

Louisiana Senate

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President of the Senate

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1983	Michael H. O'Keefe	D
1983 – 1988	Samuel B. Nunez, Jr.	D
1988 – 1990	Allen R. Bares	D
1990 – 1996	Samuel B. Nunez, Jr.	D
1996 – 2000	Randy Ewing	D
2000 – 2004	John J. Hainkel, Jr.	R
2004 – 2008	Donald E. Hines, M.D.	D
2008 – 2012	Joel T. Chaisson, II	D
2012 – 2020	John A. Alario, Jr.	R
2020 – Present	Patrick "Page" Cortez	R

President Pro Tempore

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Edgar G. Mouton, Jr.	D
1980 – 1983	Samuel B. Nunez, Jr.	D
1983 – 1984	Theodore M. Hickey	D
1984 – 1988	Thomas H. Hudson	D
1988 – 1990	Samuel B. Nunez, Jr.	D
1990 – 1992	Leonard J. Chabert	D
1992 – 1998	Dennis R. Bagneris	D
1999 – 2000	Ronald C. "Ron" Bean	R
2000 – 2004	Louis J. Lambert	D
2004 – 2008	Diana E. Bajoie	D
2008 – 2016	Sharon Weston Broome	D
2016 – 2020	Gerald Long	R
2020 – Present	Beth Mizell	R

Parliamentarian

Term	Name
1983 – 1988	Anthony Guarisco, Jr.
1996 – 1999	Ron J. Landry
2000 – 2007	Arthur J. “Art” Lentini
2008 – 2012	Robert "Rob" Marionneaux, Jr.
2012 – 2020	Daniel "Danny" Martiny
2020 – Present	Fred Mills, Jr.

Secretary of the Senate

Term	Name
1956 – 1978	Charles William "Bill" Roberts
1979 – 2004	Michael S. Baer III
2004 – 2020	Glenn Koepp
2020 – Present	Yolanda Dixon

Sergeant at Arms

Term	Name
1974 – 2004	Wilmer J. "Shorty" Baudoin
2004 – Present	John Keller

Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1984	W.E. “Bill” Dykes	D
1984 – 1995	Foster L. Campbell, Jr.	D
1995 – 2000	James David Cain	D
2000 – 2008	Kenneth Michael "Mike" Smith	D
2008 – 2020	Francis Thompson	D
2020 – Present	Stewart Cathey, Jr.	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1978	Ned E. Doucet Jr	D
1979	Armand J. Brinkhaus	D
1980 – 1984	Cecil Picard	D
1984 – 1988	David Ginn	D
1988 – 1990	Willie Crain	D
1990 – 1992	Cecil Picard	D
1992 – 1996	Thomas Alan "Tom" Greene	D
1996 – 1997	Philip Short	R
1997 – 2000	Gerald J. Theunissen	D
2000 – 2004	Jerry A. Thomas	R
2004 – 2008	Gerald J. Theunissen	D
2008 – 2012	Mike Walsworth	R
2012 – 2016	R.L. "Bret" Allain, II	R
2016 – 2020	James R. "Jim" Fannin	R
2020 – Present	Glen Womack	R

Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1984	Theodore M. Hickey	D
1984 – 1988	Thomas H. Hudson	D
1988 – 1990	Lawson Swearingen, Jr.	D
1990 – 1992	J.E. Jumonville, Jr.	D
1992 – 1996	Murphy J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.	D
1996 – 2008	Jesse "Ken" Hollis	R
2008 – 2010	Ann Duplessis	D
2010 – 2012	John R. Smith	R
2012 – 2020	Daniel "Danny" Martiny	R
2020 – 2021	Ronnie Johns	R
2021 – Present	Rick Ward, III	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Thomas A. Casey	D
1980 – 1984	Thomas H. Hudson	D
1984 – 1988	Lawson Swearingen, Jr.	D
1988 – 1990	John J. Hainkel, Jr.	R
1990 – 1992	Gregory W. Tarver	D
1992 – 1996	Francis C. Heitmeier	D
1996 – 2000	Kenneth Michael "Mike" Smith	D
2000 – 2008	Michael J. "Mike" Michot	R
2008 – 2012	A.G. Crowe	R
2012 – 2016	Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.	D
2016 – 2020	Mack A. "Bodi" White	R
2020 – 2021	Cameron Henry, Jr.	R

Education

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Edgar G. Mouton Jr.	D
1980 – 1993	Armand J. Brinkhaus	D
1993 – 1996	Cecil J. Picard	D
1996 – 2000	Thomas Alan "Tom" Greene	R
2000 – 2004	Gerald J. Theunissen	D
2004 – 2008	Chris Ullo	D
2008 – 2012	Ben Nevers	D
2012 – 2016	Conrad Appel	R
2016 – 2020	Dan "Blade" Morrish	R
2020 – Present	Cleo Fields	D

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1978	Sidney J. Barthelemy	D
1978 – 1990	Lawrence H. Gibbs Jr.	D
1980 – 1988	John Saunders	D
1988 – 1990	Dennis R. Bagneris	D
1990 – 1992	Larry Bankston	D
1992 – 1995	James Joseph Cox	D
1995 – 1996	Dennis R. Bagneris	D
1996 – 2000	Michael Franklin Branch	R
2000 – 2004	Willie L. Mount	D
2004 – 2005	Ben Nevers	D
2005 – 2008	Sharon Weston Broome	D
2008 – 2016	Eric LaFleur	D
2016 – 2020	John Milkovich	D
2020 – Present	Katrina R. Jackson	D

Environmental Quality¹

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1992 – 1994	Joseph A. Sevario, III	D
1995 – 1996	Michael A. "Mike" Cross	D
1996 – 2000	Louis J. Lambert	D
2000 – 2004	James David Cain	D
2004 – 2008	"Clo" Fontenot	R
2008 – Jan. 2009	Troy Hebert	D
Jan. 2009 – Jan. 2011	Lee "Jody" Amedee	D
Jan. 2011 – 2012	Jean-Paul J. Morrell	D
2012 – 2020	Michael "Mike" Walsworth	R
2020 – Present	Eddie J. Lambert	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1992 – 1995	Marc H. Morial	D
1995 – 1996	Louis J. Lambert	D
1996 – 2000	Max Malone	R
2000 – 2004	"Clo" Fontenot	R
2004 – 2008	Robert Adley	D
2008 – Jan. 2009	Sherri Smith Cheek	R
Jan. 2009 – 2012	B.L. "Buddy" Shaw	R
2012 – Dec. 2015	Troy E. Brown	D
2016 – 2020	Conrad Appel	R
2020 – Present	J. Rogers Pope	R

¹ Committee created in 1992

Finance

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1996	Benjamin B. "Sixty" Rayburn	D
1996 – 2000	John J. Hainkel, Jr.	R
2000 – 2004	John L. "Jay" Dardenne, Jr.	R
2004 – 2008	Francis C. Heitmeier	D
2008 – 2012	Michael J. "Mike" Michot	R
2012 – 2016	Jack L. Donahue	R
2016 – 2020	Eric LaFleur	D
2020 – Present	Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr.	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Fredrick L. Eagan	D
1980 – 1992	J.E. Jumonville, Jr.	D
1992 – 1996	Michael A. "Mike" Cross	D
1996 – 2000	John L. "Jay" Dardenne, Jr.	R
2000 – 2004	Diana E. Bajoie	D
2004 – 2008	William J. McPherson, Jr.	D
2008 – 2012	Lydia P. Jackson	D
2012 – 2016	Norbert "Norby" Chabert	R
2016 – 2020	R. L. "Bret" Allain, II	R
2020 – Present	Heather Miley Cloud	R

Health and Welfare

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Donald W. Williamson	D
1980 – 1988	Elwyn J. Nicholson	D
1988 – 1992	Michael A. "Mike" Cross	D
1992 – 1996	Gerry E. Hinton	D
1996 – 2000	Donald E. Hines, M.D.	D
2000 – 2004	John T. "Tom" Schedler	R
2004 – 2008	William J. McPherson, Jr.	D
2008 – 2012	Willie L. Mount	D
2012 – 2016	David Heitmeier	D
2016 – Present	Fred Mills, Jr.	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	William L. McLeod Jr.	D
1980 – 1984	Edward G. "Ned" Randolph Jr.	D
1984 – 1988	Michael A. "Mike" Cross	D
1988 – 1992	William J. McPherson, Jr.	D
1992 – 1995	Randy L. Ewing	D
1995 – 1996	Donald E. Hines, M.D.	D
1996 – 2000	Thomas H. Casanova III, M.D.	R
2000 – 2004	Donald E. Hines, M.D.	D
2004 – 2008	Sherri Smith Cheek	R
2008 – Jan. 2009	Bill Cassidy	R
Jan. 2009 – 2012	Sherri Smith Cheek	R
2012 – 2016	Fred H. Mills, Jr.	R
2016 – Present	Regina Barrow	D

Insurance²

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1992 – 2004	Gregory W. Tarver	D
2004 – 2008	James David Cain	R
2008 – Jan. 2009	Donald R. "Don" Cravins, Jr.	D
Jan. 2009 – Nov. 2010	Troy Hebert	D
Nov. 2010 – 2016	Dan "Blade" Morrish	R
2016 – 2020	John R. Smith	R
2020 – Present	Kirk Talbot	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1992 – 1996	James David Cain	D
1996 – 2004	Ronald C. "Ron" Bean	R
2004 – 2008	Craig Romero	R
2008 – 2012	Gerald Long	R
2012 – 2016	Gary L. Smith, Jr.	D
2016 – 2020	Ryan Gatti	R
2020 – Present	Louie Bernard	R

² Committee created in 1992

Judiciary A

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	James H. Brown	D
1980 – 1988	Thomas Casey	D
1988 – 1990	Fritz Windhorst	D
1990 – 1992	Dennis R. Bagneris	D
1992 – 1996	Donald G. Kelly	D
1996 – 2000	Chris Ullo	D
2000 – 2004	Noble E. Ellington	D
2004 – 2008	"Art" Lentini	R
2008 – 2012	Julie Quinn	R
2012 – 2016	Ben Nevers	D
2016 – 2020	Rick Ward, III	R
2020 – Present	Barrow Peacock	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Jackson B. Davis	D
1980 – 1988	Allen R. Bares	D
1988 – 1990	Ben Bagert, Jr.	D
1990 – 1992	Murphy J. "Mike" Foster	D
1992 – 1996	Gregory John Barro	D
1996 – 2000	John T. "Tom" Schedler	R
2000 – 2004	Cleo Fields	D
2004 – 2008	Robert "Bob" Kostelka	R
2008 – 2012	Jack Donahue	R
2012 – 2016	Daniel A. "Dan" Claitor	R
2016 – 2020	W. Jay Luneau	D
2020 – Present	Jimmy Harris	D

Judiciary B

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Nat G. Kiefer	D
1980 – 1988	Charles Barham	D
1988 – 1992	Donald G. Kelly	D
1992 – 1996	Larry S. Bankston	D
1996 – 1999	Donald R. "Don" Cravins, Sr.	D
1999 – 2000	Noble E. Ellington	D
2000 – 2004	Donald R. "Don" Cravins, Jr.	D
2004 – 2008	Robert "Rob" Marionneaux, Jr.	D
2008 – 2012	Daniel "Danny" Martiny	R
2012 – 2016	Jean-Paul J. Morrell	D
2016 – Present	Gary L. Smith, Jr.	D

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 –1980	Edgar G. Mouton Jr.	D
1980 – 1984	Henry E. Braden	D
1984 – 1988	Richard G. Neeson	D
1988 – 1992	Randy Ewing	D
1992 – 1996	John L. "Jay" Dardenne, Jr.	R
1996 – 2000	B. G. Dyess	D
2000 – 2004	Bill Jones	D
2004 – 2006	Donald R. "Don" Cravins, Sr.	D
2006 – 2008	Donald R. "Don" Cravins, Jr.	D
2008 – Jan. 2011	David Heitmeier	D
Jan. 2011 – Mar. 2011	Karen Carter-Peterson	D
Mar. 2011 – 2012	David Heitmeier	D
2012 – 2020	Ronnie Johns	R
2020 – Present	Joseph Bouie, Jr.	D

Judiciary C

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1988	Fritz Windhorst	D
1988 – 1993	John Saunders	D
1993 – 1996	Diana E. Bajoie	D
1996 – 2000	J. Lomax "Max" Jordan, Jr.	R
2000 – 2004	Arthur J. Lentini	R
2004 – 2008	Joel Chaisson	D
2008 – Jan. 2009	Lee "Jody" Amedee	D
Jan. 2009 – 2012	Yvonne Dorsey	D
2012 – 2016	Robert "Bob" Kostelka	R
2016 – 2020	Dan Claitor	R
2020 – Present	Franklin J. Foil	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1979	Armand J. Brinkhaus	D
1979	Edwards E. Barham	D
1980 – 1988	Anthony Guarisco, Jr.	D
1988 – 1990	Oswald Decuir	D
1990 – 1992	Gerry E. Hinton	D
1992 – 1996	Ronald C. "Ron" Bean	R
1996 – 2000	Arthur J. Lentini	R
2000 – 2002	Wilson E. Fields	D
2002 – 2004	Reggie P. Dupre, Jr.	D
2004 – 2008	Lydia Jackson	D
2008 – Jan. 2009	Yvonne Dorsey	D
Jan. 2009 – 2012	Conrad Appel	R
2012 – Dec. 2018	Jonathan Perry	R
Dec. 2018 – 2020	Bob Hensgens	R
2020 – Present	Mark Abraham	R

Labor and Industrial Relations

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Gaston Gerald	D
1980 – 1992	Joseph A. Sevario, III	D
1992 – 1993	William J. McPherson, Jr.	D
1993 – 1995	Michael A. "Mike" Cross	D
1995 – 1996	James Joseph Cox	D
1996 – 1998	Robert J. Barham	D
1998 – 1999	Noble E. Ellington	D
1999 – 2000	Bill Jones	D
2000 – 2004	Charles D. "C.D." Jones	D
2004 – 2005	Melvin "Kip" Holden	D
2005 – 2008	Ben Nevers	D
2008 – May 2008	Stephen J. Scalise	R
May 2008 – 2012	Neil Riser	R
2012 – 2016	A.G. Crowe	R
2016 – 2020	Neil Riser	R
2020 – 2021	Troy Carter	D
2021 – Present	W. Jay Luneau	D

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1979	Jesse M. Knowles	D
1979	Joseph A. Sevario, III	D
1980 – 1984	William Keith	D
1984 – 1988	Sydney B. Nelson	D
1988 – 1992	Steve Thompson	D
1992 – 1996	John J. Hainkel, Jr.	R
1996 – 2000	James Joseph Cox	D
2000 – 2004	Lynn B. Dean	R
2004 – 2007	Robert J. Barham	R
2007 – 2008	Edwin Murray	D
2008 – May 2008	Neil Riser	R
May 2008 – 2016	Edwin R. Murray	D
2016 – 2020	Troy Carter	D
2020 – 2021	Mike Reese	R
2021 – Present	John C. "Jay" Morris	R

Local and Municipal Affairs

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Samuel B. Nunez, Jr.	D
1980 – 1990	Kenneth E. Osterberger	R
1990 – 1995	Willie E. Crain	D
1995 – 1996	Steve D. Thompson	D
1996 – 2004	Diana E. Bajoie	D
2004 – 2008	Cleo Fields	D
2008 – July 2008	Derrick Shepherd	D
July 2008 – Jan. 2011	Cheryl A. Gray	D
Jan. 2011 – 2012	A.G. Crowe	R
2012 – 2020	Yvonne Colomb	D
2020 – Present	Karen Carter Peterson	D

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Kenneth E. Osterberger	D
1980 – 1982	Daniel W. Richey	D
1983	Michael A. “Mike” Cross	D
1984 – 1988	William B. Atkins	D
1988 – 1992	Jon D. Johnson	D
1992 – 1996	Donald R. "Don" Cravins	D
1996 – 2004	Jon D. Johnson	D
2004 – 2008	Ann Duplessis	D
2008 – July 2008	Cheryl A. Gray	D
July 2008 – 2012	Lydia P. Jackson	D
2012 – 2016	Gregory W. Tarver	D
2016 – 2020	Jack Donahue	R
2020 – Present	Gerald Boudreaux	D

Natural Resources

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Claude B. Duval	D
1980 – 1984	Samuel B. Nunez, Jr.	D
1984 – 1990	F.E. "Hank" Lauricella	D
1990 – 1993	Oswald A. Decuir	D
1993 – 1996	William Joseph McPherson, Jr.	D
1996 – 2004	Craig Romero	R
2004 – 2008	Max Malone	R
2008 – Jan. 2011	Reggie P. Dupre, Jr.	D
Jan. 2011 – 2012	Lee "Jody" Amedee	D/R
2012 – 2016	Gerald Long	R
2016 – 2020	Norbert "Norby" Chabert	R
2020 – Present	Bob Hensgens	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976	Elwyn J. Nicholson	D
1977 – 1980	Jesse M. Knowles	D
1980 – 1984	Donald G. Kelly	D
1984 – 1992	Leonard J. Chabert	D
1992 – 1996	J. Lomax "Max" Jordan, Jr.	R
1996 – 2000	Michael R. Robichaux, M.D.	D
2000 – 2004	Max Malone	R
2004 – 2006	"Butch" Gautreaux	D
2006 – 2008	Nick Gautreaux	D
2008 – Nov. 2010	Dan "Blade" Morrish	R
Nov. 2010 – 2012	Norbert "Norby" Chabert	D/R
2012 – 2016	Rick Ward, III	R
2016 – 2020	Eddie J. Lambert	R
2020 – Present	Michael "Big Mike" Fesi	R

Retirement

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Bryan A. Poston	D
1980 – 1992	William L. "Bill" McLeod, Jr.	D
1992 – 1995	Steve D. Thompson	D
1995 – 1996	Chris Ullo	D
1996 – 2000	Francis Heitmeier	D
2000 – 2005	Lambert Boissiere	D
2006 – 2012	D.A. "Butch" Gautreaux	D
2012 – 2016	Elbert L. Guillory	D/R
2016 – 2020	Barrow Peacock	R
2020 – Present	Edward J. "Ed" Price	D

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1979	Lawrence H. Gibbs Jr.	D
1980	Gaston Gerald	D
1980 – 1984	W.E. "Bill" Dykes	D
1984 – 1996	Jesse "Ken" Hollis	R
1996 – 2000	Lynn B. Dean	R
2000 – 2001	Michael R. Robichaux, M.D.	D
2001 – 2004	D.A. "Butch" Gautreaux	D
2004 – 2008	Walter J. Boasso	R
2008 – Jan. 2009	Donald R. "Don" Cravins, Jr.	D
Jan. 2009 – Jan. 2011	Jean-Paul J. Morrell	D
Jan. 2011 – 2012	Elbert L. Guillory	D
2012 – 2016	Patrick "Page" Cortez	R
2016 – July 2017	Gerald Boudreaux	D
July 2017 – 2020	Edward J. "Ed" Price	D
2020 – Present	Robert Mills	R

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Fredrick L. Eagan	D
1980 – 1990	Bryan A. Poston	D
1990 – 1992	Leonard J. Chabert	D
1992 – 1996	Jon D. Johnson	D
1996 – 1998	Cecil J. Picard	D
1998 – 2004	Robert J. Barham	D/R
2004 – 2008	Willie L. Mount	D
2008 – 2012	Robert "Rob" Marionneaux, Jr.	D
2012 – 2016	Neil Riser	R
2016 – 2020	Jean-Paul J. Morrell	D
2020 – Present	R.L. "Bret" Allain, II	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Benjamin B. "Sixty" Rayburn	D
1984 – 1988	Oswald Decuir	D
1988 – 1992	Sydney B. Nelson	D
1992 – 1996	Marty James Chabert	D
1996 – 1998	Noble E. Ellington	D
1998 – 1999	Jon D. Johnson	D
1999 – 2000	John T. "Tom" Schedler	R
2000 – 2004	Paulette Irons	D
2004 – 2012	Robert Adley	D/R
2012 – 2020	Dale M. Erdey	R
2020 – 2021	W. Jay Luneau	D
2021 – Present	Mike Reese	R

Senate and Governmental Affairs

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1984	Joseph M. Tiemann	D
1984 – 1985	Nat G.Kiefer	D
1986 – 1988	John Saunders	D
1988 – 1990	Cecil Picard	D
1990 – 1992	William J. Jefferson	D
1992 – 1993	Cleo Fields	D
1993 – 1996	Armand J. Brinkhaus	D
1996 – 2000	John L. "Jay" Dardenne, Jr.	R
2000 – 2004	Chris Ullo	D
2004 – 2008	Charles "C.D." Jones	D
2008 – 2012	Robert "Bob" Kostelka	R
2012 – 2016	Lee "Jody" Amedee	R
2016 – 2020	Karen Carter Peterson	D
2020 – Present	Sharon Hewitt	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1980	Edgar G. Mouton Jr.	D
1980 – 1984	Leonard J. Chabert	D
1984 – 1988	Cecil Picard	D
1988 – 1990	Chris Ullo	D
1990 – 1992	Armand Brinkhaus	D
1992 – 1999	Charles "C.D." Jones	D
2000 – 2004	Jon D. Johnson	D
2004 – 2008	Reggie Dupre	D
2008 – 2010	John R. Smith	D/R
2010 – 2011	David Heitmeier	D
2011 – 2012	Karen Carter-Peterson	D
2012 – 2016	Mike Walsworth	R
2016 – 2020	Wesley Bishop	D
2020 – Present	Barry S. Milligan	R

Transportation, Highways, and Public Works

Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1984	F.E. “Hank” Lauricella	D
1984 – 1988	Donald G. Kelly	D
1988 – 1990	Richard G. Neeson	D
1990 – 2000	Ron J. Landry	D
2000 – 2004	Francis Heitmeier	D
2004 – 2008	Noble E. Ellington	D
2008 – 2012	William J. McPherson, Jr.	D
2012 – 2016	Robert R. Adley	R
2016 – 2020	Page Cortez	R
2020 – 2021	Rick Ward, III	R
2021 – Present	Patrick McMath	R

Vice-Chairman

Term	Name	Party
1976 – 1979	Edward “Ned” Randolph Jr.	D
1984 – 1990	Ron J. Landry	D
1990 – 1992	Murphy J. "Mike" Foster	D
1992 – 1996	Francis E. "Hank" Lauricella	D
1996 – 2000	Paulette Irons	D
2000 – 2004	Joel Thomas Chaisson II	D
2004 – 2008	Lee "Jody" Amedee	D
2008 – 2012	Dale M. Erdey	R
2012 – 2016	Sherri Smith Buffington	R
2016 – 2020	Sharon Hewitt	R
2020 – 2021	Patrick McMath	R