

2023 Legislative Leadership

House of Representatives

In the House, Republicans voted for Matt Regier, R - Kalispell as Speaker of the House over Rep. Casey Knudsen, R-Malta. Lawmakers also chose to re-elected Rep. Sue Vinton, R-Billings, as majority leader over Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Libby, and chose Rep. Rhonda Knudsen, R-Culbertson, as Speaker Pro Tempore over Rep. Katie Zolnikov, R-Billings. After winnowing a list of several nominees, the caucus selected Reps. Brandon Ler, R-Sidney; Terry Moore, R-Billings; Jennifer Carlson, R-Manhattan; Neil Duram, R-Eureka; Steve Gist, R-Cascade; and Denley Loge, R-St. Regis, as whips, lieutenants in party leadership who work to get votes in order.

Speaker of the House: Matt Regier, R – Kalispell

Majority Leader: Sue Vinton, R - Billings

Speaker Pro Tempore: Rhonda Knudsen, R - Culbertson

Whips: Brandon Ler, R-Sidney; Terry Moore, R-Billings; Jennifer Carlson, R-Manhattan; Neil Duram, R-Eureka; Steve Gist, R-Cascade; and Denley Loge, R-St. Regis

Minority Leader: Kim Abbott, D – Helena

Minority Caucus Chair: Alice Buckley, D – Bozeman

Whips: Derek Harvey, D – Butte; Tyson Running Wolf, D – Browning; and Katie Sullivan, D - Missoula

Senate

In the Senate, Jason Ellsworth, R - Hamilton emerged as President over Sen. Keith Regier of Kalispell. Lawmakers selected Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, R-Great Falls, as majority leader over Sen. Brad Molnar, R-Laurel; Sen. Kenneth Bogner, R-Miles City, as Speaker Pro Tempore over Sen. Barry Usher, R-Billings; and Usher along with Sens. Dennis Lenz, R-Billings; Steve Hinebauch, R-Wibaux; and Tom McGillvray, R-Billings, as whips.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Kenneth Bogner, R – Miles City

Whips: Barry Usher, R – Billings; Dennis Lenz, R-Billings; Steve Hinebauch, R-Wibaux; and Tom McGillvray, R-Billings

Minority Leader: Pat Flowers, D – Bozeman

Whips: Sen. Shannon O'Brien, D – Missoula; and Susan Webber, D - Browning