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## 2017-2018 LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

**PIERRE** – The newly-elected House majority party, and Senate and House minority parties met in caucuses on Saturday to determine legislative leadership for the 2017-2018 South Dakota Legislature. Senate Republicans met previously for the same purpose on November 12.

House Republicans met in Pierre and nominated Rep. G. Mark Mickelson (R-Sioux Falls) for Speaker of the House and Rep. Don Haggar (R-Sioux Falls) for Speaker Pro Tempore, and elected the following members to majority leadership positions:

Majority Leader:	Rep. Lee Qualm (R-Platte)
Assistant Majority Leader:	Rep. Kent S. Peterson (R-Salem)
Majority Whip:	Rep. Arch Beal (R-Sioux Falls)
Majority Whip:	Rep. Larry Rhoden (R-Union Center)
Majority Whip:	Rep. Leslie Heinemann (R-Flandreau)
Majority Whip:	Rep. Lynne A. DiSanto (R-Rapid City)
Majority Whip:	Rep. Isaac Latterell (R-Tea)

Senate Democrats met in Sioux Falls and elected the following members to minority leadership positions:

Minority Leader:	Sen. Billie H. Sutton (D-Burke)
Assistant Minority Leader:	Sen. Troy Heinert (D-Mission)
Minority Whip:	Sen. Jason Frerichs (D-Wilmot)

House Democrats met in Sioux Falls and elected the following members to minority leadership positions:

Minority Leader:	Rep. Spencer Hawley (D-Brookings)
Assistant Minority Leader:	Rep. Julie Bartling (D-Gregory)
Minority Whip:	Rep. Karen Soli (D-Sioux Falls)
Minority Whip:	Rep. Susan Wismer (D-Britton)