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## 2025-2026 SENATE COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

**PIERRE** – Senator-Elect Chris Karr, President Pro Tem-Elect of the South Dakota Senate, today announced Senate member assignments for legislative and interim committees for the 2025-2026 Legislative term.

**Legislative Committees (\*\* denotes Chair, \* denotes Vice Chair):**

***Agriculture and Natural Resources:*** Tom Pischke\*\*, Kevin Jensen \*, Sydney Davis, Helene Duhamel, Sam Marty, Mike Rohl, Curt Voight

***Appropriations:*** Ernie Otten\*\*, Mark Lapka\*, John Carley, Red Dawn Foster, Taffy Howard, Paul Miskimins, Glen Vilhauer, Mykala Voita, Larry Zikmund

***Commerce and Energy:*** Casey Crabtree\*\*, Sue Peterson\*, Arch Beal, Randy Deibert, Joy Hohn, Chris Karr, Steve Kolbeck, Liz Larson, Carl Perry

***Education:*** Kyle Schoenfish\*\*, Curt Voight\*, Sam Marty, Lauren Nelson, Sue Peterson, Stephanie Sauder, Jamie Smith

***Government Operations and Audit:*** Taffy Howard\*\*, Ernie Otten\*, Chris Karr, Mark Lapka, David Wheeler

***Health and Human Services:*** Kevin Jensen\*\*, Sydney Davis\*, Tamara Grove, Carl Perry, Tim Reed, Jamie Smith, Curt Voight

***Judiciary:*** David Wheeler\*\*, Amber Hulse\*, Greg Blanc, Helene Duhamel, Tamara Grove, Jim Mehlhaff, Tom Pischke

***Legislative Procedure:*** Chris Karr\*\*, Jim Mehlhaff\*, Randy Deibert, Liz Larson, Carl Perry, Sue Peterson, Tom Pischke

**Local Government:** Tim Reed\*\*, Helene Duhamel\*, Lauren Nelson, Mike Rohl, Kyle Schoenfish, Jamie Smith, David Wheeler

**Military and Veterans Affairs:** Larry Zikmund\*\*, Sam Marty\*, Greg Blanc, Joy Hohn, Taffy Howard

**Retirement Laws:** Randy Deibert\*\*, Glen Vilhauer\*, Red Dawn Foster, Steve Kolbeck, Jamie Smith

**State Affairs:** Jim Mehlhaff\*\*, Carl Perry\*, Arch Beal, Randy Deibert, Kevin Jensen, Chris Karr, Liz Larson, Sue Peterson, Tom Pischke

**Taxation:** Steve Kolbeck\*\*, Joy Hohn\*, Greg Blanc, Casey Crabtree, Sydney Davis, Tamara Grove, Amber Hulse

**Transportation:** Randy Deibert\*\*, Arch Beal\*, Joy Hohn, Liz Larson, Stephanie Sauder, Kyle Schoenfish, David Wheeler

**Interim Committees (\*\* denotes Chair or co-Chair):**

**Joint Appropriations:** Ernie Otten\*\*(co-Chair), Mark Lapka, John Carley, Red Dawn Foster, Taffy Howard, Paul Miskimins, Glen Vilhauer, Mykala Voita, Larry Zikmund

**Rules Review:** Taffy Howard, Liz Larson, Jim Mehlhaff

**State-Tribal Relations:** Mike Rohl\*\*(co-Chair), Red Dawn Foster, Tamara Grove, Sam Marty, Jamie Smith

Legislative committees are formally organized on the first day of the legislative session after members are certified by the Secretary of State. Legislator information is available on the [LRC website](#).