

**NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SENATE LEADERSHIP
1941-2021**

Year	Majority Floor Leader	Minority Floor Leader
1941	Arthur Fowler Fargo Republican-IVA	E. C. Stucke Garrison Republican-NPL
1943	Milton Young Berlin Republican-IVA	R. M. Streibel Fessenden Republican-NPL
1945	C. Norman Brunsdale Mayville Republican-ROC	R. M. Streibel Fessenden Republican-NPL
1947	C. Norman Brunsdale Mayville Republican-ROC	R. M. Streibel Fessenden Republican-NPL
1949	C. Norman Brunsdale Mayville Republican-ROC	R. M. Streibel Fessenden Republican-NPL
1951	Rilie R. Morgan Grafton Republican-ROC	R. M. Streibel Fessenden Republican-NPL
1953	R. M. Streibel Fessenden Republican-NPL	Clyde Duffy Devils Lake Republican-ROC
1955	R. M. Streibel Fessenden Republican-NPL	Clyde Duffy Devils Lake Republican-ROC
1957	R. E. Meidinger Jamestown Republican	Ralph Dewing Columbus Democrat
1959	Donald Holand Lisbon Republican	Raymond Vendsel Carpio Democrat
1961	Donald Holand Lisbon Republican	John O. Garaas Watford City *Democratic-NPL
1963	Gail Hernet Ashley Republican	Rolland Redlin Crosby Democratic-NPL
1965	Donald Holand Lisbon Republican	William R. Reichert Dickinson Democratic-NPL
1967	Evan E. Lips Bismarck Republican	Herbert Meschke Minot Democratic-NPL
1969	George Longmire Grand Forks Republican	Herbert Meschke Minot Democratic-NPL

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1971	Irv Wilhite Bismarck Republican	L. D. Christensen Kenmare Democratic-NPL
1973	C. Warner Litten Fargo Republican	L. D. Christensen Kenmare Democratic-NPL
1975	David E. Nething Jamestown Republican	S. F. "Buckshot" Hoffner Esmond Democratic-NPL
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1981	David E. Nething Jamestown Republican	Rolland Redlin Minot Democratic-NPL
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1985	David E. Nething Jamestown Republican	William S. Heigaard Langdon Democratic-NPL
1987	William S. Heigaard Langdon Democratic-NPL	John M. Olson Bismarck Republican
1989	William S. Heigaard Langdon Democratic-NPL	John M. Olson Bismarck Republican
1991	William S. Heigaard Langdon Democratic-NPL	Gary J. Nelson Casselton Republican
1993	Dan Wogsland Hannaford Democratic-NPL	Gary J. Nelson Casselton Republican
1995	Gary J. Nelson Casselton Republican	Dan Wogsland Hannaford Democratic-NPL
1997	Gary J. Nelson Casselton Republican	Tim Mathern Fargo Democratic-NPL
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2001	Gary J. Nelson Casselton Republican	Aaron Krauter Regent Democratic-NPL
2003	Bob Stenehjem Bismarck Republican	David P. O'Connell Lansford Democratic-NPL
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2007	Bob Stenehjem Bismarck Republican	David P. O'Connell Lansford Democratic-NPL
2009	Bob Stenehjem Bismarck Republican	David P. O'Connell Lansford Democratic-NPL
2011	Bob Stenehjem**** Bismarck Republican	Ryan M. Taylor Towner Democratic-NPL
2013	Rich Wardner Dickinson Republican	Mac Schneider Grand Forks Democratic-NPL
2015	Rich Wardner Dickinson Republican	Mac Schneider Grand Forks Democratic-NPL
2017	Rich Wardner Dickinson Republican	Joan Heckaman New Rockford Democratic-NPL
2019	Rich Wardner Dickinson Republican	Joan Heckaman New Rockford Democratic-NPL
2021	Rich Wardner Dickinson Republican	Joan Heckaman New Rockford Democratic-NPL

IVA - Independent Voters Association
NPL - Nonpartisan League
ROC - Republican Organizing Committee

*The North Dakota Democratic Party changed its name to Democratic-NPL in 1960.

**Beginning with the 1981 edition, the House and Senate Rules Book no longer uses the word "Floor" in reference to majority or minority leaders.

***Senator Aaron Krauter became minority leader following Senator Mathern's resignation effective upon adjournment of the 56th Legislative Assembly on April 17, 1999.

****Senator Rich Wardner became majority leader on September 6, 2011 following the death of Senator Bob Stenehjem on July 18, 2011.