



Historical Tables of the Iowa Legislature

Presidents of the Senate

1838 – 2026

Information updated through the 2026 Regular Session.

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

During the Territory of Iowa Legislative Assembly, the upper chamber was known as the Council.

The Lieutenant Governor performed the duties of President of the Senate from September 3, 1857, through January 14, 1991. Prior to 1991, Article IV, section 18, of the Constitution of Iowa provided that the Lieutenant Governor shall perform the duties of the President of the Senate. In 1988, a constitutional amendment significantly changed the duties and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor for the term beginning in 1991. As of 1991, duties of Iowa’s Lieutenant Governor no longer include presiding over the state Senate.

Assembly	Years	Name	Party	Home County
LA1	1838 – 1839	Jesse B. Browne	Whig	Lee
LA2	1839 – 1840	Stephen Hempstead	Democrat	Dubuque
LA3	1840 – 1841	Mortimer M. Bainbridge	Whig	Dubuque
LA4	1841 – 1842	Jonathan W. Parker	Democrat	Scott
LA5	1842 – 1843	John D. Elbert	Whig	Van Buren
LA6	1843 – 1845	Thomas Cox	Democrat	Jackson
LA7	1845 – 1845	Serranus C. Hastings	Democrat	Muscatine
LA8	1845 – 1846	Stephen Hempstead	Democrat	Dubuque
1	1846 – 1848	Thomas Baker ¹	Democrat	Polk
1	1846 – 1848	Thomas Hughes	Democrat	Johnson
2	1848 – 1850	John J. Selman	Democrat	Davis
3	1850 – 1852	Enos Lowe	Democrat	Des Moines
4	1852 – 1854	William E. Leffingwell	Democrat	Clinton
5	1854 – 1856	Maturin L. Fisher	Democrat	Clayton

¹ In the 1st General Assembly, Thomas Baker served as president during the Regular Session (1846 – 1847) and Thomas Hughes served as president during the Extraordinary Session (1848).

Assembly	Years	Name	Party	Home County
6	1856 – 1858	William W. Hamilton	Republican	Dubuque
7	1858 – 1860	Oran Faville	Republican	Mitchell
8	1860 – 1862	Nicholas J. Rusch	Republican	Scott
9	1862 – 1864	John R. Needham	Republican	Mahaska
10	1864 – 1866	Enoch W. Eastman	Republican	Hardin
11	1866 – 1868	Benjamin F. Gue	Republican	Webster
12	1868 – 1870	John Scott	Republican	Story
13	1870 – 1872	Madison M. Walden ²	Republican	Appanoose
13	1870 – 1872	Henry C. Bulis	Republican	Winneshiek
14	1872 – 1874	Henry C. Bulis	Republican	Winneshiek
15	1874 – 1876	Joseph Dysart	Republican	Tama
16	1876 – 1878	Joshua G. Newbold	Republican	Henry
17	1878 – 1880	Frank T. Campbell	Republican	Jasper
18	1880 – 1882	Frank T. Campbell	Republican	Jasper
19	1882 – 1884	Orlando H. Manning	Republican	Carroll
20	1884 – 1886	Orlando H. Manning	Republican	Carroll
21	1886 – 1888	John A. T. Hull	Republican	Polk
22	1888 – 1890	John A. T. Hull	Republican	Polk
23	1890 – 1892	Alfred N. Poyneer	Republican	Tama
24	1892 – 1894	Samuel L. Bestow	Democrat	Lucas
25	1894 – 1896	Warren S. Dungan	Republican	Lucas
26	1896 – 1898	Mathies Parrott	Republican	Black Hawk
27	1898 – 1900	James C. Milliman	Republican	Harrison
28	1900 – 1902	James C. Milliman	Republican	Harrison
29	1902 – 1904	John Herriott	Republican	Guthrie
30	1904 – 1906	John Herriott	Republican	Guthrie
31	1906 – 1907	John Herriott	Republican	Guthrie
32	1907 – 1909	Warren Garst	Republican	Carroll
33	1909 – 1911	George W. Clarke	Republican	Dallas
34	1911 – 1913	George W. Clarke	Republican	Dallas
35	1913 – 1915	William L. Harding	Republican	Woodbury
36	1915 – 1917	William L. Harding	Republican	Woodbury
37	1917 – 1919	Ernest R. Moore	Republican	Linn
38	1919 – 1921	Ernest R. Moore	Republican	Linn
39	1921 – 1923	John Hammill	Republican	Hancock
40	1923 – 1925	John Hammill	Republican	Hancock

² Madison M. Walden resigned the office of Lieutenant Governor in 1871 and Henry C. Bulis was appointed to fill vacancy.

Assembly	Years	Name	Party	Home County
41	1925 – 1927	Clement F. Kimball	Republican	Pottawattamie
42	1927 – 1929	Clement F. Kimball ³	Republican	Pottawattamie
42	1927 – 1929	Arch W. McFarlane	Republican	Black Hawk
43	1929 – 1931	Arch W. McFarlane	Republican	Black Hawk
44	1931 – 1933	Arch W. McFarlane	Republican	Black Hawk
45	1933 – 1935	Nelson G. Kraschel	Republican	Shelby
46	1935 – 1937	Nelson G. Kraschel	Republican	Shelby
47	1937 – 1939	John K. Valentine	Republican	Appanoose
48	1939 – 1941	Bourke B. Hickenlooper	Republican	Linn
49	1941 – 1943	Bourke B. Hickenlooper	Republican	Linn
50	1943 – 1945	Robert D. Blue	Republican	Wright
51	1945 – 1947	Kenneth A. Evans	Republican	Mills
52	1947 – 1949	Kenneth A. Evans	Republican	Mills
53	1949 – 1951	Kenneth A. Evans	Republican	Mills
54	1951 – 1953	William H. Nicholas	Republican	Cerro Gordo
55	1953 – 1955	Leo Elthon	Republican	Worth
56	1955 – 1957	Leo Elthon	Republican	Worth
57	1957 – 1959	William H. Nicholas	Republican	Cerro Gordo
58	1959 – 1961	Edward J. McManus	Republican	Lee
59	1961 – 1963	William L. Mooty	Republican	Grundy
60	1963 – 1965	William L. Mooty	Republican	Grundy
61	1965 – 1967	Robert D. Fulton	Democrat	Black Hawk
62	1967 – 1969	Robert D. Fulton	Democrat	Black Hawk
63	1969 – 1971	Roger W. Jepsen	Republican	Scott
64	1971 – 1973	Roger W. Jepsen	Republican	Scott
65	1973 – 1975	Arthur A. Neu	Republican	Carroll
66	1975 – 1977	Arthur A. Neu	Republican	Carroll
67	1977 – 1979	Arthur A. Neu	Republican	Carroll
68	1979 – 1981	Terry E. Branstad	Republican	Winnebago
69	1981 – 1983	Terry E. Branstad	Republican	Winnebago
70	1983 – 1985	Robert T. Anderson	Democrat	Jasper
71	1985 – 1987	Robert T. Anderson	Democrat	Jasper
72	1987 – 1989	Jo Ann Zimmerman	Democrat	Dallas
73	1989 – 1991	Jo Ann Zimmerman	Democrat	Dallas
74	1991 – 1993	Joseph J. Welsh ⁴	Democrat	Dubuque
74	1991 – 1993	Michael E. Gronstal	Democrat	Pottawattamie

³ Clement F. Kimball died on September 10, 1928, and Arch W. McFarlane was appointed to fill vacancy.

⁴ In the 74th General Assembly, Joseph J. Welsh served as president during the First Session (1991) and Michael E. Gronstal served as president during the Second Session (1992).

Assembly	Years	Name	Party	Home County
75	1993 – 1995	Leonard L. Boswell	Democrat	Decatur
76	1995 – 1997	Leonard L. Boswell	Democrat	Decatur
77	1997 – 1999	Mary E. Kramer	Republican	Polk
78	1999 – 2001	Mary E. Kramer	Republican	Polk
79	2001 – 2003	Mary E. Kramer	Republican	Polk
80	2003 – 2005	Mary E. Kramer ⁵	Republican	Polk
80	2003 – 2005	Jeffrey M. Lamberti	Republican	Polk
81	2005 – 2007	John P. (Jack) Kibbie ⁶	Democrat	Palo Alto
81	2005 – 2007	Jeffrey M. Lamberti	Republican	Polk
82	2007 – 2009	John P. (Jack) Kibbie	Democrat	Palo Alto
83	2009 – 2011	John P. (Jack) Kibbie	Democrat	Palo Alto
84	2011 – 2013	John P. (Jack) Kibbie	Democrat	Palo Alto
85	2013 – 2015	Pam Jochum	Democrat	Dubuque
86	2015 – 2017	Pam Jochum	Democrat	Dubuque
87	2017 – 2019	Jack Whitver ⁷	Republican	Polk
87	2017 – 2019	Charles Schneider	Republican	Dallas
88	2019 – 2021	Charles Schneider	Republican	Dallas
89	2021 – 2023	Jake Chapman	Republican	Dallas
90	2023 – 2025	Amy Sinclair	Republican	Wayne
91	2025 – 2027	Amy Sinclair	Republican	Wayne

⁵ In the 80th General Assembly, Mary E. Kramer served as president during the First Session (2003) and Jeffrey M. Lamberti served as president during the Second Session (2004).

⁶ In the 81st General Assembly, John P. (Jack) Kibbie and Jeffrey M. Lamberti served as co-presidents.

⁷ In the 87th General Assembly, Jack Whitver served as president until his resignation as president on March 15, 2018. Charles Schneider served as president during the remainder of the Second Session (2018).