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Minnesota Legislators Who Served in the House After the Senate

Current members of the Legislature are listening to testimony and considering bills, caught up in finishing the 2012 legislative session. At the same time, it's the beginning of the election season, with many members announcing their departure, and many people announcing their candidacy. Recently former Senator Rick Olseen announced that he is considering a run for the Minnesota House in District 32B. It's more common for House members to move to Senate service.

Since statehood, 73 legislators have served in the Minnesota House of Representatives after serving in the Minnesota Senate. 398 legislators, more than five times as many, served in the Senate after serving in the House. Below is a list of the 73 senators who went on to serve in the House. Some legislators added even more complexity, serving in the House, then Senate, and back to the House.

It was more common to make the Senate to House move in earlier years; only ten of the 73 members started service in the 1900s (marked in red). Eight more started service in the 1800s and finished in the 1900s (marked in green). For example, [Charles Andrew Gilman](#) first served in the Senate in 1868 and 1869, served in the House from 1875-1879, and served as lieutenant governor from 1880-1887. 28 years later he still felt the need to serve. He was a House member from 1915-1916.

Currently, the only former senator serving in the House is [Rep. Linda Runbeck](#).

The Library's [Legislators Past & Present](#) database has details about the service of all members back to territorial times. Let us know if you would like particular sets of statistics. The Library has other information relating to legislative elections, including statistics on [turnover of incumbents](#), party control of the [House](#) and [Senate](#), and [dates and vote totals](#). Print resources include files and notebooks of clippings on elections and legislators.

Ackerman, Julius Henry	S 1883-86 (32); H 1889-90 (32)
Armstrong, Augustus L.	H 1866 (16); S 1867-68 (16); H 1869 (16)
Baxter, Luther Loren	S 1865-68 (18); H 1869 (21); S 1870-71 (21); S 1872-74 (33); H 1875 (33); H 1879-82 (33)
Bonniwell, William T.	S 1871 (6); H 1877 (36); S 1878-82 (36)
Brown, Charles T.	S 1866 (19); H 1867 (19); S 1868-69 (19)

Buck, Adam	H 1862 (19); S 1867 (19); H 1868 (19); H 1872 (36)
Buck, Cornelius F.	TH 1856 (9); S 1870-71 (11); H 1877 (8); S 1879-82 (8); H 1883-84 (15)
Capser, Joseph	S 1875-76 (31); H 1889-90 (40); H 1891-92 (45)
Child, James E.	H 1861 (16); S 1872 (13); H 1874 (13); H 1883-84 (6)
Child, Simeon P.	H 1872-73 (6); S 1874-75 (6); H 1877 (6)
Cole, Alonzo B.	S 1895-98 (48); S 1903-06 (59); H 1923-24 (50)
Cole, Gordon E.	S 1866 (8); H 1883-84 (20)
Cutts, Charles E.	S 1872-74 (35); H 1876 (35); S 1879-80 (35)
Daniels, John V.	S 1862-68 (12); H 1875 (10); S 1876-77 (10); H 1881 (10)
Dickinson, Leonard R.	H 1943-50 (62); S 1951-54 (62); H 1961-62 (62); H 1963-66 (64); H 1967-68 (64A)
Donnelly, Ignatius	S 1874-78 (20); H 1887-88 (25); S 1891-94 (24); H 1897-98 (24)
Dunn, Howard H.	S 1897-98 (6); H 1911-14 (9)
Folsom, William Henry Carman	RCC 1857 (1); S 1857-58 (25); S 1867-68 (2); H 1869 (2); S 1875-77 (28)
Friberg, Eric	H 1933-38 (67); S 1939-46 (67); H 1951-54 (67)
Gilman, Charles Andrew	S 1868-69 (3); H 1875-79 (31); H 1915-16 (45)
Graves, Charles Hinman	S 1873-76 (29); H 1889-90 (46)
Griggs, Chauncey W.	H 1866 (6); S 1867-69 (21); H 1881-82 (24); S 1883-86 (27)
Hill, Charles	S 1870-71 (9); H 1881-82 (17)
Hill, H. W.	H 1868 (11); S 1875-76 (7); S 1879-80 (7); H 1883-84 (15)
Hollister, William L.	S 1883-84 (3); H 1907-08 (6)
Hompe, John B.	H 1889-90 (43); S 1891-94 (48); H 1915-32 (50)
Iverson, Carl M.	H 1919-30 (48); S 1931-34 (48); H 1939-62 (48); H 1963-66 (24)
Johnsrud, T. G.	S 1873-74 (5); H 1887-88 (4)
Kennedy, E. H.	S 1859-60 (10); H 1867 (13)
Kozlak, Joseph A.	H 1921-22 (28); H 1925-34 (28); S 1935-38 (28); H 1941-42 (28)
Langley, Dudley F.	S 1864-66 (7); H 1872 (20); H 1874 (20)
Lende, Ole Olson	S 1887-90 (16); H 1893-94 (16)
Lienau, Charles H.	H 1867-68 (1); H 1872 (33); S 1875-78 (33); H 1885-86 (27); S 1891-94 (26)
Long, Fred D.	H 1923-26 (63); S 1927-30 (63); H 1935-36 (63)
McNelly, John	H 1875-76 (1); S 1877-78 (1); H 1889-90 (1)
Mellon, Alonzo S.	S 1935-38 (27); H 1941-42 (27)
Moore, William S.	S 1862-63 (3); H 1866 (3); H 1871 (3)
Morrison, Daniel A.	S 1878-82 (10); S 1883-86 (14); H 1887-88 (14)
Murray, Louis Adrian	S 1951-62 (66); H 1967-70 (66B)

Murray, William Pitt	TH 1852-53 (2); TC 1854-55 (2); TH 1857 (2); DCC 1857 (2); H 1863 (1); S 1866-67; H 1868 (1); S 1875-76 (23)
Nelson, John G.	S 1873-74 (41); H 1883-84 (43)
Omamm, Bernard P.	S 1980 (16); H 1983-86 (16A)
Parish, Richard J.	H 1959-62 (36); S 1963-66 (30); S 1971-72 (31); H 1973-76 (43B)
Pederson, Nels A.	S 1923-26 (24); H 1929-30 (24); S 1931-42 (24)
Peterson, John W.	S 1873-74 (17); H 1885-86 (22); S 1891-94 (21)
Peterson, Ole	S 1872 (39); H 1883-84 (41)
Peterson, Samuel D.	S 1881-82 (37); S 1883-86 (9); S 1891-94 (9); H 1901-08 (19)
Pettit, Curtis Hussey	S 1866 (5); S 1868-71 (5); H 1874-76 (26); H 1887-88 (29)
Pettit, W. F.	S 1859-60 (15); H 1861 (16)
Porter, O. S.	S 1872-73 (10); H 1881-82 (10)
Potter, George F.	S 1868-69 (13); H 1887-88 (1)
Rahilly, Patrick H.	H 1874 (15); H 1878 (15); S 1879-80 (15); H 1883-84 (23)
Railson, Andrew	H 1871 (6); S 1872-73 (40); H 1893-94 (41)
Rice, Edmund	TH 1851 (3); S 1864-65 (1); H 1867 (1); H 1872 (24); S 1873-74 (23); H 1877-78 (24)
Rice, William D.	S 1872-73 (38); H 1881-82 (38)
Richardson, Reuben M.	TH 1854 (5); S 1857-58 (20); H 1862-64 (3); S 1866 (3)
Robbins, Andrew B.	S 1876-77 (40); H 1895-96 (31)
Rogers, Henry C.	S 1859-60 (13); H 1862 (15)
Runbeck, Linda	H 1989-92 (52A); S 1993-2000 (53); H 2011-Present (53A)
Sabin, Dwight May	S 1871 (2); S 1872-73 (22); H 1878 (22); H 1881-82 (22); H 1883 (24)
Sanborn, John Benjamin	H 1859-60 (2); S 1861 (21); H 1872 (23); H 1881-82 (23); S 1891-94 (25)
Sheardown, Samuel B.	H 1862 (11); S 1869 (11); H 1881-82 (8)
Shillock, Daniel G.	S 1863-66 (20); H 1867 (19)
Smith, James K.	S 1861-63 (1); S 1876-77 (24); H 1879-82 (24); H 1883-84 (26)
Stacy, James Newton	S 1876-77 (32); H 1879-80 (32)
Stannard, Lucius K.	TH 1857 (1); RCC 1857 (2); S 1859-60 (25); H 1871 (2)
Stevens, John Harrington	H 1857-58 (18); S 1859-60 (18); H 1862 (6); H 1876 (26)
Stockwell, Sylvanus A.	H 1891-92 (33); H 1897-98 (33); S 1899-1902 (42); H 1923-26 (32); H 1929-40 (32)
Taylor, Oscar	S 1859-60 (22); H 1865 (3)
Thomas, H. L.	S 1857-58 (1); H 1861-62 (2)
West, J. P.	H 1874-75 (6); S 1876-77 (6); H 1878-80 (6)
Whittemore, James G.	S 1873-74 (39); H 1875 (39)
Yale, William Hall	S 1867 (11); S 1876-77 (8); S 1895-98 (15); H 1899-1900 (2)

