

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

The Senate President is the Presiding Officer of the State Senate, elected by and among the members of the Senate to serve a two-year term. The Illinois Constitution, statutes and rules define the functions and responsibilities of the office.

The President appoints Senate members to standing committees and permanent and interim study commissions, designating one member as chairman. The President also appoints the Majority Leader and Assistant Majority Leaders, who serve as officers of the Senate.

With the Speaker of the House, the President shares primary responsibility for legislative procedures and operations. By strategically directing the flow of legislation, the President ultimately can set the pace of work in the Senate. The President is required to approve all vouchers for the expenditure of funds appropriated for use by the Senate and to certify that all bills passed by the Senate are in accordance with Senate rules.

As chairman of the Senate Operations Commission, the President oversees a seven-member management committee responsible for deciding Senate policy, hiring Senate employees, purchasing supplies, renting equipment and maintaining the Senate chambers and office, among other sundry duties.

In addition to presiding over the Senate, the President is the leader of the majority party in the upper chamber. The President is also the chief spokesman of his/her political party.

Likewise, the Senate Minority Leader, selected by the minority party and formally elected by all Senate members, speaks on behalf of the minority party. Responsibilities of the Senate Minority Leader include appointing members to serve on certain boards, commissions and standing committees; selecting assistant leaders and staff; and serving as spokesman for constitutional officers from the minority party.

As spokesmen in the upper chamber, both the Senate President and Minority Leader can influence their respective party members and effectuate the passage or obstruction of legislation.



James "Pate" Philip
Senate President

Senator **James "Pate" Philip**, a Republican from Wood Dale, is the longest serving legislative leader — in either party — in Illinois history. He was elected Senate President on the first day of the 88th General Assembly, Jan. 13, 1993. Philip became the first Republican Senate President in 18 years. He was re-elected in January 1995, 1997, 1999 and 2001. Prior to that, he served as Senate Minority Leader for 12 years.

Senator Philip is widely recognized for his work to increase public access to the legislative process, improve our public school system schools, streamline government, hold the line on taxes and improve the state's jobs climate. His contributions to the state have earned him numerous awards and honors.

Senator Philip started his political career in 1965 as York Township Auditor. He was elected to the Illinois House in 1967 and served there until 1974 when he was elected to the Senate. He was appointed Assistant Senate Minority Leader in 1979 and was elected Minority Leader two years later. He also serves as DuPage County Republican Chairman, where he has helped build a strong political grassroots network.

In 1992, Senator Philip retired as District Sales Manager for Pepperidge Farms, Inc., where he worked for 38 years. He was born May 26, 1930, in Elmhurst. He is a lifelong resident of DuPage County, where he has been active in numerous civic and charitable organizations. Senator Philip is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving from 1950 to 1953.

He and his wife, Nancy, have four children and five grandchildren.



Stanley B. Weaver
Senate Majority
Leader

Stanley B. Weaver (Republican) serves as Senate Majority Leader. As the second ranking Senate official, Weaver is a key adviser to the Senate President and the majority Caucus. He is chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, which reviews and assigns legislation to standing committees. He also is the Dean of the Illinois Senate, serving in the upper chamber since 1971.

Majority Leader Weaver has represented the 52nd District in the Senate since 1971, after serving one term in the House of Representatives. His priorities have always been those of the people he was elected to represent — quality education, agriculture and economic development. Many state and local organizations have honored his work.

Weaver attended Michigan State College and the University of Illinois and graduated from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II in the Southwest Pacific Theater. He was Mayor of Urbana from May 1957 to January 1969, and is past president of the Illinois Municipal League. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion; Masonic Lodge, Danville Consistory; Mohammed Temple and the International Chili Society.

Senator Weaver, a widower, has two children and two grandchildren.

Senate Minority Leader **Emil Jones, Jr.** (Democrat) has been a member of the Illinois General Assembly since 1973. He served in the Illinois House of Representatives for 10 years. During his tenure in the House, he served as Assistant Majority Leader. Jones was elected to the Illinois Senate in 1982 and was re-elected to the Senate to represent the newly-drawn 14th Senate District in 1992.

In January 1993, Senator Jones was elected Minority Leader of the 88th General Assembly, and has been consistently re-elected. Prior to his election as Minority Leader, Jones served four two-year terms as chairman of the Senate Insurance, Pensions and Activities Committee. As chairman of the committee, he screened important legislation on liability insurance, horse racing reform, banning state investments in South Africa, and the licensure and regulation of medical professionals, including doctors, nurses and psychiatrists. Minority Leader Jones currently serves as a member of the Senate Executive Committee. He is known as a strong advocate for funding public education and social justice in Illinois, and his legislative and community endeavors have earned him numerous awards.

Senator Jones was born Oct. 18, 1935. He was educated at Chicago City Loop College and Roosevelt University School of Commerce. In 2001, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Human Letters from Chicago State University.

He and his wife, Patricia, have four children.



Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate Minority
Leader

Secretary of the Senate

Jim Harry (Republican) was born Dec. 30, 1939, in Quincy. Following graduation from Illinois College in Jacksonville, he worked as a reporter and anchorman for radio stations in Springfield and Chicago. He served as an assistant to the late Governor Richard B. Ogilvie, and from 1973 to 1987, he was press secretary for Senate Republican leaders William C. Harris, David Shapiro and James "Pate" Philip. He was elected Secretary of the Senate in January 1993 and was re-elected in 1995, 1997, 1999 and 2001. Prior to the change in party control at the beginning of the 88th General Assembly, he served three terms (1987-93) as Assistant Secretary of the Senate. He is past president of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries. He and his wife, Leora, have three children and four grandchildren.



Assistant Secretary of the Senate

Linda Hawker (Democrat) was born May 13, 1949, in Springfield. She served as Secretary of the Senate for the 85th, 86th and 87th General Assemblies. In January 1993, she was elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate and was re-elected in 1995, 1997, 1999 and 2001. From 1971 to 1980, she worked for the Senate Democrat Leadership Staff and subsequently was employed as a Public Affairs Associate at Sangamon State University (now the University of Illinois at Springfield), where she received her degree. Prior to serving as Secretary of the Senate, she served as a special assistant to former Senate President Philip J. Rock. She serves on the Executive Committee of the American Society of Clerks and Secretaries and is active in numerous community organizations.



Clerk of the House

Anthony Devlin Rossi (Democrat) was born Jan. 31, 1962, in Jacksonville. Raised and educated in Virginia, he graduated from Virginia High School in 1980 before serving in the U.S. Navy from 1980 to 1983. He attended Southern Illinois University, graduating in 1987 with a degree in political science. Following graduation, he served as a Legislative Analyst on the Democratic Research/Appropriations Staff from 1987 to 1990, and as Staff Director from 1990 to 1993. He served as Chief Clerk of the House for the 88th General Assembly, Assistant Clerk for the 89th Assembly and was re-elected Chief Clerk for the 90th, 91st and 92nd Assemblies. He has four daughters, Rachel, Alexandra, Olivia and Natalie.



Assistant Clerk of the House

Bradley S. Bolin (Republican) was born April 15, 1964, in Anderson, IN. In 1986, he received a B.A. degree in political science from Purdue University. He then served as a Legislative Analyst on the House Republican Staff from 1986 to 1997. He was first elected Assistant Clerk of the House in January 1997. He is married to the former Brittan Ramey, and they have one daughter.



SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION — Sieben, chairperson; Noland, vice chairperson; Luechtefeld, Myers and Watson; O'Daniel, minority spokesperson; Bowles, L. Walsh and Woolard.

APPROPRIATIONS — Rauschenberger, chairperson; Donahue, vice chairperson; Burzynski, Karpiel, Lauzen, Radogno, Syverson and Weaver; Trotter, minority spokesperson; Clayborne, Halvorson, Madigan and del Valle.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY — Lauzen, chairperson; Radogno, vice chairperson; Cronin, Hawkinson and Parker; Halvorson, minority spokesperson; Clayborne, Hendon and Woolard.

EDUCATION — Cronin, chairperson; O'Malley, vice chairperson; Burzynski, Roskam, Sieben and Watson; Madigan, minority spokesperson; Demuzio, Lightford and Woolard.

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY — Mahar, chairperson; Sullivan, vice chairperson; Dillard, Donahue, Karpiel and Rauschenberger; Shaw, minority spokesperson; Jacobs, Ronen and Welch.

EXECUTIVE — Klemm, chairperson; Petka, vice chairperson; Dillard, Dudycz, Karpiel, Philip, Watson and Weaver; Molaro, minority spokesperson; Bowles, Demuzio, E. Jones and del Valle.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS — Petka, co-chairperson; DeLeo, co-chairperson; Myers, vice chairperson; Bomke, Burzynski, Peterson, Demuzio and Shadid.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS — O'Malley, chairperson; W. Jones, vice chairperson; Geo-Karis, Mahar and T. Walsh; Lightford, minority spokesperson; Link, Munoz and Welch.

INSURANCE AND PENSIONS — T. Walsh, chairperson; Peterson, vice chairperson; O'Malley, Petka and Sieben; Jacobs, minority spokesperson; Cullerton, Hendon and Viverito.

JUDICIARY — Hawkinson, chairperson; Dillard, vice chairperson; Cronin, Geo-Karis, O'Malley, Petka and Roskam; Cullerton, minority spokesperson; Obama, Shadid and Silverstein.

LICENSED ACTIVITIES — Burzynski, chairperson; Noland, vice chairperson; Luechtefeld and Sullivan; Bowles, minority spokesperson; DeLeo, Shaw and Silverstein.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — Dillard, chairperson; Bomke, vice chairperson; Dudycz, W. Jones, Klemm and Myers; L. Walsh, minority spokesperson; Halvorson, Link and Shaw.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE — Syverson, chairperson; Parker, vice chairperson; Donahue, Mahar, Radogno, Rauschenberger and Sullivan; Obama, minority spokesperson; Munoz, Ronen and Smith.

REVENUE — Peterson, chairperson; Lauzen, vice chairperson; Burzynski, W. Jones, Radogno and Roskam; Clayborne, minority spokesperson; Jacobs, Obama and Trotter.

STATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS — Bomke, chairperson; Luechtefeld, vice chairperson; Noland, Sullivan and T. Walsh; Link, minority spokesperson; Hendon, O'Daniel and Silverstein.

TRANSPORTATION — Parker, chairperson; Syverson, vice chairperson; Bomke, Dudycz, Hawkinson and Klemm; Shadid, minority spokesperson; Molaro, Munoz and O'Daniel.

RULES — Weaver, chairperson; Dillard, vice chairperson; Dudycz; Demuzio, minority spokesperson; Cullerton.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

James "Pate" Philip	<i>President of the Senate</i>
Stanley B. Weaver	<i>Majority Leader</i>
Adeline J. Geo-Karis	<i>Assistant Majority Leader</i>
John W. Maitland, Jr.	<i>Assistant Majority Leader</i>
Laura Kent Donahue	<i>Assistant Majority Leader</i>
Frank C. Watson	<i>Assistant Majority Leader</i>
Walter W. Dudycz	<i>Assistant Majority Leader</i>
Doris C. Karpiel	<i>Majority Caucus Chair</i>
Ed Petka	<i>Majority Whip</i>
Emil Jones, Jr.	<i>Minority Leader</i>
Vince Demuzio	<i>Assistant Minority Leader</i>
Miguel del Valle	<i>Assistant Minority Leader</i>
Patrick D. Welch	<i>Assistant Minority Leader</i>
Louis Viverito	<i>Assistant Minority Leader</i>
Rickey R. Hendon	<i>Assistant Minority Leader</i>
Margaret Smith	<i>Minority Caucus Chair</i>
Evelyn M. Bowles	<i>Deputy Minority Caucus Chair</i>
Debbie Halvorson	<i>Minority Caucus Whip</i>
William Shaw	<i>Deputy Minority Caucus Whip</i>

Other officers: Jim Harry, *Secretary of the Senate*; Linda Hawker, *Assistant Secretary*; Tracey Sidles, *Sergeant-at-Arms*; Anita Robinson, *Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms*