



Historical Tables of the Iowa Legislature

# Speakers of the House of Representatives 1838 – 2026

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             |
| 55              | 1953 – 1955  | William S. Lynes             | Republican   | Bremer             |
| 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 <sup>1</sup> | 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 <sup>2</sup>  | 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               |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup> | 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 <sup>4</sup>  | Republican   | Butler             |
| 89              | 2021 – 2023  | Pat Grassley               | Republican   | Butler             |
| 90              | 2023 – 2025  | Pat Grassley               | Republican   | Butler             |
| 91              | 2025 – 2027  | Pat Grassley               | Republican   | Butler             |

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<sup>3</sup> 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).

<sup>4</sup> 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).