



Historical Tables of the Iowa Legislature

Speakers of the House of Representatives 1838 – 2020

In Assembly column, “LA” means Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Iowa.

Assembly	Years	Name	Party	Home County
LA1	1838 – 1839	William H. Wallace	Whig	Henry
LA2	1839 – 1840	Edward Johnstone	Democrat	Lee
LA3	1840 – 1841	Thomas Cox	Democrat	Jackson
LA4	1841 – 1842	Warner Lewis	Democrat	Dubuque
LA5	1842 – 1843	James M. Morgan	Democrat	Des Moines
LA6	1843 – 1845	James P. Carleton	Democrat	Johnson
LA7	1845 – 1845	James M. Morgan	Democrat	Des Moines
LA8	1845 – 1846	George W. McCleary	Democrat	Louisa
1	1846 – 1848	Jesse B. Browne	Whig	Lee
2	1848 – 1850	Smiley H. Bonham	Democrat	Johnson
3	1850 – 1852	George Temple	Democrat	Des Moines
4	1852 – 1854	James Grant	Democrat	Scott
5	1854 – 1856	Reuben Noble	Whig	Clayton
6	1856 – 1858	Samuel McFarland	Republican	Henry
7	1858 – 1860	Stephen B. Shelledy	Republican	Jasper
8	1860 – 1862	John Edwards	Republican	Lucas
9	1862 – 1864	Rush Clark	Republican	Johnson
10	1864 – 1866	Jacob Butler	Republican	Muscatine
11	1866 – 1868	Ed Wright	Republican	Cedar
12	1868 – 1870	John Russell	Republican	Jones
13	1870 – 1872	Aylett R. Cotton	Republican	Clinton
14	1872 – 1874	James Wilson	Republican	Tama

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15	1874 – 1876	John H. Gear	Republican	Des Moines
16	1876 – 1878	John H. Gear	Republican	Des Moines
17	1878 – 1880	John Y. Stone	Republican	Mills
18	1880 – 1882	Lore Alford	Republican	Black Hawk
19	1882 – 1884	George R. Struble	Republican	Tama
20	1884 – 1886	William P. Wolf	Republican	Cedar
21	1886 – 1888	Albert Head	Republican	Greene
22	1888 – 1890	William H. Redman	Republican	Poweshiek
23	1890 – 1892	John T. Hamilton	Democrat	Linn
24	1892 – 1894	William O. Mitchell	Republican	Adams
25	1894 – 1896	Henry Stone	Republican	Marshall
26	1896 – 1898	Howard W. Byers	Republican	Shelby
27	1898 – 1900	James H. Funk	Republican	Hardin
28	1900 – 1902	Daniel H. Bowen	Republican	Allamakee
29	1902 – 1904	Willard L. Eaton	Republican	Mitchell
30	1904 – 1906	George W. Clarke	Republican	Dallas
31	1906 – 1907	George W. Clarke	Republican	Dallas
32	1907 – 1909	Nathan E. Kendall	Republican	Monroe
33	1909 – 1911	Guy A. Feely	Republican	Black Hawk
34	1911 – 1913	Paul E. Stillman	Republican	Greene
35	1913 – 1915	Edward H. Cunningham	Republican	Buena Vista
36	1915 – 1917	William I. Atkinson	Republican	Butler
37	1917 – 1919	Milton B. Pitt	Republican	Harrison
38	1919 – 1921	Arch W. McFarlane	Republican	Black Hawk
39	1921 – 1923	Arch W. McFarlane	Republican	Black Hawk
40	1923 – 1925	Joseph H. Anderson	Republican	Winnebago
41	1925 – 1927	Willis C. Edson	Republican	Buena Vista
42	1927 – 1929	Luther V. Carter	Republican	Hardin
43	1929 – 1931	Joseph H. Johnson	Republican	Marion
44	1931 – 1933	Francis Johnson	Republican	Dickinson
45	1933 – 1935	George E. Miller	Democrat	Shelby
46	1935 – 1937	John H. Mitchell	Democrat	Webster
47	1937 – 1939	La Mar P. Foster Sr.	Democrat	Cedar
48	1939 – 1941	John R. Irwin	Republican	Lee
49	1941 – 1943	Robert D. Blue	Republican	Wright
50	1943 – 1945	Henry W. Burma	Republican	Butler
51	1945 – 1947	Harold Felton	Republican	Warren
52	1947 – 1949	Gus T. Kuester	Republican	Cass
53	1949 – 1951	Gus T. Kuester	Republican	Cass

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54	1951 – 1953	William S. Lynes	Republican	Bremer
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56	1955 – 1957	Arthur C. Hanson	Republican	Lyon
57	1957 – 1959	William L. Mooty	Republican	Grundy
58	1959 – 1961	Charles V. (Vern) Lisle	Republican	Page
59	1961 – 1963	Henry C. Nelson	Republican	Winnebago
60	1963 – 1965	Robert W. Naden	Republican	Hamilton
61	1965 – 1967	Vince B. Steffen	Democrat	Chickasaw
62	1967 – 1969	Maurice E. Baringer	Republican	Fayette
63	1969 – 1971	William H. Harbor	Republican	Mills
64	1971 – 1973	William H. Harbor	Republican	Mills
65	1973 – 1975	Andrew P. Varley	Republican	Adair
66	1975 – 1977	Dale M. Cochran	Democrat	Webster
67	1977 – 1979	Dale M. Cochran	Democrat	Webster
68	1979 – 1981	Floyd H. Millen ¹	Republican	Van Buren
68	1979 – 1981	William H. Harbor	Republican	Mills
69	1981 – 1983	Delwyn D. Stromer	Republican	Hancock
70	1983 – 1985	Donald D. Avenson	Democrat	Fayette
71	1985 – 1987	Donald D. Avenson	Democrat	Fayette
72	1987 – 1989	Donald D. Avenson	Democrat	Fayette
73	1989 – 1991	Donald D. Avenson	Democrat	Fayette
74	1991 – 1993	Robert C. Arnould	Democrat	Scott
75	1993 – 1995	Harold G. Van Maanen	Republican	Marion
76	1995 – 1997	Ron J. Corbett	Republican	Linn
77	1997 – 1999	Ron J. Corbett	Republican	Linn
78	1999 – 2001	Ron J. Corbett ²	Republican	Linn
78	1999 – 2001	J. Brent Siegrist	Republican	Pottawattamie
79	2001 – 2003	J. Brent Siegrist	Republican	Pottawattamie
80	2003 – 2005	Christopher C. Rants	Republican	Woodbury
81	2005 – 2007	Christopher C. Rants	Republican	Woodbury
82	2007 – 2009	Patrick Murphy	Democrat	Dubuque
83	2009 – 2011	Patrick Murphy	Democrat	Dubuque
84	2011 – 2013	Kraig Paulsen	Republican	Linn
85	2013 – 2015	Kraig Paulsen	Republican	Linn

¹ In the 68th General Assembly, Floyd H. Millen served as speaker during the First Session (1979) and part of the Second Session (1980) until resigning as speaker on March 3, 1980; William H. Harbor served as speaker for the remainder of the Second Session.

² In the 78th General Assembly, Ron J. Corbett served as speaker during the First Session (1999) and J. Brent Siegrist served as speaker during the Second Session (2000).

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86	2015 – 2017	Kraig Paulsen ³	Republican	Linn
86	2015 – 2017	Linda L. Upmeyer	Republican	Cerro Gordo
87	2017 – 2019	Linda L. Upmeyer	Republican	Cerro Gordo
88	2019 – 2021	Linda L. Upmeyer	Republican	Cerro Gordo
88	2019 – 2021	Pat Grassley ⁴	Republican	Butler

³ In the 86th General Assembly, Kraig Paulsen served as speaker during the First Session (2015) and Linda L. Upmeyer served as speaker during the Second Session (2016).

⁴ In the 88th General Assembly, Linda L. Upmeyer served as speaker during the First Session (2019) and Pat Grassley served as speaker during the Second Session (2020).