



ROBIN J. VOS

SPEAKER-ELECT OF THE WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

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SPEAKER-ELECT VOS ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS

The new speaker makes history by establishing two committees with bipartisan chairs.

Madison...In an unprecedented move, Speaker-elect Robin Vos announced that two of the Assembly standing committees for the 101st Wisconsin State Legislature will have bipartisan leadership.

“Legislative committees are where most of the heavy lifting is done in creating legislation. I think that it’s important that we have a bipartisan approach on some key issues,” said Speaker-elect Vos.

Rep. Travis Tranel (R-Cuba City) and Rep. Leon Young (D-Milwaukee) will chair the State and Federal Relations Committee. Rep. Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) and Rep. Jill Billings (D-LaCrosse) will chair the Constitution and Ethics Committee.

“The State and Federal Relations Committee was created in an attempt to maximize our ability to work together to find savings for taxpayers,” said Speaker-elect Vos. “The Constitution and Ethics Committee will work to find a bipartisan consensus when clarifying and amending the state’s ethics laws.”

According to the Legislative Reference Bureau, it has been nearly 20 years since an Assembly standing committee had leaders from each party. In 1995-1996, Speaker David Prosser appointed Rep. Annette “Polly” Williams, a Milwaukee Democrat, as chair of the Urban Education Committee.ⁱ

“I’m confident that the leaders of all the Assembly committees are ready to work across the aisle and make the tough decisions to address the issues facing our state,” said Speaker-elect Vos.

The following is a complete listing of the standing committees and their chairs/vice chairs for the 2013-2014 legislative session.

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Aging and Long Term Care	Rep. Mike Endsley	Rep.-elect Mary Czaja
Agriculture	Rep. Lee Nerison	Rep. Gary Tauchen
Children and Families	Rep. Scott Krug	Rep. Amy Loudenberg
Campaigns and Elections	Rep. Kathy Bernier	Rep. Don Pridemore



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Colleges and Universities	Rep. Stephen Nass	Rep.-elect Dave Murphy
Consumer Protection	Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt	Rep.-elect Paul Tittl
Criminal Justice	Rep. Joel Kleefisch	Rep.-elect John Spiros
Corrections	Rep. Garey Bies	Rep.-elect Michael Schraa
Education	Rep. Steve Kestell	Rep.-elect John Jagler
Urban Education	Rep. Don Pridemore	Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt
Energy and Utilities	Rep. Mark Honadel	Rep. Tom Larson
Financial Institutions	Rep. Dave Craig	Rep. Chris Kapenga
Family Law	Rep. Tom Larson	Rep. Steve Kestell
Environment and Forestry	Rep. Jeffrey Mursau	Rep. Scott Krug
Gov. Operations & State Licensing	Rep. Tyler August	Rep. Dave Craig
Health	Rep. Erik Severson	Rep. Jeff Stone
Housing and Real Estate	Rep. John Murtha	Rep.-elect Joe Sanfelippo
Insurance	Rep. Kevin Petersen	Rep. Chad Weininger
International Trade and Commerce	Rep. Chad Weininger	Rep. Mike Kuglitsch
Jobs, Economy and Mining	Rep. Mary Williams	Rep. Dan Knodl
Judiciary	Rep. Jim Ott	Rep. Andre Jacque
Labor	Rep. Dan Knodl	Rep. Tyler August
Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage	Rep. Al Ott	Rep. Joel Kleefisch
Public Safety and Homeland Security	Rep. Andre Jacque	Rep. Ed Brooks
Rural Affairs	Rep. Gary Tauchen	Rep. Kathy Bernier
Small Business Development	Rep. Jeff Stone	Rep. Mike Endsley



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State Affairs	Rep. Mike Kuglitsch	Rep.-elect Rob Swearingen
State and Local Finance	Rep. Duey Stroebel	Rep.-elect Mark Born
Tourism	Rep. Dean Kaufert	Rep. Garey Bies
Transportation	Rep. Keith Ripp	Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt
Urban and Local Affairs	Rep. Ed Brooks	Rep.-elect Rob Hutton
Veterans	Rep. Warren Petryk	Rep.-elect Tom Weatherston
Workforce Development	Rep. Amy Loudenbeck	Rep. Warren Petryk
Ways and Means	Rep. Howard Marklein	Rep. Samantha Kerkman
Joint Audit	Rep. Samantha Kerkman	Rep. Howard Marklein
JCRAR	Rep. Dan LeMahieu	Rep. Dean Kaufert
JFC	Rep. John Nygren	Rep. Pat Strachota
Retirement Systems	Rep. Duey Stroebel	
Tax Exemptions	Rep. Tyler August	
Information Policy and Technology	Rep. Kevin Petersen	
Criminal Penalties	Rep. Andre Jacque	
Legislative Council	Rep. Joan Ballweg	
Bipartisan Committees		
State and Federal Relations	Rep. Travis Tranel	Rep. Leon Young*
Constitution and Ethics	Rep. Chris Kapenga	Rep. Jill Billings*

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ⁱ *Wisconsin Blue Book*, Wisconsin State Legislature, Madison, 1995-1996, page 279

* Represents committee co-chair