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2025-2026 SENATE MAJORITY LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED

PIERRE – The newly-elected Senate Republican caucus met November 8, 2024, to determine legislative leadership for the 2025-2026 Legislative term.

The following members were elected to majority leadership positions in the Senate:

Majority Leader:	Jim Mehlhaff
Assistant Majority Leader:	Carl Perry
Majority Whip:	Randy Deibert
Majority Whip:	Kevin Jensen
Majority Whip:	Sue Peterson
Majority Whip:	Tom Pischke

Chris Karr will be the GOP nominee for the position of President Pro Tempore, which will be voted on by the full Senate when it organizes on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Legislator information is available on the [LRC website](#).