

SPEAKERS OF HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES, 1835-1989¹

Representative	Session Years	District	County of Residence
Ezra Convis	1835-1836	Calhoun	Calhoun
Charles W. Whipple	1837	Wayne	Wayne
Kinsley S. Bingham	1838-1839	Livingston	Livingston
Henry Acker	1840	Jackson	Jackson
Philo C. Fuller ²	1841	Lenawee	Lenawee
John Biddle	1841	Wayne	Wayne
Kinsley S. Bingham	1842	Livingston	Livingston
Robert McClelland	1843	Monroe	Monroe
Edwin H. Lothrop	1844	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
Alfred H. Hanscom	1845	Oakland	Oakland
Isaac E. Crary	1846	Calhoun	Calhoun
George W. Peck	1847	Livingston	Livingston
Alexander W. Buel	1848	Wayne	Wayne
Leander Chapman	1849	Jackson	Jackson
Silas G. Harris	1850	Ottawa/Kent	Ottawa
Jefferson G. Thurber	1851	Monroe	Monroe
Daniel G. Quackenboss	1853	1st Lenawee	Lenawee
Cyrus Lovell	1855	Ionia	Ionia
Byron G. Stout	1857-1858	1st Oakland	Oakland
Henry A. Shaw	1859	1st Eaton	Eaton
Dexter Mussey	1861-1862	3rd Macomb	Macomb
Sullivan M. Cutcheon	1863-1864	1st Washtenaw	Washtenaw
Gilbert E. Read	1865	1st Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
P. Dean Warner	1867	3rd Oakland	Oakland
Jonathan J. Woodman	1869-1872	1st Van Buren	Van Buren
Charles M. Croswell	1873-1874	4th Lenawee	Lenawee
John P. Hoyt	1875	Tuscola	Tuscola
John T. Rich	1877-1879	1st Lapeer	Lapeer
Seth C. Moffatt	1881-1882	Grand Traverse/ Wexford	Grand Traverse
Sumner Howard	1883	1st Genesee	Genesee
Newcomb Clark	1885	2nd Bay	Bay
Daniel P. Markey	1887	Ogemaw	Ogemaw
Gerrit J. Diekema	1889	1st Ottawa	Ottawa
Philip B. Wachtel	1891-1892	Cheboygan	Cheboygan
William A. Tateum	1893	1st Kent	Kent
William D. Gordon	1895-1898	Midland	Midland
Edgar J. Adams	1899-1900	1st Kent	Kent
John J. Carton	1901-1903	2nd Genesee	Genesee
Sheridan F. Master	1905	1st Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
Nichols J. Whelan	1907	1st Ottawa	Ottawa
Colin P. Campbell	1909	3rd Kent	Kent
Herbert F. Baker	1911-1912	Cheboygan	Cheboygan
Gilbert A. Currie	1913	Midland	Midland
Charles W. Smith	1915	Lapeer	Lapeer
Wayne R. Rice	1917	Newaygo	Newaygo
Thomas Read	1919	Oceana	Oceana
Fred L. Warner	1921-1922	Ionia	Ionia
George W. Welsh	1923	1st Kent	Kent
Fred B. Wells	1925-1926	Cass	Cass
Lynn C. Gardner	1927	Livingston	Livingston
Fred R. Ming	1929-1932	Cheboygan	Cheboygan
Martin R. Bradley	1933-1934	Menominee	Menominee
George A. Schroeder	1935-1938	1st Wayne	Wayne
Howard Nugent	1939-1946	Huron	Huron
Victor A. Knox	1947-1952	Chippewa	Chippewa
Wade Van Valkenburg	1953-1956	1st Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
George M. Van Peursem	1957-1958	Ottawa	Ottawa
Don R. Pears	1959-1962	1st Berrien	Berrien
Allison Green	1963-1964	Tuscola	Tuscola
Joseph J. Kowalski	1965-1966	19th ³	Wayne
Robert E. Waldron	1967-1968	1st	Wayne

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Representative	Session Years	District	County of Residence
William A. Ryan	1969-1974	3rd	Wayne
Bobby Crim	1975-1982	82nd	Genesee
Gary Owen	1983-1988	22nd	Washtenaw
Lewis N. Dodak	1989-	86th	Genesee

¹Elected by house peers, the speaker of the house of representatives is the presiding officer of that body. In addition to duties as chair, the adopted rules of the house of representatives specify other powers and duties of the post. The speaker is currently elected for a two-year term in the odd-numbered years in which the legislature convenes.

²Resigned April 3, 1841; succeeded by John Biddle.

³The Apportionment and Districting Plan of 1964 changed the method of naming legislative districts by counties to a numbering system. Under the previous system, the county was the basis for the district name, and each county, if qualified, had numbered districts within its borders. See Const 1835, art 4, §§3, 4; Const 1850, art 4, §§3, 4; Const 1963, art 4, §3.