

**NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HOUSE LEADERSHIP
1925-2017**

Year	Majority Floor Leader	Minority Floor Leader
1925		J. H. Burkhard Berthold Republican-NPL
1931	L. L. Twichell Fargo Republican-IVA	
1933	Herbert Swett Steele Republican-NPL	
1935	W. J. Godwin Mandan Republican-NPL	Thomas Burke Bismarck Democrat
1937	W. J. Godwin Mandan Republican	L. R. Burgum Jamestown Democrat
1939	R. R. Scholl Washburn Republican-NPL	L. L. Twichell Fargo Republican-IVA
1941	L. L. Twichell Fargo Republican-IVA	Ralph Beede Elgin Republican-NPL
1943	L. L. Twichell Fargo Republican-IVA	Fred J. Graham Ellendale Republican-NPL
1945	Vernon Johnson Wahpeton Republican-ROC	Fred J. Graham Ellendale Republican-NPL
1947	W. M. Smart Minot Republican-ROC	Walter Bubel Center Republican-NPL
1949	Arthur C. Johnson Fargo Republican-ROC	Walter Bubel Center Republican-NPL
1951	Roy Holand LaMoure Republican-ROC	Ralph Beede Elgin Republican-NPL
1953	Roy Holand LaMoure Republican-ROC	Donnell Haugen Roseglen Republican-NPL
1955	Hjalmer Nygaard Enderlin Republican-ROC	Ralph Beede Elgin Republican-NPL
1957	Hjalmer Nygaard Enderlin Republican	Arthur Link Alexander Democrat

Year	Majority Floor Leader	Minority Floor Leader
1959	Ben Wolf Zeeland Republican	Arthur Link Alexander Democrat
1961	Ben Wolf Zeeland Republican	Arthur Link Alexander *Democratic-NPL
1963	Don Halcrow Drayton Republican	Arthur Link Alexander Democratic-NPL
1965	Donald Giffey Roseglen Democratic-NPL	Bryce Streibel Fessenden Republican
1967	Bryce Streibel Fessenden Republican	Arthur Link Alexander Democratic-NPL
1969	Bryce Streibel Fessenden Republican	Arthur Link Alexander Democratic-NPL
1971	Bryce Streibel Fessenden Republican	S. F. "Buckshot" Hoffner Esmond Democratic-NPL
1973	Bryce Streibel Fessenden Republican	Richard J. Backes Glenburn Democratic-NPL
1975	Earl S. Strinden Grand Forks Republican	Richard J. Backes Glenburn Democratic-NPL
**1977	Earl S. Strinden Grand Forks Republican Floor Leader	Richard J. Backes Glenburn Democratic-NPL Floor Leader
1979	Earl S. Strinden Grand Forks Republican	Richard J. Backes Glenburn Democratic-NPL
Year	Majority Leader***	Minority Leader
1981	Earl S. Strinden Grand Forks Republican	Richard J. Backes Glenburn Democratic-NPL
1983	Richard J. Backes Glenburn Democratic-NPL	Earl S. Strinden Grand Forks Republican
1985	Earl S. Strinden Grand Forks Republican	Charles Mertens Devils Lake Democratic-NPL
1987	Earl S. Strinden Grand Forks Republican	Charles Mertens Devils Lake Democratic-NPL

Year	Majority Leader***	Minority Leader
1989	Richard Kloubec Fargo Republican	John Schneider Fargo Democratic-NPL
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1993	Bob Martinson Bismarck Republican	Bill Oban Bismarck Democratic-NPL
1995	John Dorso Fargo Republican	Bill Oban Bismarck Democratic-NPL
1997	John Dorso Fargo Republican	Merle Boucher Rolette Democratic-NPL
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2001	Wesley R. Belter Leonard Republican	Merle Boucher Rolette Democratic-NPL
2003	Rick Berg Fargo Republican	Merle Boucher Rolette Democratic-NPL
2005	Rick Berg Fargo Republican	Merle Boucher Rolette Democratic-NPL
2007	Rick Berg Fargo Republican	Merle Boucher Rolette Democratic-NPL
2009	Al Carlson Fargo Republican	Merle Boucher Rolette Democratic-NPL
2011	Al Carlson Fargo Republican	Jerry Kelsh Fullerton Democratic-NPL
2013	Al Carlson Fargo Republican	Kenton Onstad Parshall Democratic-NPL
2015	Al Carlson Fargo Republican	Kenton Onstad Parshall Democratic-NPL
2017	Al Carlson Fargo Republican	Corey Mock Grand Forks 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.

**The 1977 House was split between 50 Republicans and 50 Democrats.

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