S. in recreation administration and M.A. in public administration from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Coralville City Council, 1979–1986. Board member of Community Corrections Improvement Association. President of the Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County. Member of the Iowa Legislative Council. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1948 in Burlington. Resides in Coralville. **Family Members:** Wife, Susan; two daughters.



**Randy Feenstra – Hull (R)**  
**District 2**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Iowa State Bank insurance manager and adjunct professor. **Education:** Received B.S. from Dordt College and M.A. in public administration from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Hull Kiwanis, Gideons, Dordt College Board of Trustees, Sioux Center Hospital Executive Board, and School Foundation Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1969 in Hull. Raised and resides in Hull. **Family Members:** Wife, Lynette; two sons and two daughters.



**Julian Garrett – Indianola (R)**  
**District 13**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. Served two terms in House. **Profession:** Attorney and farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Central College in Pella and the University of Iowa College of Law. **Memberships and Activities:** Ranking Member of the Government Oversight Committee and the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee. Member of Farm Bureau. Served 12 years as Assistant Attorney General in charge of consumer protection. Former volunteer Little League and soccer coach, served on the Indianola Little League Board of Directors, and coached middle school mock trial teams. Member of the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod). **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1940 in Des Moines. Raised on farm near Pella and resides in Warren County. **Family Members:** Wife, Nancy; three sons.



**Michael E. Gronstal – Council Bluffs (D)**  
**District 8**

**Term:** Serving eighth term in Senate. Served one term in House.  
**Profession:** Legislator. **Education:** Graduated from Council Bluffs St. Albert High School. Received B.A. from Antioch College. Attended Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois. **Memberships and Activities:** Currently serving as Senate Majority Leader. Previously served as Senate Minority Leader, Senate President, Assistant Majority Leader, Majority Whip, and Democratic Senate Co-leader. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1950 in Council Bluffs. Resides in Council Bluffs. **Family Members:** Wife, Connie; two daughters.



**Dennis Guth – Klemme (R)**  
**District 4**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Farmer at Guth Farms, Inc. **Education:** Received B.S. in agricultural mechanization from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Former president of Hancock County Farm Bureau and Klemme Area Development Organization and member of Hancock County Pork Producer Board. Past member of the Board of Directors for the Family Leader. Past chair of Ell Township Republicans and former elder at the Britt Evangelical Free Church. Member of Corn and Soybean Associations and the NRA. Co-founder of LUV IA. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1955. Resides on the family farm outside Klemme. **Family Members:** Wife, Margaret; two sons, three daughters, and six grandchildren.



**Rita Hart – Wheatland (D)**  
**District 49**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Co-owner and operator of a family farm. Foreign exchange student placement coordinator and former teacher. **Education:** Received A.A. from North Iowa Area Community College, B.A. from University of Northern Iowa, and M.A. from University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Former member of the Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission and Clinton County Planning and Zoning Commission. Church cantor and choir member at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Long Grove. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1956 and raised near Charles City. Resides near Wheatland. **Family Members:** Husband, Paul; five children and two grandchildren (one deceased).



**Robert M. Hogg – Cedar Rapids (D)**  
**District 33**

**Term:** Serving third term in Senate. Served two terms in House.  
**Profession:** Attorney with Elderkin & Pirnie, PLC. **Education:** Graduated from City High School (Iowa City). Received B.A. from the University of Iowa, and M.A. and J.D. from the University of Minnesota. **Memberships and Activities:** Former judicial clerk to Judge Donald Lay of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and Judge Michael Melloy of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. Member of Christ Episcopal Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1967 in Iowa City. Raised in Iowa City and resides in Cedar Rapids. **Family Members:** Wife, Kathryn; one son and two daughters.



**Wally E. Horn – Cedar Rapids (D)**  
**District 35**

**Term:** Serving tenth term in Senate. Served five terms in House.  
**Profession:** Retired education facilitator for the Cedar Rapids Schools. **Education:** Received B.A. and M.A. from Truman State University, graduate work at Texas A&M and the University of Iowa. **Military Service:** Served in the U.S. Army and is a Korean War veteran who served in Germany during that time. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on National Conference of State Legislatures Executive Committee for 16 years. Member of Council of State Governments; Midwest Legislators Executive Committee; and charter member of the Executive Board of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. Former member of Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce and former board member of Cedar Rapids Kids League Baseball. Member of VFW, American Legion, Moose Lodge, and Elks Lodge. Past president of the Cedar Rapids Kiwanis. Member of Community Corrections Board for several years. Past president of the Cedar Rapids Teachers Association. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1933 in Bloomfield. Resides in Cedar Rapids. **Family Members:** Wife, Phyllis Peterson; one son, one daughter (deceased), and seven grandchildren.



**Pam Jochum – Dubuque (D)**  
**District 50**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. Currently serving as President of the Senate. Served eight terms in House. **Education:** Graduated from Wahlert High School. Received B.A. in speech communication from Loras College. **Memberships and Activities:** Past chairperson, Dubuque County Democratic Party; past organizer for candidates, From the School House to the White House; national delegate and presidential staff at 1984 Democratic National Convention. Member of League of Women Voters, Northend Neighborhood Association, Ark Advocates, Farmers Union, CROP Walk, Alzheimer's Memory Walk, and Greater DBQ Development Corporation. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1954 in Dubuque. Resides in Dubuque. **Family Members:** One daughter.



**David Johnson – Ocheyedan (R)**  
**District 1**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in Senate. Served two terms in House. **Profession:** Semi-retired dairy herdsman. Third generation engaged in family agribusiness at West Branch. Former newspaper owner, editor, reporter, and photojournalist. Camp manager of three scientific research expeditions to Antarctica and the Arctic. **Education:** Graduated from West Branch High School in Iowa. Received B.A. from Beloit College in Wisconsin. **Memberships and Activities:** Herbert Hoover Presidential Foundation Board of Trustees, Iowa Newspaper Foundation, and numerous business, farm, dairy, cattle, cultural, conservation, and natural resources organizations. Recipient of Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award. Distinguished service or legislative awards from Iowans for L.I.F.E., Iowa Newspaper Association, Iowa FFA, Iowa Football Coaches Association, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Iowa Biotechnology Association, Iowa Agribusiness Association, Izaak Walton League, and Conservation Districts of Iowa. Member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1950 in West Branch. Resides in Ocheyedan.



**Tim L. Kapucian – Keystone (R)**  
**District 38**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Received B.S. in agriculture and animal science from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Board member of Benton Mutual Insurance Company. Past member of Benton County Pork Producers, Iowa Pork Producers, Benton County 4-H Committee, and Ag Advisory Committee with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1957 in Marengo. Raised and resides in Keystone. **Family Members:** Wife, Brenda; two stepdaughters and four step-grandchildren.



**Kevin Kinney – Oxford (D)**  
**District 39**

**Term:** Serving first term in the Senate. **Profession:** Owner and operator of family's century farm. Retired Deputy Sheriff. **Education:** Graduated from Clear Creek High School in Tiffin. **Memberships and Activities:** Active member of Farm Bureau, Knights of Columbus, and the Johnson County Cattlemen's Association. Served three terms on the Clear Creek Amana School Board and has served on various law enforcement boards. Named the 2014 American Legion's Midwest Region Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and was the national runner-up for the American Legion National Law Officer of the Year. Received the Law Enforcement Victim Service Award in 2012, as well as the Continuous Service Award from the U.S. Attorney's Office. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1963 in Oxford. Raised and resides in Oxford. **Family Members:** Wife, Debbie; one son and one daughter.



**Tim Kraayenbrink – Fort Dodge (R)**  
**District 5**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Small business owner of Kraayenbrink Financial Services. **Education:** Graduated from Paullina High School. Received B.S. in secondary education from Northern State College in Aberdeen, South Dakota. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge. Serves as member of the Iowa District West Lutheran Church Endowment Committee. Past involvement includes serving as president of the congregation, on various boards, and teaching Bible studies. Current member of St. Edmonds School Finance Board. Past member of the St. Edmonds School Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1959 in Paullina. Raised in Paullina and resides in Fort Dodge. **Family Members:** Wife, Sally; one daughter, two sons.



**Liz Mathis – Robins (D)**  
**District 34**

**Term:** Serving second term in the Senate. **Profession:** Chief Community Officer at Four Oaks. Former college instructor and broadcast journalist. **Education:** Received B.A. from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Ohnward Bank Board, Wartburg College Board of Regents, Marion Cares Advisory Board, University of Iowa Journalism School Professional Advisory Board, PEO, Cedar Rapids Downtown Rotary, Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Iowa Women Lead Change (IWLC), Alumni Fellow – University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, former member of the State Judicial Qualifications Commission. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1958 in rural DeWitt. Resides in Robins. **Family Members:** Husband, Mark; one son and one daughter.



**Matt McCoy – Des Moines (D)**  
**District 21**

**Term:** Serving sixth term in Senate. Served two terms in House. **Profession:** Partner – Resource Development Consultants. **Education:** Graduated from Dowling High School, West Des Moines. Received B.A. in history and political science from Briar Cliff College. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Interfaith Alliance, IPERS Investment Board member, and ex officio member of the Capitol Planning Commission. Served on Polk County Conservation Board, 1988 – 1993. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1966 in Des Moines. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** One son.



**Janet Petersen – Des Moines (D)****District 18**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. Served six terms in House. **Profession:** Communications/marketing consultant. Founder of Healthy Birth Day. **Education:** Received B.A. in communications and public relations from the University of Northern Iowa and M.A. in integrated communications from Drake University. **Memberships and Activities:** Attends Plymouth Congregational Church. Board member of Healthy Birth Day. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1970 in Des Moines. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Husband, Brian Pattinson; two sons and one daughter.

**Herman C. Quirnbach – Ames (D)****District 23**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in Senate. **Profession:** Associate professor of economics at Iowa State University. **Education:** Graduated from Central High School in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Received B.A. in government with honors from Harvard and M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Princeton. **Memberships and Activities:** City Council for the 4th Ward of Ames, 1995 – 2003, and Ames mayor pro tem, 2002. Served as treasurer of Story County Democratic Central Committee. Served on board of directors of the Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mayor's Veishea Task Force, Story County REAP Committee, and Ames Utility Retirement Board. Member of Ames Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club of Ames, Ames Patriotic Council, Ames League of Women Voters, and Story County Tobacco Task Force. Served as co-chair of Ames Veterans Memorial Committee. Leadership Ames graduate. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1950 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Raised in Mahtomedi, Minnesota, and Brookfield, Wisconsin. Resides in Ames.

**Amanda Ragan – Mason City (D)****District 27**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in Senate. **Profession:** Executive director of the Community Kitchen of North Iowa, Inc., and the Mason City Meals on Wheels. **Education:** Graduated from Rockwell-Swaledale High School. Received A.A. from North Iowa Area Community College and B.A. (cum laude) in human services from Buena Vista University. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Child Welfare Advisory Committee, Mason City Chamber of Commerce, Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce, Iowa Volunteer Service Commission, Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Mason City Sunrise Rotary, and North Iowa Band Festival Planning Committee. Former member of the Buena Vista University Alumni Foundation, Northern Lights Homeless Shelter Board, and Francis Lauer Youth Services Board of Directors. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1954 in Mason City. Resides in Mason City. **Family Members:** Husband, Jim; two children and four grandchildren.



**Ken Rozenboom – Oskaloosa (R)**  
**District 40**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Farming and agricultural business. **Education:** Graduated from Pella Christian High School. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as a Mahaska County Supervisor. Served on the boards of the Eighth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services, Ten-Fifteen Transit Board, Central Iowa Detention Center, Area 15 Regional Planning Commission, AHEAD Regional Housing Trust Fund, Farm Bureau, Human Services Resource Council, Christian Opportunity Center, and various legislative committees for business trade organizations. Serves on a Christian school board and as an elder and deacon in his church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in rural Oskaloosa. Raised and resides in rural Oskaloosa. **Family Members:** Wife, Becky; one daughter, one son, and four grandchildren.



**Charles Schneider – West Des Moines (R)**  
**District 22**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Counsel at Principal Financial Group. **Education:** Received B.A. from Creighton University, J.D. and M.B.A. from University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** West Des Moines City Councilman, 2007–2013. Served on the boards of Central Iowa Shelter and Services, West Des Moines Development Corporation, West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Metro Waste Authority, and Wastewater Reclamation Authority. Graduate of Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, 2006–2007, and Leadership Iowa, 2003–2004. Des Moines Business Record's Forty Under 40, 2007. Member of Knights of Columbus. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1973 in Davenport. Raised in Muscatine, Clive, Newton, and Richmond, Virginia. Resides in West Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Lisa.



**Brian Schoenjahn – Arlington (D)**  
**District 32**

**Term:** Serving third term in Senate. **Profession:** Career educator. **Education:** Received B.A. in social science and M.A. in political science from the University of Northern Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Former mayor of Arlington. Retired volunteer fire fighter. Active EMS-EMT. Community member of the Covenant/Mercy Board of Directors in Oelwein. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1949 in Carroll. Resides in Arlington. **Family Members:** Wife, Barbara; one daughter.



**Jason Schultz – Schleswig (R)****District 9**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. Served three terms in House. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Schleswig High School. **Military Service:** Served seven years in National Guard. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as volunteer fire fighter for the Schleswig Volunteer Fire Department for 13 years, two years as the department's chief. Former member of the Horn Memorial Hospital Foundation and Immanuel Board of Elders. Member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1972. Raised and resides in Schleswig. **Family Members:** Wife, Amy; two daughters.

**Mark Segebart – Vail (R)****District 6**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Sixth generation family farmer, community leader, and 16-year Crawford County Supervisor. **Education:** Received B.S. in forestry from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Member and past president of Crawford County Cattlemen's Association, member of Iowa Soybean Association and Iowa Corn Growers Association. Served on Crawford County Board of Health; Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac County Early Childhood Iowa Empowerment Board; WESCO Industries Board of Directors; and Crawford Early Childhood Center Board. Member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Manilla. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1950 in Crawford County. Raised in Crawford County and resides on a farm near Vail. **Family Members:** Wife, Catherine; one son and one daughter.

**Dr. Joe M. Seng – Davenport (D)****District 45**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in Senate. Served one term in House. **Profession:** Veterinarian. **Education:** Received D.V.M. from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Former mayor pro tem and alderman-at-large in Davenport. Member of local, state, and national veterinary associations, Knights of Columbus, Scott County Democrats, Scott County Historical Preservation Society, NAACP, Mississippi Valley Blues Society, and president and CEO of Marquette Academy grade school. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1946 in Lost Nation. Resides in Davenport. **Family Members:** Wife, Mary; one daughter and two grandsons.



**Tom Shipley – Nodaway (R)**  
**District 11**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Cattle nutrition industry. **Education:** Graduated from Villisca High School. Received A.A. from Iowa Western Community College and B.S. in agriculture education from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Served 18 years on Villisca School Board, several terms as president. 22 years of service for Villisca Volunteer Ambulance. Involved as elder, deacon, Sunday school teacher, and in the choir at the First Presbyterian Church. Active with Iowa Cattlemen's Association. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1953 in Corning. Raised and resides in Nodaway. **Family Members:** One daughter and one granddaughter.



**Amy Sinclair – Allerton (R)**  
**District 14**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Family farmer. **Memberships and Activities:** Served two terms on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors. Active in the Wayne County Farm Bureau. Served on Iowa County Engineers Service Bureau, South Iowa Crime Commission, Community Health Centers of Southern Iowa, Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliate, and South Central Iowa Community Action Agency. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1975. Resides in Allerton. **Family Members:** Husband, Boyd; three sons.



**Roby Smith – Davenport (R)**  
**District 47**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Small business owner. **Education:** Received B.S. in business administration with a minor in communications from Concordia University, Nebraska. **Memberships and Activities:** Volunteer instructor for Junior Achievement of the Heartland for many grade levels, Little League coach, Cub Scout leader, and volunteer for Kids Against Hunger. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1977 in Wyandotte, Michigan. Resides in Davenport. **Family Members:** Wife, Kari; two sons and two daughters.



**Steve Soddors – State Center (D)**  
**District 36**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Deputy sheriff. **Education:** Received A.A. from Marshalltown Community College. Attending Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council, Youth and Emergency Shelter Services board, D.A.R.E., Scottish Rite Des Moines, Sheriffs' and Deputies Association. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1968 in Ames. Raised in Slater and Huxley. Resides in State Center. **Family Members:** Wife, Carrie; one son and one daughter.



**Rich Taylor – Mount Pleasant (D)**  
**District 42**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Licensed master electrician, master HVAC technician, and master refrigeration mechanic. **Military Service:** Served in the National Guard. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as Blue Collar Steward and Treasurer for AFSCME Local 2989. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1954 near Mount Union. Raised near Mount Union and resides south of Mount Pleasant. **Family Members:** Wife, Annette; one daughter and one son.



**Jack Whitver – Ankeny (R)**  
**District 19**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Founded FAST Enterprises in 2004. Attorney. **Education:** Received B.S. in exercise science (2002) and M.B.A. (2003) from Iowa State University. Graduated from Drake University Law School in 2012 with high honors. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1980 in Knoxville. Raised in Grinnell and resides in Ankeny. **Family Members:** Wife, Rachel; two daughters and one son.



**Mary Jo Wilhelm – Cresco (D)**  
**District 26**

**Term:** Serving second term in Senate. **Profession:** Owner/operator of Wilhelm Appraisals. Worked as a realtor from 1999–2006 and has been a certified residential appraiser since 2000. Former Howard County Supervisor. **Memberships and Activities:** Past and present member of various local boards and organizations. Member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1955 in Cresco and raised on a farm in Howard County. Resides in Cresco. **Family Members:** Husband, Michael; two sons and one stepson.



**Brad Zaun – Urbandale (R)**  
**District 20**

**Term:** Serving third term in Senate. **Profession:** Director of Sales at Master Dowel; Director of Sales and Marketing at Grapnel Tech Services. **Education:** Attended Grand View College and Ellsworth Community College. **Memberships and Activities:** Current board member of the Greater Dallas County Development Alliance, former board member of Greater Des Moines Animal Rescue League, and former member of Iowa Commercial Real Estate Association. Former member of Iowa Retail Association, past president of the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce 1994, past board member of Choose Des Moines Communities, past board member of Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, and chairperson of the study committee to form the Metropolitan Advisory Council. Former member of the Urbandale Jaycees and Mid-Iowa Association of Local Governments. Nominee for 1994 Iowa/Nebraska Entrepreneur of the Year, recipient of Forty Under 40 Award in 2001, and elected to the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 2004. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1962 in Des Moines. Resides in Urbandale. **Family Members:** Wife, Dede; five children.



**Dan Zumbach – Ryan (R)**  
**District 48**

**Term:** Serving first term in Senate. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Graduated from West Delaware High School in Manchester. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on West Delaware School Board, Delaware County Fair Board, and Peace Lutheran Church Council. Serves as 4-H leader and IHSAA wrestling official. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1960 in Monticello. Raised and resides near Ryan. **Family Members:** Wife, Michelle; two daughters, two sons, and two grandsons.



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## HOUSE OFFICERS AND STAFF

**Speaker of the House** – Kraig Paulsen

Josie Albrecht, Communications Director – House Republicans; Terri Steinke, Confidential Secretary to Speaker; Louis Vander Streek, Administrative Assistant to Speaker

**Speaker Pro Tempore** – Matt W. Windschitl**Majority Leader** – Linda L. Upmeyer

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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

*\* Denotes Minority Party Ranking Member*

**Administration and Rules:** Rogers – Chairperson, Klein – Vice Chairperson, Abdul-Samad, Anderson\*, Berry, Fry, Gaskill, Hagenow, Hein, Paulsen, Prichard, Smith, Steckman, Upmeyer, Windschitl

**Agriculture:** Grassley – Chairperson, Paustian – Vice Chairperson, Bearinger, Byrnes, Cownie, Deyoe, Dolecheck, Drake, Dunkel, Hanson, Hein, Kearns, Kelley, Klein, Maxwell, H. Miller\*, Mommsen, Moore, Ourth, Prichard, Ruff, Sexton, Stutsman

**Appropriations:** Soderberg – Chairperson, Rizer – Vice Chairperson, Bacon, Bearinger, Deyoe, Dolecheck, Drake, Dunkel, Fisher, Forbes, Hall\*, Heaton, Heddens, Huseman, Landon, Mascher, Oldson, Rogers, Running-Marquardt, Sexton, Stutsman, R. Taylor, T. Taylor, Thede, Worthan

**Commerce:** Cownie – Chairperson, Carlson – Vice Chairperson, Baltimore, Dawson, Forbes, Grassley, Hagenow, Hall, Holt, Jacoby, Kaufmann, Kressig, Landon, Lykam, Meyer, Oldson\*, Ourth, Pettengill, Rizer, Sands, Soderberg, Vander Linden, Watts

**Economic Growth:** Hanusa – Chairperson, Nunn – Vice Chairperson, Bearinger, Bennett, Best, Carlson, Deyoe, Dunkel\*, Finkenauer, Gaskill, Grassley, Gustafson, Isenhardt, Jorgensen, McConkey, H. Miller, Paustian, Rogers, Running-Marquardt, Sheets, R. Taylor

**Education:** Jorgensen – Chairperson, Gassman – Vice Chairperson, Abdul-Samad, Brown-Powers, Byrnes, Cohoon, Dolecheck, Forristall, Fry, Gaines, Hanson, Hanusa, Highfill, Koester, Mascher, Mommsen, Ruff\*, Salmon, Sieck, Staed, Stanerson, Steckman, Winckler

**Environmental Protection:** Jones – Chairperson, Wills – Vice Chairperson, Anderson, Baudler, Baxter, Bennett, Deyoe, Gassman, Hanson, Heartsill, Isenhardt\*, Kelley, Klein, Kressig, Lensing, Paustian, Sheets, Sieck, Soderberg, Steckman, Wessel-Kroeschell

**Ethics:** R. Taylor – Chairperson, Jorgensen – Vice Chairperson, Berry, Dawson, Sands, Thede\*

**Government Oversight:** Kaufmann – Chairperson, Heartsill – Vice Chairperson, Baudler, Cownie, Gaines\*, Lensing, Pettengill, Thede, Wolfe

**Human Resources:** L. Miller – Chairperson, Bacon – Vice Chairperson, Abdul-Samad, Anderson, Best, Brown-Powers, Dawson, Forristall, Fry, Gaines, Gustafson, Heaton, Heddens, McConkey, Rizer, Salmon, Sieck, R. Taylor, Wessel-Kroeschell\*, Wills, Winckler

**Judiciary:** Baltimore – Chairperson, Gustafson – Vice Chairperson, Anderson, Baxter, Berry, Branhagen, Dawson, Hagenow, Heartsill, Heaton, Jones, Kaufmann, Meyer, Nunn, Oldson, Olson, Prichard, Rizer, Rogers, Windschitl, Wolfe\*

**Labor:** Forristall – Chairperson, Sheets – Vice Chairperson, Finkenauer, Fry, Gassman, Hanusa, Holt, Hunter\*, Jorgensen, Kearns, Kooiker, McConkey, Running-Marquardt, Sexton, Steckman, T. Taylor, Watts

**Local Government:** Koester – Chairperson, Heartsill – Vice Chairperson, Baxter, Branhagen, Carlson, Forbes, Gaskill, Gassman, Highfill, Hunter, Jones, Kaufmann, Kooiker, Kressig, Lensing, Mascher, Meyer, Rogers, Sheets, Staed\*, Thede

**Natural Resources:** Moore – Chairperson, Fisher – Vice Chairperson, Bacon, Baudler, Bennett, Best, Hall, Hanson\*, Heddens, Huseman, Klein, Koester, Lykam, Maxwell, H. Miller, Mommsen, Ourth, Paustian, Ruff, Thede, Wills

**Public Safety:** Baudler – Chairperson, Holt – Vice Chairperson, Abdul-Samad, Anderson, Baxter, Brown-Powers, Fisher, Fry, Gaines, Heartsill, Klein, Kooiker, Kressig\*, Moore, Olson, Salmon, Sieck, Staed, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wolfe, Worthan

**State Government:** Vander Linden – Chairperson, Sexton – Vice Chairperson, Bacon, Berry, Branhagen, Cohoon, Drake, Hein, Highfill, Hunter, Kelley, Koester, Lensing\*, Mascher, L. Miller, Pettengill, Prichard, Stanerson, Stutsman, T. Taylor, Watts, Wills, Winckler

**Transportation:** Byrnes – Chairperson, Best – Vice Chairperson, Carlson, Cohoon, Dawson, Finkenauer, Hanusa, Hein, Huseman, Jacoby, Landon, Lykam\*, Maxwell, Mommsen, Moore, Oldson, Olson, Pettengill, Stutsman, Wolfe, Worthan

**Veterans Affairs:** Stanerson – Chairperson, Salmon – Vice Chairperson, Beringer, Branhagen, Dunkel, Gaines, Gustafson, Holt, Kaufmann, Kearns\*, Kooiker, Meyer, Nunn, Prichard, Staed, Watts, Windschitl

**Ways and Means:** Sands – Chairperson, Maxwell – Vice Chairperson, Baltimore, Brown-Powers, Byrnes, Cownie, Finkenauer, Forristall, Gaskill, Grassley, Hagenow, Hein, Isenhardt, Jacoby\*, Kearns, Kelley, McConkey, L. Miller, Moore, Nunn, Prichard, Ruff, Steckman, Vander Linden, Windschitl

## HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

**Administration and Regulation:** Landon – Chairperson, Sieck – Vice Chairperson, Berry, Brown-Powers, Gassman, Hunter, Kelley\*, Salmon, Vander Linden

**Agriculture and Natural Resources:** Drake – Chairperson, Mommsen – Vice Chairperson, Isenhardt, Jones, H. Miller, Ourth\*, Paustian, Ruff, Wills

**Economic Development:** Deyoe – Chairperson, Baxter – Vice Chairperson, Bennett, Carlson, Finkenauer, Hanusa, Kressig, Running-Marquardt\*, Sheets

**Education:** Dolecheck – Chairperson, Nunn – Vice Chairperson, Fisher, Hanson, McConkey, Sexton, Staed, R. Taylor, Winckler\*

**Health and Human Services:** Heaton – Chairperson, Best – Vice Chairperson, Bacon, Forbes, Heddens\*, L. Miller, Rizer, Stutsman, Wessel-Kroeschell

**Justice System:** Worthan – Chairperson, Branhagen – Vice Chairperson, Anderson, Baltimore, Gustafson, Holt, Kearns, Meyer, T. Taylor\*

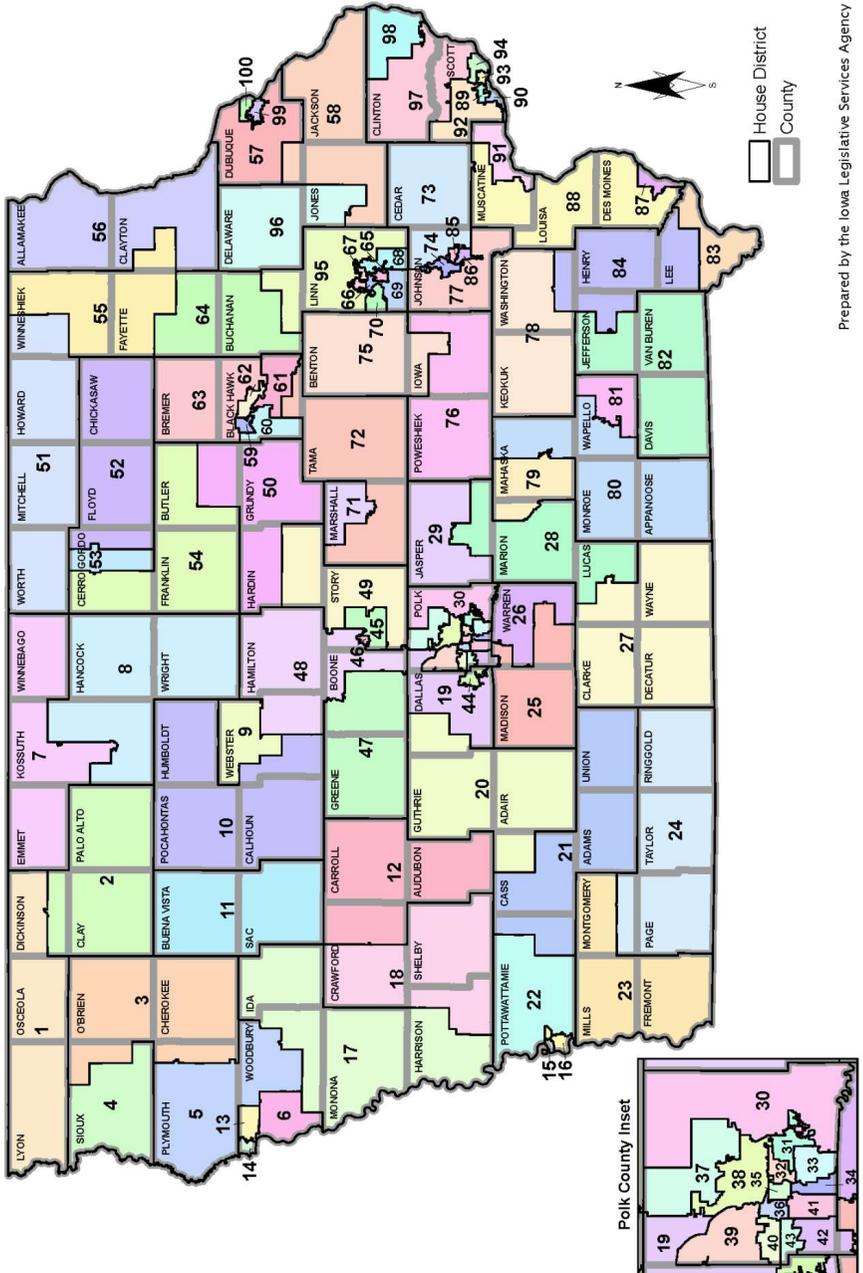
**Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals:** Huseman – Chairperson, Kooiker – Vice Chairperson, Cohoon\*, Dawson, Dunkel, Highfill, Lykam, Maxwell, Stanerson

## LISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES BY DISTRICT

1	John H. Wills (R)	51	Josh Byrnes (R)
2	Megan Jones (R)	52	Todd Prichard (D)
3	Daniel A. Huseman (R)	53	Sharon S. Steckman (D)
4	John Kooiker (R)	54	Linda L. Upmeyer (R)
5	Chuck Soderberg (R)	55	Darrel Branhagen (R)
6	Ron Jorgensen (R)	56	Patti Ruff (D)
7	Tedd Gassman (R)	57	Nancy Dunkel (D)
8	Terry C. Baxter (R)	58	Brian Moore (R)
9	Helen Miller (D)	59	Bob Kressig (D)
10	Mike Sexton (R)	60	Walt Rogers (R)
11	Gary Worthan (R)	61	Timi Brown-Powers (D)
12	Brian Best (R)	62	Deborah L. Berry (D)
13	Chris Hall (D)	63	Sandy Salmon (R)
14	Dave Dawson (D)	64	Bruce Bearinger (D)
15	Charlie McConkey (D)	65	Liz Bennett (D)
16	Mary Ann Hanusa (R)	66	Art Staed (D)
17	Matt W. Windschitl (R)	67	Kraig Paulsen (R)
18	Steven Holt (R)	68	Ken Rizer (R)
19	Ralph C. Watts (R)	69	Kirsten Running-Marquardt (D)
20	Clel Baudler (R)	70	Todd E. Taylor (D)
21	Jack Drake (R)	71	Mark D. Smith (D)
22	Greg Forristall (R)	72	Dean Fisher (R)
23	David Sieck (R)	73	Bobby Kaufmann (R)
24	Cecil Dolecheck (R)	74	Dave Jacoby (D)
25	Stan Gustafson (R)	75	Dawn E. Pettengill (R)
26	Scott Ourth (D)	76	Dave Maxwell (R)
27	Joel Fry (R)	77	Sally Stutsman (D)
28	Greg Heartsill (R)	78	Jarad J. Klein (R)
29	Daniel Kelley (D)	79	Guy Vander Linden (R)
30	Zach Nunn (R)	80	Larry Sheets (R)
31	Rick Olson (D)	81	Mary Gaskill (D)
32	Ruth Ann Gaines (D)	82	Curt Hanson (D)
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**Chief Clerk of the House****Carmine Boal – Ankeny**

Named Chief Clerk of the House, January 2013. **Education:** Graduated from WACO Community Schools and the American Institute of Business. Attended Drake University. **Profession and Activities:** Director of Boards and Commissions, Governor Terry Branstad; served five terms in the Iowa House of Representatives; served one term on the Ankeny Community School Board. Member of PEO, Chapter OB-Ankeny, Ruth Harbor Board of Directors, and Faith Christian Fellowship. **Family Members:** Husband, Steve; two sons and one daughter.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVES****Ako Abdul-Samad – Des Moines (D)****District 35**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in House. **Profession:** Founder and senior executive officer of Creative Visions Human Development Institute. **Education:** Graduate of the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law and International Diplomacy. **Memberships and Activities:** Published author of “The Deeper Truth: Revelations of the Soul.” Current chair of the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus. Newly elected chair of American Muslim Alliance. Elected to Des Moines Public School Board in 2003 and served as vice president. Co-founder and coordinator of YMCA Downtown Teen Program, founder and president of African-American Islamic Association, vice president of the Center for the Study and Application of Black Economic Development, and co-founder of the first black student union in the state of Iowa. Established and directed business functions that include employment assistance, support services, health care management, community development, advocacy, and consultancy on culture and diversity education. Awarded the National Caring Award in 2004. Awarded for his contributions to the community by Bankers Trust in 2015. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines.

**Marti Anderson – Des Moines (D)****District 36**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW). Career: Attorney General’s Crime Victim Assistance Division; Polk County Victim Services; Broadlawn Medical Center; Prevent Child Abuse Iowa; CFI Family Violence Center. **Education:** Received a B.A. in social work from the University of Northern Iowa and a M.S.W. from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Current: U.S. Congressional Victims’ Rights Caucus Advisory Committee; Iowa Chapter, National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Past: Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance; Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Child Abuse State Technical Assistance and Training Team, Inc.; Mitchellville Correctional Facility for Women Advisory Board; Iowa Department of Corrections Offender



Reentry Steering Committee; Lt. Governor's Committee to Stop Violence Against Women; Iowa Supreme Court Task Force on Courts' and Community Response to Domestic Abuse; Iowa Legislative Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; Iowa Legislative Task Force to Consolidate Iowa Victim Services; Girl Scouts of America Troop 204 leader. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Husband, Robert Brammer; two stepchildren and three grandchildren.

**Robert Bacon – Slater (R)**

**District 48**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. Served one term in Senate. **Profession:** Funeral director and owner of Bacon Funeral Homes and Crematory. **Education:** Attended Northern Illinois University, received B.A. from Vennard College. Graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science, Chicago, Illinois. **Memberships and Activities:** Served two terms on the Iowa Funeral Directors Association Board of Governors. Nevada Chamber of Commerce, Fremont City Council, and Maxwell City Council. Member of the Nevada Rotary Club and Paul Harris Fellow. Member of various church and community club boards. Awarded for outstanding leadership for accessible and affordable medical care in Iowa by the Iowa Physician Assistants Society in 2011. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1955 in Chicago, Illinois. Raised in Elkhart, Indiana, and Carol Stream, Illinois. Resides in Slater. **Family Members:** Wife, Carol; two sons, two daughters, and five grandchildren.



**Chip Baltimore – Boone (R)**

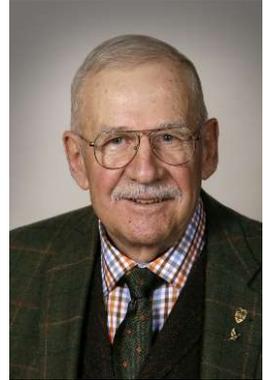
**District 47**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** General counsel/trust officer. **Education:** Received B.A. in business administration from Iowa State University. Received J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1966 in Oskaloosa. Resides in Boone.



**Ciel Baudler – Greenfield (R)**  
**District 20**

**Term:** Serving ninth term in House. **Profession:** Farmer and retired state trooper. **Education:** Graduated from Fontanelle High School and Iowa State Patrol Academy. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of State Trooper Association, member and serves on board of directors of the National Rifle Association (NRA), holds distinguished badges in Police Pistol and Revolver NRA Competition, Iowa Police Combat League, Farm Bureau, and Iowa State Patrol pistol team. Member of Pheasants Forever, the Wild Turkey Association, and the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1939 in Adair County. Resides north of Greenfield. **Family Members:** Wife, Mary Carole; two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



**Terry Baxter – Garner (R)**  
**District 8**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Ordained in the Evangelical Free Church of America; pastored several churches; conference and special events speaker both nationally and internationally; co-founder and served as executive director of Global Compassion Network, an organization that provides aid, domestically and internationally, to disaster-stricken areas. Has done missions work in 25 countries around the world. **Education:** St. Cloud State University, General Education and Political Science; Whitewater State University, General Education and Philosophy and Ethics; Moody Bible Institute, B.S. degree in Evangelism. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as vice president of International Messengers for 18 years. Works with Acts International to provide training for pastors and Christian workers in third world countries around the globe. Frequent speaker at youth events, men’s retreats, and marriage enrichment workshops. Avid writer. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1957 in Cambridge, Minnesota. Resides in Garner. **Family Members:** Wife, Debby; nine children.



**Bruce Bearinger – Oelwein (D)**  
**District 64**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Oelwein Economic Development Director. **Education:** M.Ag. in professional agriculture from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Previously served as education director for ISU Extension in Buchanan County. Served on the Oelwein City Council. Works on local food initiatives and is helping to develop a health and wellness survey for Oelwein. Served on the Economic Development Finance Committee, Oelwein Jaycees, Buchanan Food Pantry Board, and Co-op Board. Helped launch the Heartland Acres Agribition Center in Independence and served on its first board of directors. Active at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1959 in Monticello. Raised in Onslow and resides in Oelwein. **Family Members:** Wife, Eileen; one son and one daughter.



**Liz Bennett – Cedar Rapids (D)****District 65**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Internet sales and support consultant at Go Daddy, LLC. **Education:** Received B.A. in politics and women’s studies from Cornell College in Mount Vernon. **Memberships and Activities:** Volunteer for Cedar Rapids AniMeals and German Shepherd Dog Rescue. Regional organizer for One Iowa. Volunteer for presidential campaign of Barack Obama. Elected to the Linn County Democratic Central Committee in 2009. Chaired precinct caucus in 2010 and was elected as a delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. **Birth and Residence:** Resides in Cedar Rapids.

**Deborah L. Berry – Waterloo (D)****District 62**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Media/public relations. **Education:** Received B.S. in public administration from Upper Iowa University and M.A. in mass communications from the University of Northern Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** 2013 appointment to the Council of State Governments (CSG) Midwest-Canada Relations Committee; member of National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL); National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Law and Criminal Justice Committee; National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) Council; Women Legislative Lobby State Director (WiLL). Awards include: Iowa African-American Hall of Fame; Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association Gold Star; Iowa Health Care Association; WiLL Pacesetter’s; Afro American Community Broadcasting (KBBG-FM) Special Recognition; Iowa Healthcare Association Outstanding Service; Iowa Nurses Association Friend of Nursing; and other accolades. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1958 in Waterloo and resides in Waterloo. **Family Members:** One son and one granddaughter.

**Brian Best – Glidden (R)****District 12**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Licensed respiratory care practitioner. Started a family-owned business, Bestmed Respiratory, in 2001. Opened Western Iowa Sleep, a sleep testing facility, in 2005. **Education:** Graduated from Glidden-Ralston High School. Received B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa. Received degree as a Certified Respiratory Therapist in 1991. **Memberships and Activities:** Parks and Rec Glidden, Glidden Planning and Zoning Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1959 in Glidden. Raised and resides in Glidden. **Family Members:** Wife, Sharon; four daughters.



**Darrel Branhagen – Decorah (R)**  
**District 55**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Attorney. **Education:** Graduated from Decorah High School. Received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin. Received J.D. from Drake University in Des Moines and M.S. in Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College. **Military Service:** 30 years in U.S. Army, retiring as a Colonel. Served in Panama, Bosnia, and Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, served as Chief Coalition Military Advisor to the Afghanistan government. Awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Badge. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as the Winneshiek County Attorney and on the Decorah City Council. Luther College Assistant Professor of Business and Economics, and Commander of the local U.S. Army Engineering Company. Attends Washington Prairie Lutheran Church in Decorah. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1949 in Decorah. Raised and resides in Decorah. **Family Members:** Wife, Betty.



**Timi Brown-Powers – Waterloo (D)**  
**District 61**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Employed by Covenant Medical Center for 26 years. **Education:** Graduated from University of Northern Iowa in therapeutic recreation. Certification in therapeutic recreation cancer exercise, breast cancer specialist, matter of balance, cardiac and pulmonary exercise, Parkinson's specialist and personal training. **Memberships and Activities:** Board member on: Northeast Iowa Brain Injury Association, Blue Zone, Healthy Cedar Valley Coalition, and Sing Me to Heaven. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1967 on Beal Air Force Base, California. Resides in Waterloo. **Family Members:** Husband: Tim; one son and one stepson.



**Josh Byrnes – Osage (R)**  
**District 51**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Educator. **Education:** Received B.A. with biology major from Luther College; M.S. with educational leadership major from Winona State University, Minnesota; and Ph.D. candidate in educational leadership policy studies at Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Farm Bureau, Iowa Cattlemen's Association, active volunteer with local 4-H and FFA chapters, and active volunteer with local youth sports. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1974 in Oelwein. Raised in Riceville and resides in Osage. **Family Members:** Wife, Colleen; one son and two daughters.



**Gary Carlson – Muscatine (R)**  
**District 91**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Vice president with HNI Corporation. **Education:** Graduated from Wapello High School. Received B.B.A. from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of St. Mathias Catholic Church, co-chair of the Muscatine Blue Zones Initiative, co-chair of the Mayor’s Community Improvement Action Team, director of the Crossroads Foundation, director of the Muscatine Community College Foundation, director of the Trinity Hospital Foundation, and the director of the Muscatine Community Health Foundation. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1950 in Cedar Falls. Resides in Muscatine. **Family Members:** Wife, Sheryl; five children and eight grandchildren.



**Dennis M. Cohoon – Burlington (D)**  
**District 87**

**Term:** Serving fifteenth term in House. **Profession:** Retired teacher. **Education:** Graduated from Burlington High School. Received A.A. from Southeastern Community College, B.A. from Iowa Wesleyan College, and graduate courses in special education at the University of Iowa. **Military Service:** Served six years in Army National Guard. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on the Education Commission of the States. Member of First Christian Church. Former member of Burlington Education Association, Geode Education Association, and Iowa State Education Association. Member of Des Moines County Democratic Central Committee. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1953 in Burlington. Raised and resides in Burlington. **Family Members:** Wife, Sue; four stepchildren.



**Peter Cownie – West Des Moines (R)**  
**District 42**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Executive Director, Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation. **Education:** Attended West Des Moines Dowling High School. Received B.A. in American government at the University of Virginia and master’s in public administration with emphasis in public policy at Drake University. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on the West Des Moines Community Enrichment Foundation, West Des Moines Human Services Board (past), Dowling Catholic High School Foundation Board, Grand View University Board of Trustees, and First Tee of Greater Des Moines Board of Directors. Member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in West Des Moines. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1980 in Des Moines. Raised in Des Moines and resides in West Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Mary; two sons.



**Dave Dawson – Sioux City (D)**  
**District 14**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Attorney. **Education:** Graduated valedictorian from Willow Community High School in Quimby. Received B.S. in sociology and psychology from Iowa State University and J.D. from UCLA School of Law. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on boards for Community Action Agency of Siouxland and New Perspectives Inc. Previously served on Iowa County Attorney's Association. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1973 in Cherokee. Raised in Washta and resides in Sioux City. **Family Members:** Wife, Liza; three children.



**Dave Deyoe – Nevada (R)**  
**District 49**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in House. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Nevada High School. Received B.S. in animal science, Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Nevada Rotary Club, Story County Farm Bureau (past president and voting delegate), Story County Pork Producers (past president), Story County Republican Central Committee (former chair), Pheasants Forever, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), and United Methodist Church, Nevada. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1960 in Manhattan, Kansas. Resides in Nevada. **Family Members:** Wife, Deborah; one daughter and one son.



**Cecil Dolecheck – Mount Ayr (R)**  
**District 24**

**Term:** Serving tenth term in House. **Profession:** Retired farmer. **Education:** Graduate of Mount Ayr Community High School. Attended Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Past president of Ringgold County Farm Bureau, past president of Afton Farmers Co-op Board, and former county fair livestock superintendent. Member of Sheriff's Posse and Mount Ayr Christian Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Mount Ayr. Resides in Mount Ayr. **Family Members:** Wife, Patti; five children and 13 grandchildren.



**Jack Drake\* – Griswold (R)****District 21**

**Term:** Serving twelfth term in House. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Atlantic High School. Attended the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Secretary and board member of Walnut Telephone Company. Member of Iowa Cattlemen’s Association, Farm Bureau, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Soybean Association, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), and United Methodist Church. Past member of State Compensation Committee and 4-H leader. Past state director of Iowa Farm Bureau and past president of East Pottawattamie County Extension Council and Farm Bureau. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1934 near Walnut. Resides in Griswold. **Family Members:** Wife, Shirley; two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Nancy Dunkel – Dyersville (D)****District 57**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Retired banker. Executive Director of Dyersville Area Community Foundation. **Education:** Loras College. **Memberships and Activities:** Volunteer for SCORE, a free service to start-up businesses and entrepreneurs. Past chair of the Iowa Bankers Association, Dyersville Area Chamber of Commerce, and Dubuque Chamber of Commerce. Presently serves as a board member of Stonehill Franciscan Services, Finley Hospital, Principal Bank Board, and Operation New View. At the state level, served on the boards of Iowa Division of Banking, Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation, Iowa Department of Economic Development, the state’s Targeted Small Business Program, Brownfield-Grayfield Board, and Iowa’s Main Street Program. Inducted into the Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame in 2011. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1955 in Manchester. Raised in Earlville and resides in Dyersville. **Family Members:** Husband, Ken; one daughter and two granddaughters.

**Abby Finkenauer – Dubuque (D)****District 99**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Communications professional. **Education:** Graduated from Hempstead High School and Drake University. **Memberships and Activities:** Congressional page for the U.S. House of Representatives at the age of 16. Speaker’s page for the Iowa House of Representatives in 2007. State of Iowa Volunteer Coordinator for Vice President Biden’s presidential campaign in 2007. Legislative assistant in the Iowa House for Representative Todd Taylor. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1989 in Dubuque. Raised and resides in Dubuque.



\* Died in office on October 11, 2015.

**Dean Fisher – Garwin (R)**  
**District 72**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Farmer, electronics engineer. **Education:** Graduated from South Tama Community High School, 1975. Received B.S. from DeVry Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois, 1978. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as Indian Village Township Clerk, Precinct Election Chairman, and Republican Party County Chairman. Appointed to the Tama County Pioneer Cemetery Board. Benefactor member of the National Rifle Association. Charter member of the American Motorcycle Association. Member of the Iowa Firearms Coalition. Life member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association and the Iowa State Trapshooting Association. Farm Bureau member. Tama County Cattlemen's Association member. Member of the Colonial Williamsburg Society. Owns an Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship recognized Heritage Farm that has been in the family since 1852. Hobbies are woodworking, trapshooting, genealogy, horticulture, hunting, and travel. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1956 in Garwin. Raised and resides in rural Garwin.



**John Forbes – Urbandale (D)**  
**District 40**

**Terms:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Pharmacist. **Education:** Graduated from Eagle Grove High School. Received B.S. in pharmacy from Drake University. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of the Urbandale Library Foundation Board. Past member of the Urbandale City Council, past president of the Iowa Pharmacy Association and Polk County Pharmacists Association, and Central Iowa Honor Flight coordinator. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1956 in Clarion. Raised in Eagle Grove and resides in Urbandale. **Family Members:** Wife, Cindy; one son and one daughter.



**Greg Forristall – Macedonia (R)**  
**District 22**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in House. **Profession:** Retired farmer and IT consultant. **Education:** Graduated from Carson-Macedonia High School. Received bachelor of music and master of arts degrees from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Iowa Farm Bureau, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Pottawattamie Republican Central Committee, Grist Mill Fine Arts Council, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), public chair of ALEC Education Taskforce, Iowa State Board of Education, Iowa Western Community College Board, Council Bluffs Sister City, U.S. Grains Council, and Iowa College Student Aid Commission. Midwest Higher Education Compact Commissioner. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1950 in Council Bluffs. Resides in Macedonia. **Family Members:** Wife, Carol.



**Joel Fry – Osceola (R)****District 27**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Therapist, speaker, health care consultant, and college professor. President of TEAM Restoration Ministries based in Osceola. Lecturer faculty at Simpson College and adjunct faculty at the University of Iowa School of Social Work. Lectures and consults nationally on hospice and palliative care issues. **Education:** Received B.A. from Simpson College and M.S.W. and Aging Studies Certificate from the University of Iowa School of Social Work. **Memberships and Activities:** Chairman of Hospice of Central Iowa Care Services Advisory Board – Osceola. Past co-chair of the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Iowa’s Education Committee and Social Work Peer Group. Has served on numerous national committees relating to hospice and palliative care. Past member of the National Peer Grant Review Committee with the American Cancer Society. Past board member and board chair of the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Iowa and Warren County Christian School (Victory Christian Academy) Board of Directors. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1974 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Osceola. **Family Members:** Wife, Heather; three sons and one daughter.

**Ruth Ann Gaines – Des Moines (D)****District 32**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Teacher. **Education:** Received B.A. in drama/speech from Clarke College, Dubuque. Received M.A. in dramatic art from the University of California, Santa Barbara. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on State Foster Care Review Board, Loras College Board of Regents, Very Special Arts Iowa, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, Eyerly-Ball Board, YWCA Board, NAACP Board, Hospice of Central Iowa, Repertory Theater of Iowa, Drama Workshop, Iowa Arts Council, Holy Family Foundation Board, Des Moines Area Religious Council, Westminister House Board, Des Moines Tutoring Board, and Des Moines Optimist Club Charter Member. Currently: Friends of Des Moines Human Rights and past president, Candeo Board, Iowa Juneteenth Observation Board, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Graduate Chapter. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1947 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** One son.



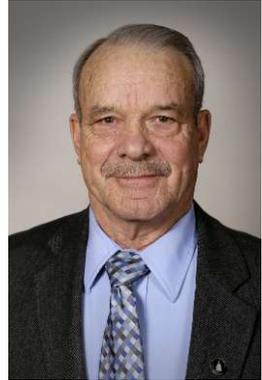
**Mary Gaskill – Ottumwa (D)**  
**District 81**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Retired county auditor. **Education:** Attended Gard Business University in St. Joseph, Missouri. Completed numerous continuing education classes in personnel, accounting, and management. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Ottumwa Area Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Toastmasters International, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Ottumwa Noon Lions, Catholic Daughters of America, and St. Mary of the Visitation Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1941 in Clyde, Missouri. Resides in Ottumwa. **Family Members:** One son, three daughters, and seven grandchildren.



**Tedd Gassman – Scarville (R)**  
**District 7**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Insurance salesman and farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Todd County High School in Mission, South Dakota. Received B.S.E. from Southern State Teachers College. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on Thompson Community School Board. Member of Gideons International, Forest City, Iowa Camp, and Thompson Businessman's Club. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1943 in Valentine, Nebraska. Raised near Mission, South Dakota, and resides near Scarville. **Family Members:** Wife, Mary Joell; two daughters, one son, and 14 grandchildren.



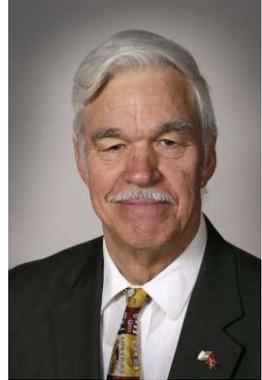
**Pat Grassley – New Hartford (R)**  
**District 50**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in House. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Received A.A. in agribusiness from Hawkeye Community College. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Butler County Republican Central Committee, Butler County Farm Bureau, and Oak Hill Cemetery Foundation Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1983 in Cedar Falls. Resides in rural New Hartford. **Family Members:** Wife, Amanda; two daughters and one son.

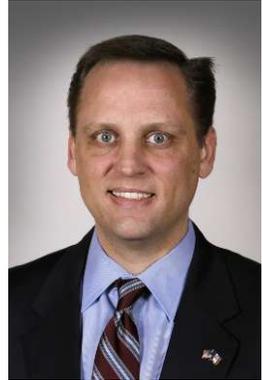


**Stan Gustafson – Cumming (R)****District 25**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Retired attorney and lieutenant colonel with U.S. Marine Corps. **Education:** Graduated from Placer High School in Auburn, California. Received B.S. in finance from the University of California at Berkeley, and J.D. from South Bay University School of Law, California. **Military Service:** U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Iowa Veterans Council. Has participated in numerous veteran activities in Iowa and California. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1942 in Washington, D.C. Resides in Cumming. **Family Members:** Wife, Betty; three children and eight grandchildren.

**Chris Hagenow – Windsor Heights (R)****District 43**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Attorney, partner at Whitaker, Hagenow & Gustoff, LLP in Des Moines. **Education:** Graduated from Northern University High School, Cedar Falls. Received B.A. at the University of Northern Iowa and J.D. at the University of Iowa College of Law. **Memberships and Activities:** Iowa State Bar Association, Iowa Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society, and Iowa Prayer Breakfast Committee. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1972 in St. Charles, Missouri. Raised in Cedar Falls and resides in Windsor Heights. **Family Members:** Wife, Amanda; two sons and one daughter.

**Chris Hall – Sioux City (D)****District 13**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Grants coordinator, Western Iowa Tech Community College. **Education:** Graduated as valedictorian from North High School, Sioux City. Received B.A. in political science from Grinnell College. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of First Presbyterian Church in Sioux City, Sioux City Growth Organization (Young Professionals), Rotary Club, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, and Iowa Farm Bureau. Board member at Crittenton Center and Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP). **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1985 in Sioux City. Raised and resides in Sioux City.



**Curt D. Hanson – Fairfield (D)**  
**District 82**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Retired teacher. **Education:** Received B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa and M.A. from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Past president and business manager of the Iowa Association of Safety Education, and past president and continuing member of the Fairfield Kiwanis. Served as treasurer for the Jefferson County Democrats and member of First United Methodist Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1943 in Algona and raised on a farm near Swea City. Resides in Fairfield. **Family Members:** Wife, Diane; one daughter, one son, and four grandchildren.



**Mary Ann Hanusa – Council Bluffs (R)**  
**District 16**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** School administrative manager, Council Bluffs Community School District. **Education:** Received B.S. in education from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska, and M.A. in American history from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves as board member for Union Pacific Railroad Museum and board of directors for Hanusa Hardware and Rental. Member of Abraham Lincoln High School Hall of Fame Committee. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1963 in Council Bluffs. Raised and resides in Council Bluffs. **Family Members:** Husband, Charlie Johnson.



**Greg Heartsill – Columbia (R)**  
**District 28**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Fence contractor, small business owner. **Education:** Graduated from Mount Pleasant Community Schools. Received A.A.S. from Indian Hills Community College and B.A. from Buena Vista College. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Network of Iowa Christian Home Educators, National Federation of Independent Business, Farm Bureau, Pheasants Forever, and National Rifle Association. Served on Marion County Republican Central Committee. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1971 in Mount Pleasant. Raised in Salem and resides near Columbia. **Family Members:** Wife, Angie; three sons and seven daughters.



**Dave Heaton – Mount Pleasant (R)**  
**District 84**

**Term:** Serving eleventh term in House. **Profession:** Retired restaurant owner. Former teacher. **Education:** Graduated from Sigourney High School. Received B.A. from Iowa Wesleyan College. **Military Service:** U.S. Army Reserve 872nd Ordnance Company. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Kiwanis, Henry County Pork Producers, Henry County Farm Bureau, and Catholic Church. Past president, Iowa Restaurant Association. Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, former board of directors member. Iowa Licensed Beverage Association member. Former co-chair of Henry County Republican Party. Distinguished Alumni Award from Iowa Wesleyan College. In 2012 gave commencement address at Iowa Wesleyan College and received Honorary Doctorate of Letters. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1941 and raised in Sigourney. Resides in Mount Pleasant. **Family Members:** Wife, Carmen; one daughter and one son.



**Lisa K. Heddens – Ames (D)**  
**District 46**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Service coordinator, People Place, a family resource center. **Education:** Received B.S. in elementary education from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of the Mental Health and Disability Services Commission and the Council on Human Services. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1964 in Rochester, Minnesota. Resides in Ames. **Family Members:** One son and one daughter.



**Lee Hein – Monticello (R)**  
**District 96**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Attended Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on the Monticello Community School Board, Iowa Farm Business Board, Cedar Valley Farm Business Board, and Jones County Pork Producers Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1960 in Monticello. Raised and resides in Monticello. **Family Members:** Wife, Jacquelyn; one son and one daughter.



**Jake Highfill – Johnston (R)**  
**District 39**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Commercial Realtor at NAI Optimum. **Education:** Graduated from Johnston High School. Received degrees in business and exercise science from the University of Iowa. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1990 in Marshalltown. Raised and resides in Johnston.



**Steven Holt – Denison (R)**  
**District 18**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Business owner of Summer Magic Tropical Sno and Movie Magic USA, a DVD Internet store. Retired First Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps. **Education:** Graduated from Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg, South Carolina. U.S. Marine Corps leadership schools include Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Academy, Advanced Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Academy, and Drill Instructor School. **Military Service:** U.S. Marine Corps, 20 years. **Memberships and Activities:** Co-creator and sponsor of Denison High School Academic Awards; Denison Community Schools Music Booster Committee, Denison Swim Team emcee, Chamber and Development Council of Crawford County, American Legion, Donna Reed Foundation, Denison Community Theatre, and Grace Evangelical Free Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1958 in Greenville, South Carolina. Raised in Greenville and resides in Denison. **Family Members:** Wife, Crystal; five children.



**Bruce Hunter – Des Moines (D)**  
**District 34**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Retired. **Education:** Graduated from Ellendale High School in Ellendale, Minnesota. Attended Winona State University and St. Cloud State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Past president of the local Jaycees and past director of the Iowa Jaycees. Member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1955 and raised in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Betty Brim-Hunter.



**Daniel A. Huseman – Aurelia (R)****District 3**

**Term:** Serving eleventh term in House. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Aurelia High School and Buena Vista College. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMS, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Corn Growers, International LLL, Farm Bureau, and Iowa Cattlemen's Association. Local school volunteer, former Little League president, and member of local Kiwanis Club. Former officer and director of Cherokee County Farm Bureau, past president and voting delegate. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1952 in Cherokee. Raised and resides in Aurelia. **Family Members:** Wife, Barbara; one son, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

**Charles Isenhart – Dubuque (D)****District 100**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Common Good Services. **Education:** Received B.A. in political science and mass communication from Loras College and M.A. in journalism from Marquette University. **Memberships and Activities:** Iowa 2010 Strategic Planning Council (Development Committee), Iowans for a Better Future Board, Governor's 21st Century Workforce Council, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Customer Council, City of Dubuque Housing Commission, City of Dubuque Community Development Commission, Downtown Neighborhood Council, Dubuque County Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Stakeholders Committee, Habitat for Humanity Board, Project Concern Board, Dubuque Food Pantry Board, Dubuque Soccer Alliance Board, Dubuque Housing Coalition, Healthy Dubuque 2000, and Crescent Community Health Center Planning Committee. Member of St. Raphael Cathedral Parish. Former chair of Research Committee, Dubuque County Democratic Central Committee, Platform Committee, and 2004 Presidential Forum Planning Committee, precinct GOTV captain, precinct caucus chair, and county convention delegate. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1959 in Dubuque and resides in Dubuque.

**David Jacoby – Coralville (D)****District 74**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** STEM Outreach Coordinator at University of Iowa. **Education:** Received B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Served two terms on the Coralville City Council. Served on the Iowa Workforce Development Board for eight years. Member of Civil Service Committee, Empowerment Board, Mayor's Youth Board, Iowa City/Coralville Chamber of Commerce, Victory Riders Association, and St. Thomas More Catholic Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1956 in Cedar Rapids. Resides in Coralville. **Family Members:** Wife, Lynette; two daughters.



**Megan Jones – Sioux Rapids (R)**  
**District 2**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Attorney, Hemphill Law Office, PLC. **Education:** Received degrees in law, politics, and society (LPS) and business from Drake University and J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Spencer Daybreakers Kiwanis, Farm Bureau, and Keep Iowa Beautiful. **Birth and Residence:** Born in Harlan. Resides on the family farm in southern Clay County. **Family Members:** Husband, Will; one son.



**Ron Jorgensen – Sioux City (R)**  
**District 6**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Vice president for business and finance, Morningside College. **Education:** Received B.S. in business administration from Morningside College and M.B.A. from the University of South Dakota. **Memberships and Activities:** Served 2002 – 2008 on the Sioux City School Board. Former member of Crittenden Center Board, United Way Board, Downtown Kiwanis Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Board, March of Dimes, and American Cancer Society. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1957 in Sioux City. Raised and resides in Sioux City. **Family Members:** Wife, Kathy; two sons.



**Bobby Kaufmann – Wilton (R)**  
**District 73**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Small business owner and livestock farmer. **Education:** Studied business at the University of Iowa and Muscatine Community College. **Memberships and Activities:** Past state chairman for the Iowa Federation of College Republicans. Clerked for seven years in the House and worked on Governor Branstad's 2010 campaign. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1985 in Muscatine. Raised and resides in Wilton.



**Jerry Kearns – Keokuk (D)**  
**District 83**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Retired industrial electrician, Henniges Automotive, Keokuk. Currently employed as a staff representative for the United Steelworkers Union, AFL-CIO. **Education:** Graduated from Wyaconda (Missouri) High School, and Industrial Electrician Apprenticeship/four-year Journeyman Program with certification. **Military Service:** Served 1965–1969 in the United States Air Force. **Memberships and Activities:** Served 18 years on the Lee County Board of Supervisors. Member of Trinity United Methodist Church, University of Iowa Labor Advisory Committee, American Legion, Elks Club, Lee County Democratic Central Committee, Lee County Labor Council, 50-year member of the United Rubber/Steel Workers Union, and a member of and volunteer with various other community and service organizations. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1944 and raised on a farm in Clark County, Missouri. Resides in Keokuk. **Family Members:** Wife, Diane; two sons and seven grandchildren.



**Dan Kelley – Newton (D)**  
**District 29**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Realtor at First Choice Realty in Newton. Owner and operator of Dan Kelley DJ Service. **Education:** Received B.A. with honors in communications studies from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on Iowa Parks Foundation Trust Board and Capitol Planning Commission. Served as president of Newton Board of Realtors; executive board of directors, Newton Housing and Development Corporation; board member, Newton Chamber of Commerce; ambassador, Relay for Life of Jasper County; American Cancer Society; team coordinator, Newton YMCA; board of directors, ACES Teen Center; volunteer committee member, Newton Parks Commission; vice chair, commissioner, Newton Alumni Board; past president, Newton Sesquicentennial; committee member, Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority; Jasper County representative, Newton Community Educational Foundation Board; board of directors, Newton Transformation Council; and Connecting Youth Committee. Member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Newton. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1970 in Marshalltown. Raised and resides in Newton.



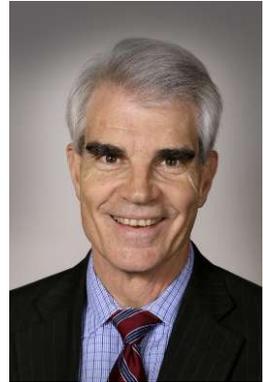
**Jarad Klein – Keota (R)**  
**District 78**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Full-time production agriculture, fifth generation living on the family farm north of Keota. **Education:** Attended Drake University and the Leadership Institute in Arlington, Virginia. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as an intern for George W. Bush’s presidential campaign in 1999–2000. Served as a clerk at the Iowa Statehouse for two years. Served as the southeast field representative for the Republican Party of Iowa. Served as the Keokuk County Republican Party chairman and Republican Party of Iowa rules chair. Member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Washington County Pork Producers, Washington County Farm Bureau, Iowa Soybean Association, and Iowa Corn Growers Association. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1981 north of Keota. Raised and resides north of Keota. **Family Members:** Wife, Rachel; two sons and one daughter.



**Kevin Koester – Ankeny (R)**  
**District 38**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Retired school administrator. **Education:** Graduated from Dowling Catholic High School and University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Past president of the National Community Education Association, Iowa Community Education Association, Iowa Dollars for Scholars Board, and the Employees and Family Resources Board. Co-chair of the Polk County Sesquicentennial Commission, 2013 Champion Award from Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, 2011 award from the Iowa Library Association, 2010 and 2014 Legislator of the Year with Iowa Insurance Alliance, “Big Brother” for six years, 2003 Ankeny Chamber Citizen of the Year, and elder in Ankeny Free Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1954 in Harlan. Raised in Des Moines and resides in Ankeny. **Family Members:** Wife, Linda; two sons, one daughter, and ten grandchildren.



**John Kooiker – Boyden (R)**  
**District 4**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Farmer and substitute teacher. Retired rural letter carrier. **Education:** Graduated from Western Christian High School, Hull. Received A.B. in Math. Ed. from Calvin College in Michigan (1968). Received M.A. in Math. Ed. from Kansas State University (1972). **Military Service:** U.S. Army. M.P. Sentry Dog Handler and Medical Records Clerk (1968–1970). **Memberships and Activities:** American Legion, Gideons International, Sioux County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner, Hull Hope Christian Reformed Church elder, math and physics teacher at the Christian Academy in Japan (1972–1974), President of Christian Farmers Association (1977–1984), Center for Public Justice, World Renew Disaster Response volunteer, and Love INC volunteer. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1946 in Hull. Raised on a farm near Hardwick, Minnesota, and in Hull. Resides on a farm near Boyden. **Family Members:** Wife, Sherry; four children and nine grandchildren.



**Bob Kressig – Cedar Falls (D)**  
**District 59**

**Term:** Serving sixth term in House. **Profession:** Retired from John Deere. **Education:** Graduated from Waterloo West High School. Attended Hawkeye Tech. Received postsecondary teaching license from the University of Northern Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Current board member and former chair of Veridian Credit Union. Former member and chair of the Cedar Falls Planning and Zoning Commission. Member of the Cedar Falls Lions Club. Retired member of the UAW and member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cedar Falls. Member of the Sons of AMVETS Post 49, Cedar Falls. Current member of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council, Public Safety Advisory Board, Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board, and Pseudoephedrine Advisory Council. Serves on the University of Northern Iowa's Metal Casting Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1953 in Dubuque. Resides in Cedar Falls. **Family Members:** Wife, Liz; two daughters and two grandchildren.



**John Landon – Ankeny (R)**  
**District 37**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Ag business and real estate. **Education:** Graduated from West Marshall High School. Received B.S. in agriculture business from Iowa State University. **Military Service:** Enlisted in Navy Seabees and served in Vietnam with honorable discharge. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce and an active leader in Polk County Republicans. Served as a Cub Scout Pack 87 leader and Boy Scout Troop 188 leader over a 12-year period. Served as a church deacon and Stewardship Committee leader at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Ankeny. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1950 and raised near State Center and resides in Ankeny. **Family Members:** Wife, Marvis; one son and one daughter.



**Vicki S. Lensing – Iowa City (D)**  
**District 85**

**Term:** Serving eighth term in House. **Profession:** Funeral home and crematory business owner. **Education:** Received B.A. from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Graduate of Community Leadership Program. Past chair of Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce, past president of Johnson County Women's Network, and past co-chair of district-wide parents organization. Co-founder of United Way Women's Leadership Circle. Past president of Preferred Funeral Directors International. Past board member of Johnson County Community Foundation. Current board member of Elder Services, Inc., Reading Recovery Council of Iowa, and grant committees of Johnson County Community Foundation and 5224Good. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1957 in Iowa City. Raised and resides in Iowa City. **Family Members:** Husband, Rich Templeton; two sons, one daughter, two stepchildren, and five grandchildren.



**Jim Lykam – Davenport (D)**  
**District 89**

**Term:** Serving eighth nonconsecutive term in House. **Education:** Graduated from Davenport West High School. Received A.A. from Palmer Junior College. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as vice president of Davenport Colt League and managed the West Pony League. Served on Davenport Planning and Zoning Commission and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Member emeritus of Scott County Humane Society. Member of Davenport Moose Lodge, Davenport Masonic Lodge, Kaaba Shrine, and Mohassan Grotto. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1949 in Davenport. Resides in Davenport. **Family Members:** Wife, Barb; one son.



**Mary Mascher – Iowa City (D)**  
**District 86**

**Term:** Serving eleventh term in House. **Profession:** Retired teacher. **Education:** Received B.A. in education and M.S. in counseling education from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Iowa City Community Theater. Member of Iowa State Sesquicentennial Commission, Iowa City Parks and Recreation Commission, Iowa City Riverfront Commission, and past president of the Iowa City Education Association, Altrusa member, and serves on State Reading Recovery Advisory Board and Executive Committee. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1952 and raised in Johnson County. Resides in Iowa City. **Family Members:** One son and two grandchildren.



**Dave Maxwell – Gibson (R)**  
**District 76**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Drainage contractor and farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Montezuma Community Schools. Studied at University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University. **Military Service:** U.S. Army, three years. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as LICA Board president, Parish Council Board, and Keokuk County Fair Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1943 in Deep River. Raised in Deep River and resides in Gibson. **Family Members:** Wife, Kristin; four children and nine grandchildren.



**Charlie McConkey – Council Bluffs (D)**  
**District 15**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Small business owner and operator. Worked in industrial maintenance at Griffin Pipe for over 31 years. **Education:** Graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1973 and obtained certification from Iowa Western Community College. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on the Board of Steelworkers Credit Union, was financial secretary for United Steelworkers Local 3141, and chaired the Safety Committee at Griffin Pipe. Served as vice president of the Roberts Park Neighborhood Association and has volunteered for SOLAS (Support Our Local Animal Shelter) and is a member of the Pottawattamie County Landlords Association. Volunteers at Mohm's Place once a month serving meals to the homeless. Attends Salem Methodist Church in Council Bluffs. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1955 in Carter Lake. Raised in Carter Lake and resides in Council Bluffs. **Family Members:** Wife, Sheryl; two sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



**Brian Meyer – Des Moines (D)**  
**District 33**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Lawyer, former Assistant Iowa Attorney General and former Assistant Polk County Attorney. **Education:** Graduated from Dubuque Senior High School, the University of Northern Iowa, and Drake University Law School. **Military Service:** Iowa National Guard. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on Des Moines City Council for seven years. Served on the City of Des Moines Planning and Zoning Commission. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1973 in Dubuque. Raised in Dubuque, resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Ann; two daughters.



**Helen Miller – Fort Dodge (D)**  
**District 9**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Attorney/arts educator. **Education:** Received B.A. in business administration from Howard University, Washington, D.C.; M.S. in library science from Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas; and J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. **Memberships and Activities:** Ranking member House Agriculture Committee. Member of the Iowa State Bar Association, District of Columbia Bar Association, National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, National Black Caucus of State Legislators Agriculture Policy Committee chair, State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, Paul Harris Fellow – Rotary International, Women in Government chair, and Urban Ag Academy founder. **Birth and Residence:** Born in Newark, New Jersey. Resides in Fort Dodge.



**Linda J. Miller – Bettendorf (R)**  
**District 94**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in House. **Profession:** President, LJM Consulting, Bettendorf. **Education:** Graduated from Greenfield High School and Iowa Methodist School of Nursing in Des Moines. Attended the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Iowa Medical Alliance and past president and Alliance Member of the Year, 2002. Member of Scott Community College Foundation Board, Bettendorf Rotary, and Quad Cities Chamber. Past member of Davenport Schools Foundation Board, Iowa Medical Foundation Board, and Iowa Medical Group Managers Association. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1947 in Creston. Resides in Bettendorf. **Family Members:** Husband, Dr. Harold Miller; six children.



**Norlin Mommsen – DeWitt (R)**  
**District 97**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Farmer, growing corn and soybeans, and raising cattle. **Education:** Graduated from East Central High School in Miles, and attended the Farm Operations Program at Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Rural Representative on the Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission and serves on the board of directors for the Clinton County Farm Bureau and the Great River Threshers. Has been involved with the Clinton County 4-H Youth Board, the Miles Area Lions Club, and the Community Ambulance Service and the FFA Alumni. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1957 in Clinton. Raised in Miles, resides in DeWitt. **Family Members:** Wife, Denise; five children.



**Brian Moore – Bellevue (R)**  
**District 58**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Small business owner – farming, trucking, and feed sales. **Education:** Received A.A. in ag business from Kirkwood Community College. **Memberships and Activities:** Maquoketa Optimist Club, Farm Bureau, and Jackson County Cattlemen. Member of the Jackson County Central Committee and Bellevue Marquette Booster Club. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1962 in Maquoketa. Raised in Maquoketa and resides in Bellevue. **Family Members:** Wife, Kim; five sons, three daughters, and three grandsons.



**Zach Nunn – Bondurant (R)****District 30**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Cyber entrepreneur, small business owner, military officer, and Drake University professor. **Education:** Graduated from Southeast Polk High School. Received B.A. degrees in political science and international relations from Drake University, magna cum laude. Received master of studies in international security from Cambridge University, U.K., first-degree honors. **Military Service:** Major with the U.S. Air Force. Stationed with Iowa Air National Guard's 132nd Fighter Wing. Served three combat tours overseas with over 700 air combat hours. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on the Iowa Juvenile Justice Advisory Council. Member of Saints John & Paul's Knights of Columbus, Altoona Chamber of Commerce, Bondurant American Legion, and Drake University's National Alumni Board. Legislative staff to U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley, Gen. Keith Alexander, and Congressman Greg Ganske. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1979 in Story City. Raised in Altoona and resides in Bondurant. **Family Members:** Wife, Kelly; one daughter and one son.

**Jo Oldson – Des Moines (D)****District 41**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Former First Deputy Insurance Commissioner and former advisor to Governor Tom Vilsack. **Education:** Graduated from Eagle Grove Community High School. Received B.A. and J.D. from Drake University. **Memberships and Activities:** Past president of Young Women's Resource Center Board of Directors. Member of Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center Board of Directors. Fundraiser for United Way. Member of Plymouth Congregational Church. Volunteer at Des Moines Public Schools. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1956 in Eagle Grove. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Husband, Brice Oakley.

**Rick Olson – Des Moines (D)****District 31**

**Term:** Serving sixth term in House. **Profession:** Attorney. **Education:** Attended Grand View College. Received undergraduate and law degrees from Drake University. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of the Iowa State Bar Association, Polk County Bar Association, Iowa Association for Justice, and the Des Moines Elks. Past board member of the Iowa Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, and past commissioner of the Polk County Magistrate Appointing Commission. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Brenda; three daughters and one grandson.



**Scott Ourth – Ackworth (D)**  
**District 26**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Public affairs executive, operating engineer. **Education:** Graduated from Hixson High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Received B.A. from Graceland College, Lamoni. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on the following boards of directors: Municipal Fire & Police Retirement System of Iowa, Warren County Philanthropic Partnership, Disability Rights Iowa, Warren County Leadership Institute, Graceland University Alumni, and Warren County Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Member, Community of Christ Church, Indianola Noon Lions Club. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1959 in Columbia, Missouri. Raised in Morgantown, West Virginia and Chattanooga, Tennessee. Resides in Ackworth. **Family Members:** Wife, Dr. Heather Ourth; one son.



**Kraig Paulsen – Hiawatha (R)**  
**District 67**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Attorney. **Education:** Received B.B.A. from Iowa State University, M.B.A. from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and J.D. from the University of Iowa. **Military Service:** Attended Officer Training School and served 10 years with the U.S. Air Force. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of New Covenant Bible Church and American Legion Post 735. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1964 in Monticello. Resides in Hiawatha. **Family Members:** Wife, Cathy; one daughter and three sons.



**Ross Paustian – Walcott (R)**  
**District 92**

**Term:** Serving second nonconsecutive term in House. **Profession:** Fifth-generation crop and livestock farmer, vice president of Paustian Enterprises Ltd. **Education:** Graduated from West High in Davenport. Received B.S. from South Dakota State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Past president of the Scott County Farm Bureau, past president of the Scott County Pork Producers, and past president of the Walcott Community Club. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1956 in Davenport. Raised and resides in Walcott. **Family Members:** Wife, Carol; one daughter and one son.



**Dawn E. Pettengill – Mount Auburn (R)**  
**District 75**

**Term:** Serving sixth term in House. **Profession:** Legislator. **Education:** Purdue University, mechanical engineering. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of the Optimist Club, Vinton Lions Club, IPERS Investment Board, BILLD Fellow of Council of State Governments, American Legislative Exchange Council Commerce Committee (public chair), Council of State Governments BILLD Steering Committee and CSG Suggested State Legislation Committee. Named “Friend of Agriculture” in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014. Named “Friend of Small Business” in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014. Received the “Defender of Liberty” award in 2012 from American Conservative Union. Established W2L Women to Leadership, Fill the Plate Senior Nutrition Program, and the Mount Auburn Youth Council. Implemented mandatory curbside recycling program in Mount Auburn. Former city councilwoman and mayor of Mount Auburn. Past president of the La Porte City Women’s Club. Past commissioner of the Iowa Department on Aging Commission, Benton County Solid Waste Commission, Benton County Emergency Management Commission, and Benton Economic Development Group. Past executive board director of East Central Iowa Council of Governments. Member of Trinity Episcopal Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1955 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Resides in Mount Auburn. **Family Members:** Two sons and one granddaughter.



**Todd Prichard – Charles City (D)**  
**District 52**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Attorney. **Education:** Received undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Iowa. **Military Service:** Major in the U.S. Army Reserve, started military service in the Army and has been deployed four times, including a tour in Iraq. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on the TLC Board of Directors and is also a member of the Charles City Lions Club. Attends St. John Lutheran Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1974 in Davenport. Raised in Davenport and resides in Charles City. **Family Members:** Wife, Ann; three children.



**Ken Rizer – Cedar Rapids (R)**  
**District 68**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Leadership consultant. **Education:** Received B.S. in foreign affairs from U.S. Air Force Academy, M.S. in strategic studies from Air War College, M.P.A. from Harvard University, and M.B.A. from University of Iowa. Was Barry Goldwater Scholar to Georgetown University and Olmsted Scholar to the University of Stockholm, Sweden. **Military Service:** Served 25 years in the Air Force, retiring as a Colonel and the Commander of Joint Base Andrews in 2012. **Memberships and Activities:** American Legion, Rotary, Air Force Association, Military Officers Association of America, NRA. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1964 in Rochester, Minnesota. Resides in Marion Township. **Family Members:** Wife, Cheri; four children.



**Walt Rogers – Cedar Falls (R)**  
**District 60**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Leadership consultant. **Education:** Studied industrial technology at University of Northern Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Past chairman of the board, Alternatives Pregnancy Center. Board chair, Discovery Series-Quakerdale. Committee member, My Waterloo Days and Love Cedar Valley. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1961 in Waterloo. Raised in Waterloo and resides in Cedar Falls. **Family Members:** Wife, Jennifer; two sons, one daughter, and eight grandchildren.



**Patti Ruff – McGregor (D)**  
**District 56**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Employee at grain terminal. **Education:** Received history degree from Loras College. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on Little Bulldog Childcare Center Board. Member of the MFL MAR-MAC School Board for nine years and president for four years. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1972 in Richardson, Texas. Raised and resides in McGregor. **Family Members:** Husband, Dan; three sons.



**Kirsten Running-Marquardt – Cedar Rapids (D)**  
**District 69**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Education:** Graduated from LaSalle High School in Cedar Rapids, attended Kirkwood Community College, and graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.A. in political science. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of NARFE, CRnetWork, Iron Workers Local 89, St. John XXII Catholic Church, and a board member of the Iowa Small Business Development Centers and Iowa Workforce Development. Previous director of Iowa for Health Care, and served the community working for a member of the Iowa congressional delegation. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1977. Raised and resides in Cedar Rapids. **Family Members:** Husband, Coy Marquardt; one son.



**Sandy Salmon – Janesville (R)**  
**District 63**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Family farm owner, retired home educator. **Education:** Graduated from Kingsley-Pierson High School. Received B.A. in business management from University of Northern Iowa. **Military Service:** U.S. Marine Corps. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Cornerstone Fellowship Church, NICHE (state homeschool organization), Farm Bureau, Marine Corps League, Bremer County Corn Growers, Black Hawk County Republican Women, and Black Hawk County Republican Central Committee. Served as a 4-H leader in Black Hawk County and with Metro Home Educators (Waterloo/Cedar Falls). **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1955 in Lawton, Oklahoma. Raised near Kingsley and resides near Janesville. **Family Members:** Husband, Matt; three sons and one grandchild.



**Thomas R. Sands – Wapello (R)**  
**District 88**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Certified real estate appraiser and farmer. **Education:** Graduated from Columbus Community High School and attended Muscatine Community College. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on Columbus Junction City Council. Served as finance chair for city of Columbus Junction. Former township trustee for Concord Township, and Louisa County Republican Central Committee chair. Charter member of the Sons of the American Legion and past first commander. Member of Iowa Corn Growers Association, National Corn Growers Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Cattlemen's Association, Masonic Lodge, Kaaba Shriner, Des Moines Scottish Rite, National Rifle Association, Farm Bureau, and Mediapolis United Methodist Church. Past certified lay speaker. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1954 in Muscatine. Resides in rural Louisa County. **Family Members:** Wife, Catherine J. Miller-Sands; two sons, one daughter, and seven grandchildren.



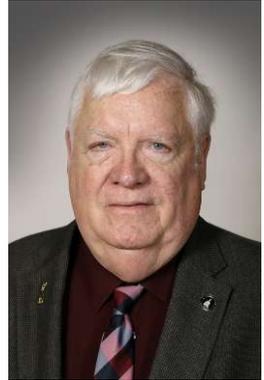
**Mike Sexton – Rockwell City (R)**  
**District 10**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. Served one term in Senate.  
**Profession:** Environmental consultant, entrepreneur, and farmer.  
**Education:** Graduated from Rockwell City High School. Received A.A.S. in ag business from Iowa Lakes Community College.  
**Memberships and Activities:** Served on the following boards: South Central Calhoun School Board, Iowa Association of School Boards, Iowa Cattlemen’s Association, and Calhoun County Farm Bureau Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1961 in Fort Dodge. Raised and resides in Rockwell City. **Family Members:** Wife, Becky; four sons, one daughter, and nine grandchildren.



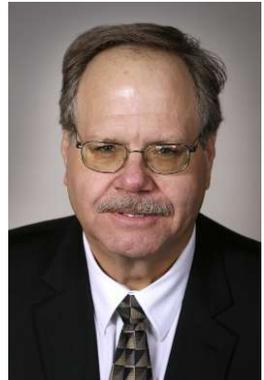
**Larry Sheets – Moulton (R)**  
**District 80**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Retired electrical engineer. Tree farmer, self-employed, 2000 – present. Holds 16 U.S. patents. **Education:** B.S. electrical engineering, Purdue University; M.S. electrical engineering, University of Michigan; and M.B.A., Illinois Institute of Technology. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as a member of the Moulton-Udell School Board, Moulton Economic Development Association, Judson University President’s Advisory Board, Hope Pregnancy Center Board, Christian Education Chairman/church board. Received a conservation award for planting 120,000 trees, and is a member of the Indian Hills Sustainable Agriculture Advisory Board. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1943 in Hammond, Indiana. Resides in Moulton. **Family Members:** Wife, Carol; eight sons and two daughters.



**David Sieck – Glenwood (R)**  
**District 23**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Farmer and real estate agent. **Education:** Glenwood High School. **Memberships and Activities:** Mills County Economic Development Foundation, U.S. Grains Council, Responsible River Management, Western Iowa Energy, Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy, the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee, and the Iowa and National Corn Growers Associations. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1957 in Council Bluffs. Raised in Council Bluffs and resides in Glenwood. **Family Members:** Wife, Kim; three children.



**Mark Smith – Marshalltown (D)**  
**District 71**

**Term:** Serving eighth term in House. **Profession:** Licensed independent social worker (Iowa). Serves as director of special projects at the Substance Abuse Treatment Unit of Central Iowa in Marshalltown. **Education:** Graduated from Winterset High School. Received B.A. from Graceland College and M.S.W. from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Mental health technician for the American Red Cross, served at the World Trade Center following 9/11/01. Elder, Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Past treasurer, Friends of the Marshalltown Public Library. Past president, Marshalltown Morning Optimists Club. Past advisor, Marshalltown Cancer Support Group. Past adjunct instructor, University of Iowa School of Social Work. Past board member of the National Association of Social Workers. Member of the National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Health and Subcommittee on Substance Abuse. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1952 in Osceola. Resides in Marshalltown. **Family Members:** Wife, Karen Lischer; one daughter and two grown foster sons.



**Chuck Soderberg – Le Mars (R)**  
**District 5**

**Term:** Serving sixth term in House. **Profession:** Vice president of planning and legislative services for Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative. **Education:** Received B.A. in education from Westmar College. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Le Mars City Council, served on city of Le Mars Finance Committee, Communications Board, Urban Renewal Board, Local Option Sales Tax Advisory Board, Community Betterment Committee, Chamber of Commerce Board, Le Mars Business Initiative Corporation Board, St. Luke's Health Foundation Board, Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council Board, and Calvin Christian Reformed Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1957 in Burt. Resides in Le Mars. **Family Members:** Wife, Dawn; one son and one daughter.



**Art Staed – Cedar Rapids (D)**  
**District 66**

**Term:** Serving third nonconsecutive term in House. **Profession:** Teacher and school administrator in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Iowa; workforce development advisor; and former manager and corporate trainer in telecommunications. **Education:** Received B.A. in philosophy from Rockhurst University, M.Ed. in secondary education from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, and M.Ed. in secondary administration from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. **Memberships and Activities:** Iowa State Education Association, co-founder of Southern Oklahoma Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence, and former board member of Leadership in Ardmore, Oklahoma. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1949 in Joplin, Missouri. Resides in Cedar Rapids. **Family Members:** Wife, Susan; four children and five grandchildren.



**Quentin Stanerson – Center Point (R)**  
**District 95**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Teacher at North Linn Community Schools. **Education:** Graduated from Williamsburg High School. Received A.A. from Kirkwood Community College, B.A. from Coe College, and master's in education administration from Grand Canyon University. **Military Service:** U.S. Marine Corps, four years. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on North Linn School District's Leadership Committee. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1977 in Conroy. Raised in Conroy and resides in Center Point. **Family Members:** Wife, Nikki; three children.



**Sharon Steckman – Mason City (D)**  
**District 53**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Retired educator. **Education:** Received B.S. in education from Iowa State University and M.S. in education from Morningside College. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on the Mason City Swim Club Board and Mason City Youth Hockey Association. Former member of the Mason City Education Association, serving as president and chief negotiator. Taught in Portugal and the Mason City Community Schools for 30 years. Currently serving on the board of directors for RSVP, IJAG, Francis Lauer Youth Services, and Uni Vocis. Member of the UNI College of Education Advisory Committee, the STEM Advisory Council, Delta Kappa Gamma Xi, PEO, and Trinity Lutheran Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1947 in Chicago, Illinois. Raised in Littleton, Colorado and Omaha, Nebraska. Resides in Mason City. **Family Members:** Husband, Alan; three sons, one daughter, and nine grandchildren.



**Sally Stutsman – Riverside (D)**  
**District 77**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Former county supervisor in Johnson County. **Education:** Graduated from Fort Dodge High School. Received A.A. from Fort Dodge Community College and B.S. from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on the boards of Oaknoll Retirement Residence and Elder Services, and as an Iowa State University CARET representative. Member of Iowa City Area Chamber Ag Committee, Altrusa, Old Capitol Kiwanis, Questers, and Sharon Center United Methodist Church. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1946 in Fort Dodge. Raised in Fort Dodge and resides in rural Johnson County. **Family Members:** Husband, Roger; one child and one grandchild.



**Rob Taylor – West Des Moines (R)**  
**District 44**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Sales director for a synthetic petroleum distributor in central Iowa. Consultant and trainer for the automotive industry and a diesel and biofuel specialist with experience in agricultural equipment and municipal transportation. Serves as an adjunct professor for William Penn University and Des Moines Area Community College. **Education:** Master's in business leadership, William Penn University. Bachelor of Science, Upper Iowa University. Associate in Arts, Des Moines Area Community College. Graduated from Des Moines Lincoln High School. **Memberships and Activities:** NRA member, BILLD Fellow Graduate from Council of State Governments. DMACC Alumni Foundation Board member, DMACC Automotive Advisory Council, ASE Certified Automotive and Diesel technician, member of Farm Bureau, Southgate Masonic Lodge #657 member, Gold Toque Society member of the Iowa Culinary Institute, Executive Team member on the Dallas County Republican Central Committee. Coached baseball for Walnut Creek Little League, served on the West Des Moines Board of Adjustment, Animal Control Board, Dallas County Compensation Board, and serves various local charities including The Iowa Clinic Healthcare Foundation, John Stoddard Rally Against Cancer, and Bras for the Cause. Served as organizational chair and chair of the Dallas County Republicans. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1971 in Des Moines. Raised in Des Moines and resides in West Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Dr. Christi Taylor; two daughters and two sons.



**Todd E. Taylor – Cedar Rapids (D)**  
**District 70**

**Term:** Serving eleventh term in House. **Profession:** Staff representative for AFSCME. **Education:** Received B.A. in English from Graceland College and B.S. in political science from the University of Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Former assistant Democratic leader. Past member of Commission on Elder Affairs. Member of the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development Selection Board and Bowhay alumni. Member of the Hawkeye Labor Council, executive board member 2006–present, Linn County Democratic Central Committee, Community of Christ Church, and Boy Scouts of America. Received Humane Legislator of the Year Award, United States Humane Society, 2007, and Labor Arbitration Institute Award, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2002. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1966 in Ames. Resides in Cedar Rapids. **Family Members:** Wife, Kim; one daughter and one son.



**Phyllis Thede – Bettendorf (D)**  
**District 93**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Attendance secretary at Williams Intermediate School. **Education:** Attended Southwestern Community College and Westmar College. **Memberships and Activities:** Served as second vice chair for the Iowa Democratic Party. Former paraeducator with the Davenport Community Schools. Served as union president in school district, vice president, contract negotiator, and grievance chair. Served on many committees with the district including the superintendent search committee. Also served on the state Minority Action Committee for 10 years. Campaign manager for two successful candidates for school board. Organized rallies for Howard Dean and Kerry/Edwards campaigns. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1954 in Chicago, Illinois. Raised in Creston and resides in Bettendorf. **Family Members:** Husband, Dave; three daughters and four grandchildren.



**Linda (Stromer) Upmeyer – Clear Lake (R)**  
**District 54**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Nurse practitioner (ARNP-c). **Education:** Received A.D.N. from North Iowa Area Community College, B.S.N. from the University of Iowa, and M.S.N. nurse practitioner from Drake University. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Farm Bureau, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, and Phi Theta Kappa. Former trustee for North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) and former board member of both the national and Iowa associations of Community College Trustees. 2014 National Chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Board of Directors, Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) Executive Committee, Toll Fellow (2006), Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) in 2004, and the Darden Institute, University of Virginia (2010). **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1952 in Garner. Resides in Clear Lake. **Family Members:** Husband, Doug; four sons, one daughter, four grandsons, and one granddaughter.



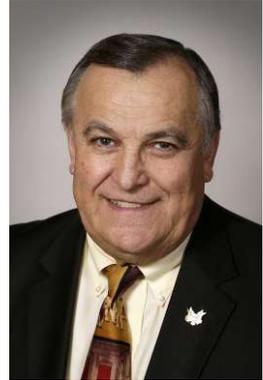
**Guy Vander Linden – Oskaloosa (R)**  
**District 79**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Retired Marine. **Education:** Received B.A. from the University of Iowa and M.S. from the University of Southern California. **Military Service:** U.S. Marine Corps. **Memberships and Activities:** First Presbyterian Church, Habitat for Humanity, and Trees Forever. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1948 in Oskaloosa. Raised and resides in Oskaloosa. **Family Members:** Wife, Carrie; two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren.



**Ralph C. Watts – Adel (R)**  
**District 19**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Retired electric and gas utility manager, small business owner. **Education:** Received B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Wyoming and M.B.A. study at Drake and Creighton universities. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, LDS Family Services Advisory Board, Iowa Sportsman's Federation, Iowa Farm Bureau, advisory board for Families Supporting Adoption, Dallas County Taxpayers Association, and ISU Engineering College Industrial Advisory Council. Past member of Kiwanis and Lions. Member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1944 in Lovell, Wyoming. Resides near Adel. **Family Members:** Wife, Sandy; two sons, two daughters, and nine grandchildren.



**Beth Wessel-Kroeschell – Ames (D)**  
**District 45**

**Term:** Serving sixth term in House. **Profession:** Events Coordinator, Reiman Gardens. **Education:** Graduated from Ames High School. Received B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa and M.P.A. from Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on the Friendship Ark board of directors which is a community that provides homes in Ames for adults with intellectual disabilities. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1959 in Ames. Raised and resides in Ames. **Family Members:** Husband, Tom; one daughter and one son.



**John H. Wills – Spirit Lake (R)**  
**District 1**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Environmental coordinator at Dickinson Soil and Water Conservation District. **Education:** Graduated from Sibley Community High School. Received B.S. in biology from Northwestern College in Orange City. Holds two master's degrees. **Military Service:** Retired from Army National Guard on January 12, 2015, with 25 years of service, having served numerous deployments overseas. **Memberships and Activities:** Serves on Okoboji Protective Association. Founding member of Pheasants Forever in Osceola County. Member of the State Pheasants Forever Council, Friends of Lakeside Lab, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1966 in Sibley. Raised in Sibley and resides in Spirit Lake. **Family Members:** Wife, Camilla; two sons and one daughter.



**Cindy Winckler – Davenport (D)**  
**District 90**

**Term:** Serving eighth term in House. **Profession:** Educational consultant. **Education:** Received B.S. in home economics from Northeast Missouri State University and M.A. in educational technology from the University of Northern Iowa. **Memberships and Activities:** Former member of the Davenport Zoning Board of Adjustment. Past president of Business and Professional Women/USA. Member of Iowa State Education Association, Eastern Iowa Small Business Advisory Council, Leadership Partnership of the School Administrators of Iowa, Teacher Preparation Advisory Board for the University of Northern Iowa, Davenport Schools Network of Community and School Partnerships, and Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa board member. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1950 in Des Moines. Resides in Davenport. **Family Members:** Husband, Joseph; one son, one daughter, and five grandchildren.



**Matt W. Windschitl – Missouri Valley (R)**  
**District 17**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in House. **Profession:** Conductor with Union Pacific Railroad, gunsmith for family business, Double Barrel Shooters Supply in Missouri Valley. **Education:** Home schooled. Attended college for gunsmithing at Colorado School of Trades. **Military Service:** Enlisted in Marine Corps in 2001. Served one tour in Iraq in 2005. Honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 2009. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1983 in Marshalltown. Resides in Missouri Valley. **Family Members:** Wife, Ivelisse; two daughters.



**Mary Lynn Wolfe – Clinton (D)**  
**District 98**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Attorney. **Education:** Received undergraduate and law degrees from University of Iowa. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1963 in Washington, D.C. Raised and resides in Clinton. **Family Members:** One son.



**Gary Worthan – Storm Lake (R)**  
**District 11**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in House. **Profession:** Farmer. **Education:** Graduate of Albert City-Truesdale Community Schools. A.A. in farm operations, Iowa State University. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of Iowa West Point Parent Club (past chair), Buena Vista Farm Bureau (past voting delegate, president, vice president, secretary), Buena Vista Republican Central Committee (past chair). **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1954 in Storm Lake. Resides in Storm Lake. **Family Members:** Wife, Jan; three children and six grandchildren.



## LEGISLATIVE STATUTORY BODIES

### ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

§17A.8

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John R. Ewing, Legal Counsel  
Stephanie A. Hoff, Administrative Code Editor, Secretary  
Timothy C. Reilly, Legal Counsel

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
<i>Senate</i>		
Wally E. Horn, Vice Chair .....	Cedar Rapids .....	April 30, 2019
Mark Chelgren .....	Ottumwa .....	April 30, 2019
Mark Costello .....	Imogene .....	April 30, 2019
Thomas G. Courtney .....	Burlington .....	April 30, 2019
Pam Jochum .....	Dubuque .....	April 30, 2019
<i>House</i>		
Dawn E. Pettengill, Chair .....	Mount Auburn .....	April 30, 2019
Lisa Heddens .....	Ames .....	April 30, 2019
Megan Jones .....	Sioux Rapids .....	April 30, 2019
Rick Olson .....	Des Moines .....	April 30, 2019
Guy Vander Linden .....	Oskaloosa .....	April 30, 2019

The Administrative Rules Review Committee is a bipartisan body composed of five legislators from each house of the General Assembly. Committee members are appointed for four-year terms, beginning May 1 of the year of appointment, by the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and are required to meet at least once every month on the second Tuesday. Administrative rules proposed by the state agencies are selectively reviewed by the committee. The committee has the authority to object to or suspend proposed rules; delay the effective date of rules for 70 days, for further study; delay the effective date of rules until the adjournment of the next legislative session; suspend or approve the emergency filing of certain rules; and request a fiscal impact statement on any proposed rules.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

§2.41

*State Capitol, Des Moines 50319; (515) 281-3566*  
Glen Dickinson, Director of Legislative Services Agency, Secretary

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
<i>Senate</i>		
Michael E. Gronstal, Vice Chair .....	Council Bluffs .....	January 8, 2017
Jake Chapman .....	Adel .....	January 8, 2017
Jeff Danielson .....	Cedar Falls .....	January 8, 2017
Bill Dix .....	Shell Rock .....	January 8, 2017
Robert E. Dvorsky .....	Coralville .....	January 8, 2017
Randy Feenstra .....	Hull .....	January 8, 2017
Pam Jochum .....	Dubuque .....	January 8, 2017
Amanda Ragan .....	Mason City .....	January 8, 2017
Charles Schneider .....	West Des Moines .....	January 8, 2017
Steven J. Sodders .....	State Center .....	January 8, 2017

Jack Whitver .....	Ankeny .....	January 8, 2017
Mary Jo Wilhelm .....	Cresco .....	January 8, 2017

*House*

Kraig Paulsen, Chair .....	Hiawatha .....	January 8, 2017
Ako Abdul-Samad .....	Des Moines .....	January 8, 2017
Peter Cownie .....	West Des Moines .....	January 8, 2017
Mary Gaskill .....	Ottumwa .....	January 8, 2017
Chris Hagenow .....	Windsor Heights .....	January 8, 2017
Chris Hall .....	Sioux City .....	January 8, 2017
Thomas R. Sands .....	Wapello .....	January 8, 2017
Mark D. Smith .....	Marshalltown .....	January 8, 2017
Chuck Soderberg .....	Le Mars .....	January 8, 2017
Sally Stutsman .....	Riverside .....	January 8, 2017
Linda L. Upmeyer .....	Clear Lake .....	January 8, 2017
Matt W. Windschitl .....	Missouri Valley .....	January 8, 2017

The Legislative Council was established in 1969 as the successor to the Legislative Research Committee. It consists of 24 members. Its membership represents majority and minority members of both houses, the leadership of both houses, the appropriations committees, and the at-large membership of the two houses. The duties of the council are to oversee interim legislative business, prepare legislative facilities for the legislative sessions, undertake studies, and set the policies for the Legislative Services Agency and Office of Ombudsman. A new council is established each odd-numbered year prior to the fourth Monday in January and serves until the following January of the next odd-numbered year.

## COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

§2.45(3)

*Senate Members:*

Pam Jochum, Vice Chair  
 Rick Bertrand  
 Mary Jo Wilhelm

*House Members:*

Chris Hagenow, Chair  
 Peter Cownie  
 Mary Gaskill

The Administration Committee was established in 1973. It consists of six members, three from each house. The duties of the committee are assigned by the Legislative Council.

### CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

§2.45(4), 2.47A

*Senate Members:*

Matt McCoy, Vice Chair  
 Robert E. Dvorsky  
 Randy Feenstra  
 Pam Jochum  
 Jack Whitver

*House Members:*

Chuck Soderberg, Chair  
 Ako Abdul-Samad  
 Mary Gaskill  
 Chris Hagenow  
 Thomas R. Sands

The Capital Projects Committee was established in 1989. It consists of 10 members, five from each house, some of whom would otherwise oversee legislative appropriations or fiscal functions. The duties of the committee relate to the planning, funding, and oversight of state government capital projects by the legislative and executive branches.

## FISCAL COMMITTEE

§2.45(2), 2.46

*Senate Members:*

Robert E. Dvorsky, Co-Chair  
 Joe Bolkcom  
 Jake Chapman  
 Jeff Danielson  
 Randy Feenstra

*House Members:*

Chuck Soderberg, Co-Chair  
 Peter Cownie  
 Chris Hall  
 Dave Jacoby  
 Thomas R. Sands

The Fiscal Committee was established by the General Assembly in 1973 and replaces the former Budget and Financial Control Committee. The committee is a bipartisan body comprised of 10 members: the chairpersons or their designated committee members, and the ranking minority party members or their designated committee members of the committees of the House and Senate responsible for developing a state budget and appropriating funds; the chairpersons or their designated committee members, and the ranking minority party members or their designated committee members of the Committees on Ways and Means; and two members, one appointed from the majority party of the Senate by the Majority Leader of the Senate, and one appointed from the majority party of the House by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. In each house, unless one of the members who represent the Committee on Ways and Means is also a member of the Legislative Council, the person appointed from the membership of the majority party in that house shall also be appointed from the membership of the Legislative Council.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

§2D.2

*Senate Members:*

Rita Hart, Chair  
 William A. Dotzler Jr.  
 Tim L. Kapucian  
 Charles Schneider  
 Steven J. Soddors

*House Members:*

Jake Highfill, Vice Chair  
 Ako Abdul-Samad  
 Deborah L. Berry  
 Josh Byrnes  
 Jack Drake  
 Stan Gustafson  
 Daniel Kelley

The International Relations Committee was established in 2000. Its membership is appointed by the Legislative Council and currently consists of five members of the Senate and seven members of the House of Representatives. The duties of the committee include establishing protocol for international and other visitors to the Capitol, and especially to the chambers of the General Assembly.

## SERVICE COMMITTEE

§2.45(1)

*Senate Members:*

Michael E. Gronstal, Chair  
 Bill Dix  
 Pam Jochum

*House Members:*

Kraig Paulsen, Vice Chair  
 Mark D. Smith  
 Linda L. Upmeyer

The Service Committee was established in 1973. It consists of six members, three from each house. The duties of the committee relate to oversight of the nonpartisan, central staff agencies serving the General Assembly.

STUDIES COMMITTEE

§2.42

*Senate Members:*

Michael E. Gronstal, Chair  
 Pam Jochum  
 David Johnson  
 Amanda Ragan  
 Charles Schneider

*House Members:*

Kraig Paulsen, Vice Chair  
 Peter Cownie  
 Mark D. Smith  
 Sally Stutsman  
 Linda L. Upmeyer

The Studies Committee is appointed by the Legislative Council and currently consists of 10 members, five from each house. The duties of the committee are assigned by the Legislative Council and relate to planning and oversight of statutory and special study committees meeting during the legislative interim.

TAX EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE

§2.48

*Senate Members:*

Joe Bolkcom, Co-Chair  
 William A. Dotzler Jr.  
 Randy Feenstra  
 Herman C. Quirnbach  
 Roby Smith

*House Members:*

Thomas R. Sands, Co-Chair  
 Chris Hagenow  
 Dave Jacoby  
 Jerry A. Kearns  
 Matt W. Windschitl

The Tax Expenditure Committee was created in 2010 as a permanent body under the Legislative Council. The committee’s duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year, and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years.

**LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES**

§68B.31

*State Capitol, Des Moines 50319; (515) 281-5307, (515) 281-5381*

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
<i>Senate</i>		
Wally E. Horn, Chair .....	Cedar Rapids .....	January 8, 2017
Dick L. Dearden, Vice Chair .....	Des Moines .....	January 8, 2017
Jerry Behn .....	Boone .....	January 8, 2017
Jason Schultz .....	Schleswig .....	January 8, 2017
Joe M. Seng .....	Davenport .....	January 8, 2017
Brad Zaun .....	Urbandale .....	January 8, 2017
<i>House</i>		
Rob Taylor, Chair .....	West Des Moines .....	January 8, 2017
Ron Jorgensen, Vice Chair .....	Sioux City .....	January 8, 2017
Deborah L. Berry .....	Waterloo .....	January 8, 2017
Dave Dawson .....	Sioux City .....	January 8, 2017
Thomas R. Sands .....	Wapello .....	January 8, 2017
Phyllis Thede .....	Bettendorf .....	January 8, 2017

The Legislative Ethics Committees in the Senate and House of Representatives are created in Iowa Code chapter 68B, with each committee having six members, three from the majority party and three from the minority party. The ethics committees prepare codes of ethics and lobbyist rules for the Senate and House of Representatives and receive and resolve ethics complaints involving legislators,

lobbyists, clients of lobbyists, and sometimes legislative employees. The committees may recommend censure, reprimand, suspension, expulsion, or forfeiture of salary for serious violations of the ethics rules.

## LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

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Glen Dickinson, Director ..... Serves at Pleasure of Legislative Council

### COMPUTER SERVICES DIVISION

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Vacant (Vacant), Division Director

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### LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

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Richard L. Johnson, Division Director

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

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Vacant (Vacant), Division Director

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Craig A. Cronbaugh, Office Director

The Legislative Services Agency (LSA) is established by Iowa Code chapter 2A as a central, nonpartisan legislative agency serving the Iowa General Assembly under the direction of the Legislative Council. The LSA provides nonpartisan staff services to all members of the General Assembly, including committee staffing, legal drafting, budget analysis, research, publishing, and computer technology support.

#### Legal Services Division

The Legal Services Division provides the following legal services to members of the General Assembly in an objective and nonpartisan manner:

- Bill and amendment drafting
- Legal and legislative research
- Official Iowa law publications
- Standing committee staffing
- Legislative Council, statutory, and interim study committee staffing

Bill drafting services are also provided to state agencies, the judicial branch, and the Governor. Division staff is precluded by statute from making public policy recommendations. The Division includes the following offices:

**Legislative Legal Services Office** (Legal Services) under the direction of the division director, and employing legal counsel and research analysts. Legal Services provides bill and amendment drafting, legal and legislative research, standing committee staffing, and Legislative Council, statutory, and interim study committee staffing services, including staffing of the Administrative Rules Review Committee. Legal Services publishes legislative guides, legal background briefings, and legal updates. The Iowa Code Editor and Legal Services staff annually prepare the edited version of the Iowa Code, which contains the general and permanent laws of the state as well as finding tables and indexes.

**Tables and Indexing Unit** which publishes the Iowa Code each year, preparing bound volumes following the conclusion of each biennial General Assembly. The Iowa Acts (Session Laws), which is the official manuscript copy and index of all Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly enacted during each session, is published annually. All publications are distributed in print, DVD, and Internet formats. The Tables and Indexing Unit publishes annually the State Roster, which lists state officials, and biennially the Iowa Official Register (Redbook) and archives information produced by the General Assembly and its staff.

**Administrative Code Office** (ACO) under the direction of the Administrative Code Editor. The ACO edits and publishes the Iowa Administrative Code, which compiles rules adopted and administered by over 100 executive branch agencies implementing state law and policy; the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, which is the official means of public notice used in the rules adoption process; and the Iowa Court Rules, which compiles the official rules of the Iowa Supreme Court. All major publications are distributed in print, DVD, and Internet formats.

### **Fiscal Services Division**

The Fiscal Services Division provides fiscal and budget analysis, state government oversight evaluation, and staffs all standing, statutory, Legislative Council, and interim study committees. The Division provides analysis and evaluation of expenditures, revenues, and operations of state government and the potential impact of legislative proposals to state and local government.

**Fiscal Analysis.** The Division provides information to legislators and staff regarding the state's financial condition and the potential fiscal impact of legislation and administrative rules. The Division provides analysis of the annual budget requests submitted by the Executive Branch departments, followed by an analysis of the Governor's budget recommendations submitted to the General Assembly. In addition, the Division provides detailed analysis of the budget requests and Governor's recommendations by department for the appropriations subcommittees. The Division provides analysis of the fiscal impact of legislative proposals through the issuance of fiscal notes. Joint Rule 17 requires a fiscal note for any legislation having an impact of \$100,000 in a fiscal year or \$500,000 in a five-year period. The Division prepares correctional and minority impact statements for bills which create a public offense or significantly change an existing offense or the penalty. The Division analyzes the fiscal impact of proposed administrative rule changes and provides this information to the Administrative Rules Review Committee prior to each meeting.

**Appropriations Tracking.** The Division provides analysis of appropriations bills through the issuance of NOBAs (notes on bills and amendments). NOBAs explain the specific provisions of the bill, as well as providing an overall fiscal impact analysis when appropriate. The Division maintains a database of current and historical appropriations throughout the legislative process.

**Revenue Reporting and Estimating.** The Division provides reporting and analysis of state revenue information, including the reporting of daily receipts on the Internet and a monthly analysis of state revenue. The Division provides staff and research support for the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC), a three-member committee that meets at least three times per year to estimate state revenues, including gambling revenues and revenues from the interest earned on the cash reserve fund and the economic emergency fund. These estimates are used by both the Governor and the General Assembly in the budget process.

**Issues Analysis.** The Division provides detailed reviews of selected issues concerning state government. In addition, the Division maintains up-to-date graphic presentations highlighting a variety of state programs.

**Committee Staffing.** Division legislative analysts staff each of the joint appropriations subcommittees during the regular legislative session. The Division also staffs the Legislative Fiscal Committee and Government Oversight Committees throughout the year.

**Oversight.** The Fiscal Services Division, together with the Legal Services Division, performs review and oversight of state program operations and program evaluation of state agencies.

### **Computer Services Division**

The Computer Services Division operates the legislative computer systems used by the Senate, House of Representatives, and central legislative staff agencies. The Division provides nonpartisan technology solutions, advice, and support to the General Assembly and its staff. The Division maintains the General Assembly's computer system servers, local area network, and the Internet and Intranet sites. The Division provides the following services:

#### **Training and Support**

- Provides computer training for all legislators and staff
- Staffs the help desk telephone line to answer system user questions
- Develops programming to maintain legislative databases and to enable communication of information to and from other computer systems
- During session, provides staff in each chamber to help with any computer-related issues, questions, or problems

#### **Network and Hardware**

- Maintains all hardware required for the legislative network of servers, e-mail, local area network, and Internet servers
- Installs, maintains, and troubleshoots all operating system software
- Upgrades all systems as necessary
- Provides security for all legislative systems

#### **Software and Web Development**

- Creates software to retrieve and edit information in legislative databases
- Develops and integrates Internet and Intranet information and documentation
- Provides specialized programming to meet user needs within the General Assembly

### **Administrative Services Division**

The Administrative Services Division and its Production Unit provide administrative services to support the legal, fiscal, and computer services functions of the LSA; distribute print and electronic copies of LSA work products; provide public information services to legislators, staff, and citizens; and provide personnel and finance services to the LSA.

#### **Support Services**

*Finance and Human Resources:* Administers the annual budget, maintains inventory records, and processes payroll and employee benefits for the LSA.

*Text Processing:* Processes all bills, amendments, minutes, reports, legal guides and memoranda, and updates the official Iowa Code database.

*Proofreading:* Proofreads bills, amendments, minutes, reports, legal guides and memoranda, fiscal notes and reports, the Iowa Acts, the Iowa Code, the Administrative Bulletin and Administrative Code, and the Court Rules.

*Publications:* Provides support services to all LSA divisions in preparation of LSA publications, including the Iowa Official Register (Redbook) and the State Roster.

*Bill Room:* Tracks, stores, copies, and distributes bills, amendments, research, and minutes of statutory and interim committees and certain fiscal information and reports to the General Assembly and its staff, and distributes LSA's newsletters and briefings published throughout the year.

*Secretarial Support:* Provides all necessary administrative services to support the functions of the Legal Services, Fiscal Services, and Computer Services Divisions.

**Legislative Information Office**

The Legislative Information Office (LIO) serves as a contact for persons seeking legislative information. The LIO provides nonpartisan information and materials concerning the Iowa General Assembly and the legislative process in Iowa to interested persons. In addition, the LIO provides the following services during the legislative session and interim:

- Publishes informational publications in print and on the Internet
- Acts as the international protocol office, welcoming international guests and dignitaries
- Responds to inquiries for information on legislative procedures, legislative schedules, legislators, and the status and identification of bills
- Offers educational presentations to groups about the legislative process
- Supports the operations of the Capitol Tour Guides who conduct tours of the Capitol and provide general information to building visitors at the Tours and Information Desk

**OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN**

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*Miller State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; (515) 281-3592;  
www.legis.iowa.gov/ombudsman*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Ruth H. Cooperrider, Ombudsman .....	June 30, 2015*

The Office of Ombudsman (formerly the Office of Citizens’ Aide) was created October 1, 1970, by gubernatorial action. In 1972, Iowa Code chapter 2C was passed, establishing the office statutorily, removing it from the Governor’s Office and placing it directly under the supervision of the Legislative Council of the Iowa General Assembly.

The Ombudsman is appointed to a four-year term by the Legislative Council subject to confirmation by a majority vote of both houses of the General Assembly.

The Ombudsman investigates complaints concerning administrative actions of agencies of Iowa state and local governments. The Ombudsman can also investigate a private entity that provides child welfare or juvenile justice services under contract with an agency. When a complaint is determined to be justified, the Ombudsman can recommend corrective action. The Ombudsman may publish the conclusions and recommendations. Excluded from jurisdiction are the Governor and the Governor’s personal staff, and agencies of the federal government. Complaints by employees of agencies which relate to their employment are not investigated; however, complaints of retaliation from “whistleblowers” who are not merit or union covered state employees are investigated.

**PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE**

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*State Capitol, Des Moines 50319; (515) 281-3566*

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
	<i>Senate</i>	
Thomas G. Courtney, Co-Chair .....	Burlington .....	January 8, 2017
Jeff Danielson .....	Cedar Falls .....	January 8, 2017
Tim L. Kapucian .....	Keystone .....	January 8, 2017
Matt McCoy .....	Des Moines .....	January 8, 2017
Roby Smith .....	Davenport.....	January 8, 2017

\* Per Iowa Code section 2C.5, the ombudsman continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

*House*

Dawn E. Pettengill, Co-Chair .....	Mount Auburn.....	January 8, 2017
Jack Drake.....	Griswold.....	January 8, 2017
Vicki S. Lensing.....	Iowa City.....	January 8, 2017
Mary Mascher .....	Iowa City.....	January 8, 2017

The Public Retirement Systems Committee was created in 1986 in Iowa Code chapter 97D. It consists of 10 members, five from each house. The duties of the committee relate to developing a coherent state policy regarding public retirement systems and making recommendations to the General Assembly regarding changes in the retirement systems laws.