

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The Speaker of the House of Representatives derives responsibility and influence over legislative activities through statutes, constitutional guidelines and House rules of procedure. Chosen from among members of the House, the Speaker invites participation from a wide range of philosophies from members of both parties in determining a legislative agenda.

The Speaker performs as the Presiding Officer of the House, determining when the House will meet and what type of business it will conduct. Serving as “manager of debate” on bills, resolutions and amendments, the Speaker is responsible for recognizing members, formally calling a vote, deciding parliamentary issues and maintaining decorum in the House chambers.

The comprehensive duties of the office include managing all House offices, facilities, professional and clerical staff, custodians and security personnel. Administratively, the Speaker signs and authenticates all acts, proceedings, orders, writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by the House.

In organizing a party “team” to help ensure smooth operation of House proceedings, the Speaker selects the Majority Leader, Deputy Majority Leaders, Assistant Majority Leaders and a Majority Caucus Chairperson. The House Majority Leader, in turn, serves as party spokesperson and assists with the flow of legislation. In addition, the Speaker may appoint chairpersons and majority members of standing committees, which are the public forums of proposed legislation.

Traditionally, the Office of the Speaker of the House has a profound bearing on the effectiveness of Illinois Government and citizen representation in the state.



Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

Michael J. Madigan (Democrat) was re-elected Speaker of the House in January 2005, a position he has held since 1983, with the exception of the 89th General Assembly. He also has served as House Democratic Leader and House Majority Leader.

As Speaker, Madigan has worked to build consensus and bring equitable treatment to all regions of the state. In the 94th General Assembly, he has continued his work to reduce partisan disputes. His ongoing efforts include naming minority party members to chair House committees.

Madigan is a proponent of campaign and government ethics reforms and has fought to improve the quality of life for working families. Independent surveys have named him an “outstanding” member of the Illinois Legislature.

Voters in the 22nd Representative District first elected Madigan as their delegate to the 1970 Constitutional Convention and then as State Representative in November 1970.

A graduate of Loyola University Law School, Speaker Madigan practices law in Chicago. He was born April 19, 1942, in the southwest-side district he now represents. A lifelong resident of Chicago, he is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and the University of Notre Dame.

In 1999, Speaker Madigan became one of the few lawmakers to serve alongside a child when his daughter, Lisa Madigan, was elected to the Illinois Senate from the 17th District. Madigan and his wife, Shirley, have two other daughters, a son and a granddaughter.

In 1998, Madigan was elected chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois.



Barbara Flynn Currie
Majority Leader

Barbara Flynn Currie (Democrat) became the first woman Majority Leader in the history of the General Assembly in 1997. As the second ranking House official, she works closely with the Governor and colleagues from both parties and all regions of the state to fashion solutions to the challenges facing Illinois.

Representative Currie is a 26-year veteran of the House. Her legislative accomplishments include sponsorship of the Illinois Earned Income Tax Credit Act and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. She also initiated the state program that funds preschool services to provide disadvantaged children with quality early learning experiences and increase their chances to achieve their fullest potential.

Currie has worked to prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace and to improve access to state contracts for businesses owned by women and minorities. She also has sponsored legislation to protect Illinois groundwater, prevent abuse of nursing home residents and improve child-support enforcement.

Currie graduated with honors from the University of Chicago, where she also earned a master's degree in political science. A past vice president of the Chicago League of Women Voters, she serves on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. She also is a member of the Hyde Park Kiwanis Club, Women United for South Shore and the Sierra Club.

Representative Currie is married to David P. Currie, professor of law at the University of Chicago. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Tom Cross (Republican) is serving his seventh term in the General Assembly. First elected in 1992, his current district includes northeastern Oswego Township in Kendall County, portions of Troy and Wheatland Townships in Will County, Plainfield Township in Will County, and five precincts in Naperville Township in DuPage County.

Representative Cross practices law with Mahoney, Silverman and Cross in Joliet. Prior to working in private practice, he served eight years as a prosecutor in the Kendall County State's Attorney's office.

Cross' election in 2003 as House Minority Leader gave him an opportunity to bring his collegial style to the forefront. He believes that all members of the House should be part of the decision-making process and that the group as a whole can create better ideas than one person alone. He also believes that restoring voter confidence in government officials should be a top priority for all elected officials.

Representative Cross is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and received his J.D. degree from Cumberland Law School in Alabama. He is active in his community, serving in the past on boards for the YMCA, Rush Copley Medical Center, Kendall County Mental Health Board and the Kendall County Foundation. He currently belongs to the Plainfield, Shorewood and Oswego Chambers of Commerce and the Oswego Optimist Club.

Representative Cross and his wife, Genie, live in Oswego with their two children.



Tom Cross
Minority Leader

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