**Senate Leadership**

**Senate**

**Vice President**
- Is the president of the Senate
- May not take part in debates
- May try to influence a vote through contact with senators
- May recognize members and put questions to a vote
- May vote only in the event of a tie

**President Pro Tempore**
- Presides when the vice president is not present
- Usually is the most senior member of the majority party

**Temporary Presiding Officer**
- Presides when neither the vice president nor the president pro tempore is present
- Usually a senior member of the majority party

**Majority Leader**
- Nominates members to party committees
- Affects assignment of members to committees
- Influences the election of party officers
- Appoints ad hoc party task forces to study and recommend reforms
- With advice of minority leader, controls scheduling
- Programs and expedites his/her party’s legislation
- Receives special recognition on the floor

**Minority Leader**
- Summarizes criticisms of the majority party’s legislation
- Mobilizes support for minority party positions
- Acts as Senate spokesperson for the president if both are of the same party

**Majority Whip**

**Minority Whip**

See description for Whips in the House of Representatives