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**WOMEN IN THE NEVADA
LEGISLATURE**

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WOMEN IN THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCTION

In 1914, Nevada's all-male electorate extended the right to vote to the female citizens of the state. Although some women immediately sought election to state offices, including legislative, their numbers were not overwhelming. In the 65 years between 1916 to 1981, only 42 women were elected to the State Legislature. In the following 13 years, however, the voters' interest in women candidates rose dramatically: beginning with the 1982 election, 39 women have been elected to Legislative office. For the 1995 Session, over one-third of the Legislature is female: 17 women were chosen to represent their neighbors in the Assembly; 5, in the Senate.

This background paper provides basic information about the 87 women who have served in the Nevada Legislature over the past 76 years. Following a review of the legislative history of woman suffrage in Nevada, the paper concentrates on the state's female legislators. Most of the data is provided in the following appendices:

- A. "Quick Facts," which provides certain statistics about the female membership of the Legislature.
- B. "Women Legislators in Other States," which provides historical and current data about female state legislators.
- C. "Women In The Nevada Legislature, 1918-1994." This chart lists each female legislator, alphabetized by the surname used by the woman during her legislative service. Some women were elected under a different last name; some used another name after leaving the legislature; a few did both. The chart includes these names, each woman's political party and county of residence, the year each was elected or appointed, and other pertinent information.
- D. "Women In The Nevada Legislature By Session, 1919-1995." This table is organized by session, beginning with the Regular Session of 1919. Noted are the women who served, their committee assignments, the number of measures they introduced, and related data.

Also included is a bibliography of selected sources that provide biographical information about women legislators in Nevada.

Most of the details in this paper are from sources held by the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Research Library. However, much information is missing or incomplete, particularly about the early legislators. Corrections and additions are welcome.

VOTING BY WOMEN

On October 31, 1864, when Nevada became a state, the female citizens of the state, like the women of all states, did not have the right to vote or serve in elected office. In 1869, Wyoming became the first territory (and the first state 11 years later) to grant women the right to vote. Earlier that same year, the Nevada Legislature considered legislation to eliminate the word "male" from the state constitution.

The legislation was sponsored and strongly supported by Storey County Assemblyman Curtis J. Hillyer (Union Party), who delivered a lengthy speech to the state Assembly on January 22, 1869 (see the appendix to the *Journal of the Proceedings of the Assembly, Fourth Session, 1869*). Assemblyman Hillyer eloquently defended his proposal to grant women the right to vote; however, despite loud applause and only one speech in opposition, extensive political maneuvering was required before the proposed amendment was approved by both houses. On the last day of the session, the Assembly Standing Committee upon Enrollment reported that Joint Resolution No. 14, "Proposal to amend the Constitution," had been filed with the Secretary of State. To amend the constitution, a proposal must pass two consecutive sessions; Joint Resolution No. 14 was returned to the 1871 Legislature for its consideration.

In 1871, however, the most vocal legislative supporter of suffrage, Assemblyman Hillyer, was no longer a member of the Legislature. In fact, of the 46 Assemblymen in 1871, only six had served in the 1869 Assembly, and of those six, only two had voted in favor of the suffrage amendment. Despite the fact that two Assemblymen changed their votes from "no" in 1869 to "yes" in 1871, the suffrage proposal was defeated by the 1871 Assembly with a vote of 19 yeas and 25 nays. The early legislative journals can be unclear, but it appears that suffrage resolutions were not introduced during either the 1873 or 1875 Sessions.

Throughout the rest of the nineteenth century, legislators considered various attempts to provide Nevada women with the vote. In 1877, Senator G. H. Shepherd (D-Elko) attempted to amend Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 16 to strike the word "male" from Article II, Section 1 of *The Constitution of the State of Nevada*. His amendment was defeated in the Senate, 3 to 20. Two years later, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 16, introduced by

Assemblyman George Paton (R-Lincoln), was defeated in the Assembly, 12 to 33.

In 1881, a suffrage amendment was developed by a joint Senate-Assembly committee that had been established early in the session. In the Assembly, the amendment was introduced as A.C.R. 23. Although a motion to table the resolution lost, the bill was defeated through parliamentary procedure. On the final day of the session, Assemblyman John Smyth (D-Lander) moved to suspend the Assembly rules so the bill could be considered engrossed and placed on final passage. The motion lost (18 to 22), effectively killing the resolution.

In the Senate, the amendment was introduced as Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24, after the following report had been submitted:

We, the Joint Committee from the Senate and Assembly, to whom was referred the subject of preparing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nevada providing for woman suffrage, herewith submit such an amendment. Having carefully examined the question, your committee are [sic] of the opinion that the adoption of said amendment is eminently just, as well as for the best interest of this State. Nothing is more characteristic of the progress of civilization than the advance that has taken place in the social condition of woman. Formerly but the vassal of her lord, she was deemed unworthy of education and incapable of property rights. Now the companion of man she takes her place as his equal in the most important relations of life. We believe that there is to-day [sic] no sufficient reason why the rights and responsibilities of the ballot should be longer withheld from the women of the land.

Despite being "eminently just," S.C.R. 24 was defeated with a vote of 11 in favor, 13 against.

Two years later, suffrage supporters again attempted to amend the *Nevada Constitution*. The 1883 Senate passed S.J.R. 30, which was tabled in the Assembly. Interestingly, the Senate amended the Senate Substitute for S.C.R. Nos. 11 and 16 to strike the word "male," then amended the measure again to reinsert the word. The final, approved version did not grant women the right to vote. It is not clear if a suffrage amendment was considered in 1885. From 1887 through 1891, several resolutions were introduced and rejected. In 1893, a suffrage resolution did not appear.

The 1895 Session, however, was successful in approving S.C.R. 9. It passed in the Senate by a substantial margin of 11 to 3. It was then approved by the

Assembly, 19 to 10, despite the Assembly's defeat of an earlier resolution. Originally, some Assemblymen had argued that women were both too morally fine and mentally frivolous to be responsible voters. Intense lobbying by the members of Austin's Lucy Stone League helped to sway enough Assemblymen to change their votes, following the passage of a Senate resolution. On March 2, 1895, Governor John E. Jones (Silver Party) signed the resolution. As required by the state constitution, the proposal was returned to the next session. In 1897, it passed the Senate easily, 9 to 5, but, despite the parliamentary maneuverings of Assemblyman Frank Herbert Norcross (Fusion Party-Washoe), S.C.R. 9 failed on a tie vote (15-15). Two years later, S.C.R. Nos. 8 and 9 were both defeated in the Senate by one vote.

After the turn of the century, public interest in woman suffrage waned for a brief period; not one suffrage amendment was introduced in the five sessions from 1901 to 1909. By the second decade, however, interest grew, and, by 1912, all of the states surrounding Nevada had enfranchised women. When the 1911 Session of the Nevada Legislature convened, a petition supporting suffrage had been signed by many of the state's most prominent citizens and submitted to the lawmakers.

In March 1911, the legislators were presented with the Senate Substitute for Assembly Joint and Concurrent Resolution No. 6, which again proposed to amend the state's constitution to grant Nevada women the right to vote. The Assembly measure was introduced by Assemblymen Emory J. Arnold (D-Esmeralda) and J. F. Byrne (D-Esmeralda); the Senate Substitute, by the Senate Committee on Elections, chaired by Senator L. N. Carpenter (D-Humboldt). The proposal passed both houses easily that session. It passed again, easily, in 1913. Interestingly, one of the six legislators who voted against the amendment (in 1913; in 1911, he was absent) was Democratic Senator W. J. Bell of Humboldt County. Eighty years later, his granddaughter, Gene Wines Segerblom, a Democratic Assemblywoman from Clark County, surmised that this vote was one of the reasons he lost his next bid for re-election.

The proposal was submitted to the male voters of Nevada at the General Election of 1914. To encourage passage, the Nevada Equal Suffrage Association and other women's clubs sponsored speeches, conducted parades, and wrote letters to the editors of newspapers throughout the state. Despite opposition from anti-suffrage organizations, such as the Nevada Association of Women Opposed to Equal Suffrage (led by Emma Adams, wife of former Governor Jewett Adams), and influential men, such as George Wingfield, Nevada women won the vote. Six years later, in 1920, all American women were granted the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment to *The Constitution of the United States of America*.

VOTING FOR WOMEN

The first statewide election in which Nevada women could vote was held in 1916. It was also the first ballot on which women's names appeared as candidates for legislative and executive branch offices. Women have been running for office ever since.

The first woman to run for the State Legislature was Jean Dwyer from Washoe County. An Independent, Dwyer came in last in a field of 22 candidates for the Assembly in 1916. A long-time resident of Reno, Dwyer died in Napa, California, in 1918. The *Reno Evening Gazette* remembered her as playing "quite a prominent part in the campaign for woman suffrage in Nevada."

Sadie Dotson Hurst, a Washoe County Republican who supported the prohibition of alcohol, was the first woman elected to the Nevada Legislature. After her 1918 victory, 86 other women served in the state's lawmaking body. Since women first voted in a statewide election, at least one woman has served in every session of the Nevada Legislature except for those in 1917, 1931, 1933, and 1947. The vast majority of the women were elected (not appointed), usually the first time their names appeared on a general election ballot. Of the nine women who were appointed to the Legislature, less than half replaced their husbands when they died or resigned. Only one woman was appointed to replace another woman.

Many women chose not to run for re-election; some resigned to run for another office; and a few left the Legislature due to defeat in their bids for re-election. Over 60 percent served only a single term. Between 1918 and 1992, six women defeated male incumbents for their legislative seats. In 1994, that number increased 50 percent as three other male incumbents lost to female challengers.

All of the female legislators were appointed to standing committees, and many chaired committees. Historically, however, women were most commonly appointed to "lighter" committees, such as Public Morals and Engrossment. The first woman member of a money committee was Maude Frazier (D-Clark), appointed to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means in 1955. The first woman to serve on a tax committee was Assemblywoman Josie Alma Woods (R-Eureka) in 1943. No woman was appointed to serve as a regular member of the Legislative Commission until the appointment of Assemblywoman Sue Wagner (R-Washoe) in 1975.

Women legislators began chairing committees in the 1921 Session when Ruth Averill (R-Nye) was appointed to chair the Assembly Committee on Engrossment and the Assembly Committee on the State Library. Since that time, the only

session without at least one female chairperson was 1983. No woman has ever chaired the Senate Committee on Finance or the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. Senator Sue Lowden (R-Clark) is the first woman to chair the Senate Committee on Taxation, and Assemblywoman Jeannine Stroth is the first woman to co-chair the Assembly Committee on Taxation (both in 1995). Among other major committees, women have chaired Judiciary and Government Affairs in both houses.

Initially, leadership positions were awarded to women mainly for ceremonial purposes. For example, Hurst presided over the Assembly during the 1920 Special Session to ratify the national suffrage amendment. The first woman elected to a leadership position was Louise Aloys Smith (D-Pershing), elected as Speaker Pro Tempore in 1951. Thirty years passed before another woman was elected to a leadership role (Assemblywoman Karen W. Hayes [D-Clark], Speaker Pro Tempore, 1981). In the past 14 years, a few women have served as Majority Whip and Assistant Minority Floor Leader in the Senate and Speaker Pro Tempore and Assistant Majority Floor Leader in the Assembly. The only female party leader has been Senator Dina Titus (D-Clark), Senate Minority Leader since 1993.

Like their male counterparts, the women who served in the State Legislature came from all parts of the state, both parties, and various occupations. Only Carson City (Ormsby County) and Douglas County have not been represented by a woman. Over half of the female legislators have been Democrats. For the 1995 Session, however, there are 11 Democrat and 11 Republican women. The most common occupation listed has been businesswoman. Other well-represented occupations include teacher, rancher, and housewife. A prospector, a nurse, and an orchestra director have also served. Interestingly, unlike the male legislators, few attorneys are found in the female ranks. The first attorney in the Assembly served in 1921 (Averill). In the Senate, the first female attorney was elected in 1992 (Lori Lipman Brown, D-Clark).

Most of the women introduced at least one measure (a few did not introduce any). Successful legislation included some that were important for women, such as Assemblywoman Hurst's bill that enhanced the penalties for rape and increased the age limit for statutory rape. Some of the bills were significant for the Legislature as an institution: Assemblywoman Frazier sponsored the resolutions that amended the state's constitution to limit the amount of time legislators may be paid for any one session and to repeal the constitutional length of the legislative sessions. Less than half of the women's measures, however, were ultimately passed. Further analysis is needed to determine if this passage rate is similar to the men's, and if women's bills were discriminated against because of the gender of their sponsors.

Clearly, gender discrimination has been part of the political process, although usually not as blatant as the following statement in the *Journal of the Assembly* 1919:

Mr. Speaker read a communication from the War Department extending an invitation to the male members of the Assembly and Senate to attend a moving picture and lecture at the Grand Theater, Wednesday, March 5 at 4:30 p.m.

No response was recorded, so it is unknown why Assemblywoman Hurst was excluded and how she responded to the situation.

In 1981, Assemblywoman Louise Aloys Smith told a reporter that her membership on the committee responsible for the state's prisons and mental institutions was prohibited. Smith explained: "The men wouldn't allow it. They said it wasn't a place for a lady." No woman ever did serve on that committee. Hurst was appointed to it, but removed at the beginning of the session because it had too many members. In 1951, the Legislature's oversight of the state prison and mental hospital was absorbed into other committees.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Much could be written about women's legislative careers in Nevada, including their activities as staff members and lobbyists. In fact, women have been involved officially with the Nevada Legislature since the 1877 Assembly elected Mary E. Wright of Storey County to be a copying clerk. The first woman to serve as Secretary of the Senate was Vivian Rickey, elected for the 1926 Special Session. The first female Chief Clerk was Theresa Loy, elected in 1969. One of the more famous early lobbyists was Hannah K. Clapp who successfully elicited the support of the Territorial Legislature (1861-1864) to establish the state's first private educational institution.

This paper is intended to provide a quick reference source for basic questions about women's involvement in the Nevada Legislature. Perhaps it may serve as a starting point for more in-depth research and analysis.

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APPENDIX A

Quick Facts

**WOMEN IN THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE
1919-1995
QUICK FACTS**

TOTAL NUMBER OF WOMEN LEGISLATORS: 87

Assemblywomen: 78	Democrats: 53
Senators: 16	Republicans: 35
(7 served in both houses)	(1 switched parties)

NUMBER WHO SERVED ONLY ONE TERM: 50

NUMBER APPOINTED: 9

Replaced husbands:	4
Re-elected:	1

AFTER FIRST STATE ELECTION IN WHICH WOMEN VOTED (1916):

Regular sessions with no women:	1917, 1931, 1933, 1947
Number of regular sessions with only one woman:	8 (1961 was the last)
First regular session with more than one woman:	1923 (4)
First regular session with women in both houses:	1935
Regular session with the most women:	1995
(17 Assemblywomen and 5 Senators)	

FIRST ELECTED TO LEGISLATURE:

Sadie Hurst (R-Washoe); elected to Assembly in 1918

FIRST TO SERVE IN SENATE:

Frances Friedhoff (D-Lyon); appointed to serve the remainder of 1935 Session

FIRST ELECTED TO SENATE:

Helen Herr (D-Clark), 1966

FIRST ELECTED TO SUBSEQUENT TERM:

Ethel McGuire (D-Nye), Assemblywoman, 1926-1930

FIRST ASSEMBLYWOMAN ELECTED TO SENATE:

Helen Herr (D-Clark), 1966

SERVED THE MOST SESSIONS:

Helen Herr (D-Clark), 10 regular and 5 special sessions over 18 years in both houses

FIRST TO CHAIR A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Ruth Averill (R-Nye) chaired two Assembly Committees in 1921: Engrossment and State Library

FIRST COMMITTEE (IN EACH HOUSE) WITH FEMALE MAJORITY:

Assembly Committee on the State Library, 1923 (but not chaired by a woman)
Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, 1995 (also not chaired by a woman)

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FIRST IN FOLLOWING LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

ASSEMBLY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE:

Louise Aloys Smith (D-Pershing), 1951

ASSEMBLY ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER:

Jan Evans (D-Washoe), 1991

SENATE PRESIDENT:

Lt. Governor Sue Wagner (R-Washoe), 1993

SENATE MAJORITY WHIP:

Sue Lowden (R-Clark), 1993

SENATE MINORITY LEADER:

Dina Titus (D-Clark), 1993

SENATE ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER:

Sue Wagner (R-Washoe), 1983

FIRST TO SERVE ON MONEY COMMITTEES:

ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS:

Maude Frazier (D-Clark), 1955

SENATE FINANCE

Diana Glomb (D-Washoe), 1991

No woman has chaired either committee

COUNTIES WITH MOST WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES:

Clark (39), Washoe (23), Nye (10)

COUNTIES NEVER REPRESENTED BY A WOMAN:

Carson City (Ormsby), Douglas

FIRST GENERAL ELECTION RACE BETWEEN TWO WOMEN CANDIDATES:

1922, Lincoln County--Rita Millar (D) defeated Genevieve H. Sperling (R)

FIRST TO DEFEAT MALE INCUMBENT:

Alice S. Towle (R-Churchill), 1922

FIRST NATIVE OF NEVADA:

Marguerite Gosse (R-Washoe), born March 13, 1890, in Virginia City; elected to Assembly, 1922

FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN:

Bernice Mathews (D-Washoe), Senator, 1994

FIRST FATHER-DAUGHTER LEGISLATORS:

Hazel Bell Wines (D-Humboldt, 1934-1936), daughter of Senator William J. Bell (D-Humboldt, 1906-1914)

FIRST MOTHER-DAUGHTER LEGISLATORS:

Gene Wines Segerblom (D-Clark, 1992-1994), daughter of Assemblywoman Hazel Bell Wines (above)

APPENDIX B

Women Legislators in Other States

WOMEN LEGISLATORS IN OTHER STATES

HISTORICAL FACTS

FIRST WOMEN ELECTED TO A STATE LEGISLATURE:

Carrie Clyde Holly, Clara Cressingham, and Frances S. Klock (all Republicans),
Colorado House of Representatives, 1894

FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO A STATE SENATE:

Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon (Democrat), Utah, 1896

LAST STATE TO ELECT A FEMALE LEGISLATOR:

Louisiana, 1936

By the end of the 19th century, 16 women legislators had served, all in Colorado, Idaho, and Utah. By the time the national women's suffrage was ratified in 1920, 69 women had served in 12 states, including Nevada.

Source: "Women State Legislators, 1895-1995: The First 100 Years," *State Legislatures*, November 1994

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN LEGISLATORS (1995)

TOTALS: 20.7 percent of all legislators in the United States
26.2 percent of legislators in the Western states

STATES WITH HIGHEST PERCENTAGES:

Washington (39.5), **Nevada (34.9)**, Colorado (32), New Hampshire (30.2),
Arizona (30), Vermont (29.4), Maryland (28.7), Idaho (28.6), Maine (27.4),
Kansas (27.3)

STATES WITH LOWEST PERCENTAGES:

Alabama (4.3), Kentucky (8), Louisiana (9.7), Oklahoma (10.7),
Virginia (11.4), Pennsylvania (11.46), Mississippi (11.49),
New Jersey (11.7), South Carolina (12.4), Arkansas (12.6)

Source: "Women in State Legislatures 1995," Center for the American Woman and Politics, Rutgers University, Winter 1994

APPENDIX C

Women in the Nevada Legislature

1918 - 1994

**WOMEN IN THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE
1918 - 1994**

LAST NAME			FIRST NAME	PARTY	HOUSE	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	FIRST YEAR ELECTED OR APPOINTED ¹	NUMBER OF SESSIONS SERVED	
WHILE SERVING	WHEN ELECTED	AFTER SERVICE ¹						Regular	Special
Allen		White	Daisy	D	Assembly	Churchill	1924	1	
Augustine			Kathy	R	Assembly	Clark	1992	1	
Augustine			Kathy	R	Senate	Clark	1994	1 ⁴	
Averill		Logan	Ruth	R	Assembly	Nye	1920	1	
Berkley			Shelley L.	D	Assembly	Clark	1982	1	1
Braunlin			Deanna	R	Assembly	Clark	1994	1 ⁴	
Brookman			Eileen B.	D	Assembly	Clark	1966	8	2
Brower			Maureen E.	R	Assembly	Clark	1994 ³	1 ⁴	
Brown			Lori Lipman	D	Senate	Clark	1992	1	
Buckley			Barbara E.	D	Assembly	Clark	1994	1 ⁴	
Cafferata			Patty D.	R	Assembly	Washoe	1980	1	
Castle			Fronica E.	R	Assembly	Elko	1954 ^a		1
Cavnar			Peggy	R	Assembly	Clark	1978	1	1
Chowning			Vonne Stout	D	Assembly	Clark	1988	3 ⁴	1
Collins			Rita	D	Assembly	White Pine	1958 ^a		1
de Braga			Marcia D.	D	Assembly	Churchill	1992	2 ⁴	

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WHILE SERVING	WHEN ELECTED	AFTER SERVICE ¹						Regular	Special
Denton			Hazel B.	D	Assembly	Lincoln	1952	2	2
Diamond			Renee L.	D	Assembly	Clark	1988	1	1
Drumm			Luella K.	D	Assembly	Churchill	1938	1	
Dungan			Flora	D	Assembly	Clark	1962	2	2
Evans			Jan	D	Assembly	Washoe	1986	5 ⁴	1
Foley			Helen A.	D	Assembly	Clark	1980	1	
Foley			Helen A.	D	Senate	Clark	1982	2	1
Foote			Margie	D	Assembly	Washoe	1966	4	1
Foote			Margie	D	Senate	Washoe	1974	2	
Ford			Jean E.	R	Assembly	Clark	1972	2	
Ford			Jean E.	D	Senate	Clark	1978	2	1
Frazier			Maude	D	Assembly	Clark	1950	7	3
Frazzini			Mary	R	Assembly	Washoe	1964	4	3
Freeman			Vivian L.	D	Assembly	Washoe	1986	5 ⁴	1
Friedhoff			Frances G.	D	Senate	Lyon	1935 ^a	1	
Gibbons			T. Dawn	R	Assembly	Washoe	1991 ^a	1	
Giunchigliani			Christina R.	D	Assembly	Clark	1990	3 ⁴	
Glomb			Diana M.	D	Senate	Washoe	1990 ³	2	

LAST NAME			FIRST NAME	PARTY	HOUSE	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	FIRST YEAR ELECTED OR APPOINTED ²	NUMBER OF SESSIONS SERVED	
WHILE SERVING	WHEN ELECTED	AFTER SERVICE ¹						Regular	Special
Gojack			Mary L.	D	Assembly	Washoe	1972	1	
Gojack			Mary L.	D	Senate	Washoe	1974	2	
Gomes			Nancy A.	D	Assembly	Washoe	1976	1	
Gosse		Clark	Marguerite H.	R	Assembly	Washoe	1922	1	
Grier			Glenn E.	D	Assembly	White Pine	1934	1	
Ham			Jane F.	R	Assembly	Clark	1980 ³	3	1
Hawkins			Frances	D	Assembly	Mineral	1970	1	
Hayes			Karen W.	D	Assembly	Clark	1974	4	1
Hays			Louise M.	D	Assembly	Nye	1922	1	
Herr			Helen K.	D	Assembly	Clark	1956	5	4
Herr			Helen K.	D	Senate	Clark	1966	5	1
Howard			Marian	R	Assembly	Humboldt	1977 ^a	1	
Hurst			Sadie D.	R	Assembly	Washoe	1918	1	1
Isbell			Mabel C.	R	Assembly	Washoe	1954	2	2
Kenny			Erin	D	Assembly	Clark	1992	1	
Krenzer			Saundra	D	Assembly	Clark	1990	2 ⁴	
Lambert			Joan A.	R	Assembly	Washoe	1984	6 ⁴	1
Little			Patricia L.	D	Assembly	Clark	1984	2	

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WHILE SERVING	WHEN ELECTED	AFTER SERVICE ¹						Regular	Special
Lowden			Sue	R	Senate	Clark	1992	2 ⁴	
Mathews			Bernice	D	Senate	Washoe	1994	1 ⁴	
McGuire			Ethel	D	Assembly	Nye	1926	2	2
Millar			Rita D.	D	Assembly	Mineral	1922	1	
Monaghan			Jan F.	R	Assembly	Clark	1994 ³	1 ⁴	
Montrose	McKeough	Puffer	Edna J.	D	Assembly	Mineral	1944	1	
O'Connell			Ann	R	Senate	Clark	1984	6 ⁴	1
Ohrenschall			Genie	D	Assembly	Clark	1994	1 ⁴	
O'Neill			Margaret E.	D	Senate	Washoe	1989 ^a		1
Olson		Norris	Pauline L.	D	Assembly	White Pine	1950	1	
Parsons			Jewell E.	D	Assembly	Esmeralda	1964 ³	1	2
Pinger			Lillian V.	R	Assembly	Churchill	1928 ³	1	
Rose			Mary G.	D	Assembly	Humboldt	1924	1	
Schweble			Maym	R	Assembly	Nye	1924	1	
Segerblom			Gene Wines	D	Assembly	Clark	1992	2 ⁴	
Sharp			Mary	D	Assembly	Nye	1942	1	
Smith			Louise Aloys	D	Assembly	Pershing	1948	2	
Smith			Stephanie	D	Assembly	Clark	1992	1	

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WHILE SERVING	WHEN ELECTED	AFTER SERVICE ¹						Regular	Special
Spriggs			Gaylyn J.	R	Assembly	Mineral	1984	4	1
Steel			Dianne	R	Assembly	Clark	1994 ³	1 ⁴	
Stroth			Jeannine	R	Assembly	Clark	1994	1 ⁴	
Swain	Jameson	McGowan	Courtenay C.	D	Assembly	Washoe	1982	4	2
Swasey		Smith	Florence B.	R	Assembly	Nye	1924	1	
Tiffany			Sandra	R	Assembly	Clark	1992	2 ⁴	
Titus			Dina	D	Senate	Clark	1988	4 ⁴	1
Towle		Young	Alice S.	R	Assembly	Churchill	1922 ³	1	
Tripple			Patricia A.	R	Assembly	Washoe	1994	1 ⁴	
Tyler			Stephanie S.	R	Senate	Washoe	1990 ^a	1	
Tyson			Geraldine B.	D	Assembly	Clark	1963 ^a	3	4
Wagner			Sue	R	Assembly	Washoe	1974	3	1
Wagner			Sue	R	Senate	Washoe	1980	5	2
Washburn	Deimel		Lois H.	D	Assembly	Nye	1936	1	
Waters		Ferretti	Neva	R	Assembly	Mineral	1928	1	
Westall			Peggy B.	D	Assembly	Washoe	1976	3	1
White			Juanita Greer	R	Assembly	Clark	1970	1	
Williams			Helen DuPont	D	Assembly	Nye	1940	1	

LAST NAME			FIRST NAME	PARTY	HOUSE	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	FIRST YEAR ELECTED OR APPOINTED ²	NUMBER OF SESSIONS SERVED	
WHILE SERVING	WHEN ELECTED	AFTER SERVICE ¹						Regular	Special
Williams			Myrna T.	D	Assembly	Clark	1984	5	1
Wines			Hazel Bell	D	Assembly	Humboldt	1934	1	
Wisdom			Jane A.	D	Assembly	Clark	1986 ³	2	1
Woods			Josie Alma	R	Assembly	Eureka	1942	2	
Woolridge			Martha C.	R	Assembly	Nye	1945 ^a	1	
Zimmer			Barbara A.	R	Assembly	Clark	1982	2	1

¹ A name noted in this column is the most current, according to legislative records, used by a former legislator.

² a = appointed.

³ Defeated male incumbent.

⁴ Includes 1995 Regular Session.

Total Number of Women Legislators: 87

Senators:	16	Republicans:	35
Assemblywomen	78	Democrats:	53
(7 served in both houses)		(1 switched parties)	

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APPENDIX D

Women in the Nevada Legislature

By Session

1918 - 1995

**WOMEN IN THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE
BY SESSION
1919 - 1995**

NAME	PARTY	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	COMMITTEES CHAIRED	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES ¹	
					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Session: 1919 House: Assembly						
Hurst, Sadie D.	R	Education; State Institutions; Federal Relations; State Prison & Insane Asylum			8	3
Session: 1920 Special House: Assembly						
Hurst, Sadie D.	R	N/A		Presided 2/7/20	0	0
Session: 1921 House: Assembly						
Averill, Ruth	R ¹	Judiciary; Education	Engrossment; State Library		7	2
Session: 1923 House: Assembly						
Gosse, Marguerite H.	R ¹	Counties & County Boundaries; State Institutions; State Library ²	Contingent Expenses & Accounts		8	3
Hays, Louise M.	D	Elections; Education; Enrollment; State Library ²			2	2
Millar, Rita D.	D	Public Printing; Federal Relations; State Library ²			3	0
Towle, Alice S.	R ¹	Judiciary; Education; Irrigation	Engrossment		3	3

NAME	PARTY	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	COMMITTEES CHAIRED	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES ⁴	
					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Session: 1925 House: Assembly						
Allen, Daisy	D	Judiciary; Counties & County Boundaries; Engrossment	State Institutions		1	0
Rose, Mary G.	D	Education; Internal Improvements; Enrollment	State Library		0	0
Schweble, Maym	R ¹	Corporations & Railroads; State Institutions; Mines & Mining	Claims		0	0
Swasey, Florence B.	R ¹	Education; Labor	Public Morals		0	0
Session: 1926 Special House: Assembly						
McGuire, Ethel	D	Enrollment			0	0
Session: 1927 House: Assembly						
McGuire, Ethel	D	Corporations & Railroads; Judiciary; Education	State Library		10	2
Session: 1928 Special House: Assembly						
McGuire, Ethel	D	N/A			0	0
Session: 1929 House: Assembly						
McGuire, Ethel	D	Judiciary; Education; Labor			7	1
Pinger, Lillian V.	R ¹	Claims; State Institutions; Federal Relations	Irrigation		0	0

NAME	PARTY	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	COMMITTEES CHAIRED	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES ¹	
					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Waters, Neva	R ¹	Elections; Counties & County Boundaries; Mines & Mining; State Library	Education		1	0
<i>Session: 1935 House: Senate</i>						
Friedhoff, Frances G. ³	D ¹	None	Public Lands		1	1
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Grier, Glenn E.	D ¹	Public Printing; Claims; Education; Mileage			3	2
Wines, Hazel Bell	D ¹	Internal Improvements; Engrossment	Claims; Enrollment		6	0
<i>Session: 1937 House: Assembly</i>						
Washburn, Lois H.	D ¹	Education; Natural Resources; Public Parks; State Library	Military & Indian Affairs		7	2
<i>Session: 1939 House: Assembly</i>						
Drumm, Luella K.	D ¹	Agriculture; Federal Relations; Fish & Game	Engrossment		7	2
<i>Session: 1941 House: Assembly</i>						
Williams, Helen DuPont	D ¹	Agriculture; Livestock; Social Welfare; State Institutions	Mailing		5	3

NAME	PARTY	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	COMMITTEES CHAIRED	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES ¹	
					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Session: 1943 House: Assembly						
Sharp, Mary	D ¹	Claims; Contingent Expenses & Accounts; Engrossment; Public Health; Social Welfare	State Library		2	2
Woods, Josie Alma	R	Agriculture; Contingent Expenses & Accounts; Enrollment; State Library; Taxation			0	0
Session: 1945 House: Assembly						
Montrose, Edna J.	D ¹	Counties & County Boundaries; Education; State Institutions; Taxation	Engrossment; Social Welfare		4	1
Woods, Josie Alma	R	Agriculture; Banks & Banking; Counties & County Boundaries; Livestock; State Printing; State Publicity			0	0
Woolridge, Martha C. ³	R	Claims; Enrollment; Insurance; Internal Improvements; Mailing; Public Printing; State Printing; State Publicity			2	0
Session: 1949 House: Assembly						
Smith, Louise Aloys	D ¹	Contingent Expenses & Accounts; Education; Engrossment; Legislative Functions; Social Welfare; State Library; State Publicity	Enrollment; Veterans Affairs	Presided 3/16/49	3	2

NAME	PARTY	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	COMMITTEES CHAIRED	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES ¹	
					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Session: 1951 House: Assembly						
Frazier, Maude	D ¹	Elections; State Institutions & Building Construction	Education & State Libraries		8	4
Olson, Pauline L.	D ¹	Engrossment; Internal Improvements & Public Lands; Labor	Counties & County Borders		1	0
Smith, Louise Aloys	D ¹	Claims & Contingent Expenses; Education & State Libraries; Elections	Social Welfare	Speaker pro tempore	3	1
Session: 1953 House: Assembly						
Denton, Hazel B.	D ¹	Civil Defense; Education; Social Welfare	State Libraries		5	2
Frazier, Maude	D ¹	Elections; Social Welfare	Education		16	15
Session: 1954 Special House: Assembly						
Castle, Fronica E.	R	None			0	0
Denton, Hazel B	D ¹	Rules & Legislative Functions			0	0
Frazier, Maude	D ¹	None			0	0
Session: 1955 House: Assembly						
Denton, Hazel B.	D ¹	Education; Social Welfare	State Libraries		12	1
Frazier, Maude	D ¹	Ways & Means	Education		17	10
Isbell, Mabel C.	R	Public Health & Public Morals; Social Welfare; State Institutions; Mines & Mining			0	0

NAME	PARTY	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	COMMITTEES CHAIRED	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES ⁴	
					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Session: 1956 Special House: Assembly						
Denton, Hazel B.	D ¹	Education; Social Welfare	State Libraries		0	0
Frazier, Maude	D ¹	Ways & Means	Education		0	0
Isbell, Mabel C.	R	Public Health & Public Morals; Social Welfare; State Institutions; Mines & Mining			0	0
Session: 1957 House: Assembly						
Frazier, Maude	D ¹	Ways & Means	Education		2	2
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Public Health & Public Morals; Roads & Transportation	Insurance		11	6
Isbell, Mabel C.	R	Elections; Internal Improvements & Public Lands; Mines & Mining; Roads & Transportation; Social Welfare			1	1
Session: 1958 Special House: Assembly						
Collins, Rita	D ¹	Roads & Transportation; Ways & Means	Aviation		0	0
Frazier, Maude	D ¹	Ways & Means	Education		0	0
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Public Health & Public Morals; Roads & Transportation	Insurance		0	0
Isbell, Mabel C.	R	Elections; Internal Improvements & Public Lands; Mines & Mining; Roads & Transportation; Social Welfare			0	0

NAME	PARTY	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	COMMITTEES CHAIRED	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES ¹	
					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Session: 1959 House: Assembly						
Frazier, Maude ³	D ¹	Ways & Means; State Libraries	Education		16	5
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Roads & Transportation; State Institutions; State Libraries	Public Health & Public Morals		21	12
Session: 1960 House: Assembly						
Frazier, Maude	D ¹	Ways & Means	Education		5	2
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Insurance; State Institutions; State Libraries	Social Welfare		9	5
Session: 1961 House: Assembly						
Frazier, Maude	D ¹	State Libraries; Ways & Means	Education		4	1
Session: 1963 House: Assembly						
Dungan, Flora	D ¹	Banking, Insurance & Corporations; Elections; State Publicity & Economic Development	Social Welfare		11	3
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Civil Defense & Veterans' Affairs; Labor	State Institutions & Libraries		18	4
Session: 1964 Special House: Assembly						
Dungan, Flora	D ¹	Banking, Insurance & Corporations; Elections; State Publicity & Economic Development	Social Welfare		0	0

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Civil Defense & Veterans' Affairs; Labor	State Institutions & Libraries		0	0
Tyson, Geraldine B.	D ¹	Education; Roads, Transportation & Aviation			0	0
<i>Session: 1965 House: Assembly</i>						
Frazzini, Mary	R	Education; Elections; Public Health & Public Morals; Social Welfare			1	1
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Legislative Functions; Roads, Transportation & Aviation	State Institutions & Libraries		14	3
Parsons, Jewell E.	D ¹	Fish & Game; Judiciary; State Publicity & Economic Development; Social Welfare			0	0
Tyson, Geraldine B.	D ¹	Education; Taxation	Elections		5	1
<i>Session: 1965 Special House: Assembly</i>						
Frazzini, Mary	R	None			0	0
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Legislative Functions			0	0
Parsons, Jewell E.	D ¹	None			0	0
Tyson, Geraldine B.	D ¹	None			0	0
<i>Session: 1966 Special House: Assembly</i>						
Frazzini, Mary	R	Education; Elections; Public Health & Public Morals; Social Welfare			0	0

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Legislative Functions; Roads, Transportation & Aviation	State Institutions & Libraries		0	0
Parsons, Jewell E.	D ¹	Fish & Game; Judiciary; State Publicity & Economic Development; Social Welfare			0	0
Tyson, Geraldine B.	D ¹	Education; Taxation	Elections		0	0
<i>Session: 1967 House: Senate</i>						
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Health & Welfare; Labor	State Institutions; Transportation		26	9
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D ¹	Building & Construction; Social Welfare; State Institutions & Libraries	Federal, Indian & Military Affairs		10	2
Dungan, Flora	D ¹	Judiciary; Public Health & Public Morals; Civil Defense & Veterans Affairs	Elections		4	1
Foote, Margie	D ¹	Civil Defense & Veterans' Affairs; Elections; State Institutions & Libraries; Education	Social Welfare		4	2
Frazzini, Mary	R	Public Health & Public Morals; State Institutions & Libraries; Taxation			16	5
Tyson, Geraldine B.	D ¹	State, County & City Affairs; Ways & Means	Legislative Functions		11	4

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Session: 1968 Special House: Senate						
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Health & Welfare; Labor	State Institutions; Transportation		0	0
House: Assembly						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D ¹	Building & Construction; Social Welfare; State Institutions & Libraries	Federal, Indian & Military Affairs		1	1
Dungan, Flora	D ¹	Judiciary; Public Health & Public Morals; Civil Defense & Veterans Affairs	State Institutions & Libraries		0	0
Foote, Margie	D ¹	Civil Defense & Veterans' Affairs; Elections; State Institutions & Libraries; Education	Social Welfare		0	0
Frazzini, Mary	R	Public Health & Public Morals; State Institutions & Libraries; Taxation			0	0
Tyson, Geraldine B.	D ¹	State, County & City Affairs; Ways & Means	Legislative Functions		0	0
Session: 1969 House: Senate						
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Health & Welfare; Labor; Transportation	State Institutions		9	2

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
House: Assembly						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D	Agriculture; Health & Welfare; Public Resources			23	7
Foote, Margie	D	Education; Elections; Health & Welfare			7	1
Frazzini, Mary	R ¹	Elections; Health & Welfare	Legislative Functions		10	4
Tyson, Geraldine B.	D	Education; Legislative Functions; Taxation; Transportation			5	2
Session: 1971 House: Senate						
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Health & Welfare; Labor; State Institutions	Transportation		12	5
House: Assembly						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D	Ways & Means			22	7
Foote, Margie	D	Education; ² Elections; Judiciary			7	1
Frazzini, Mary	R ¹	Education; ² Government Affairs	Elections		15	2
Hawkins, Frances	D	Agriculture; Education; ² Government Affairs			22	5
White, Juanita Greer	R ¹	Education; ² Elections; Health & Welfare			6	1
Session: 1973 House: Senate						
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Commerce & Labor; Health, Welfare & State Institutions	Transportation		16	

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
House: Assembly						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Labor & Management	Legislative Functions		32	16
Foote, Margie	D ¹	Education; Judiciary	Elections		5	1
Ford, Jean E.	R	Elections; Environment & Public Resources; Government Affairs			15	4
Gojack, Mary L.	D ¹	Elections; Environment & Public Resources; Government Affairs			25	8
Session: 1975 House: Senate						
Foote, Margie	D ¹	Commerce & Labor; Education; Government Affairs; Judiciary			7	3
Gojack, Mary L.	D ¹	Environment & Public Resources; Government Affairs; Health, Welfare & State Institutions; Transportation			14	4
Herr, Helen K.	D ¹	Health, Welfare & State Institutions; Taxation	Transportation		11	5
House: Assembly						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D ¹	Legislative Functions; Ways & Means			28	12
Ford, Jean E.	R	Government Affairs; Health & Welfare; Taxation			10	5
Hayes, Karen W.	D ¹	Judiciary; Labor & Management; Transportation			10	3

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Wagner, Sue	R	Elections; Judiciary; Legislative Functions			13	7
<i>Session: 1977 House: Senate</i>						
Foote, Margie	D ¹	Government Affairs; Judiciary; Transportation			3	3
Gojack, Mary L.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Judiciary; Legislative Functions			26	13
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D ¹	Legislative Functions; Ways & Means			23	9
Gomes, Nancy A.	D ¹	Education; Health & Welfare			16	5
Hayes, Karen W.	D ¹	Commerce; Judiciary	Transportation		18	5
Howard, Marian ³	R	Ways & Means			10	4
Wagner, Sue	R	Elections; Judiciary; Legislative Functions			27	12
Westall, Peggy B.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Transportation			5	2
<i>Session: 1979 House: Senate</i>						
Ford, Jean E.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Judiciary; Legislative Functions			15	8
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Cavnar, Peggy	R	Elections; Health & Welfare; Ways & Means			5	1

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Hayes, Karen W.	D ¹	Education; Transportation	Judiciary		48	34
Wagner, Sue	R	Education; Transportation; Ways & Means			22	11
Westall, Peggy B.	D ¹	Education; Government Affairs; Transportation	Legislative Functions		9	5
<i>Session: 1980 Special House: Senate</i>						
Ford, Jean E.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Judiciary; Legislative Functions			0	0
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Cavnar, Peggy	R	Elections; Health & Welfare; Ways & Means			0	0
Hayes, Karen W.	D ¹	Education; Transportation	Judiciary		0	0
Wagner, Sue	R	Education; Transportation; Ways & Means			0	0
Westall, Peggy B.	D ¹	Education; Government Affairs; Transportation	Legislative Functions		0	0
<i>Session: 1981 House: Senate</i>						
Ford, Jean E.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Judiciary; Legislative Functions			7	7
Wagner, Sue	R	Government Affairs; Judiciary; Legislative Functions			26	13

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
House: Assembly						
Cafferata, Patty D.	R	Judiciary; Labor & Management; Taxation			4	2
Foley, Helen A.	D ¹	Education; Labor & Management			3	1
Ham, Jane F.	R	Elections; Health & Welfare; Judiciary			2	1
Hayes, Karen W.	D ¹	Education; Ways & Means		Speaker pro tempore	20	13
Westall, Peggy B.	D ¹	Transportation; Ways & Means	Legislative Functions		18	11
Session: 1983 House: Senate						
Foley, Helen A.	D ¹	Human Resources & Facilities; Legislative Affairs			6	5
Wagner, Sue	R	Government Affairs; Judiciary; Legislative Affairs		Asst. Minority Floor Leader	21	18
House: Assembly						
Berkley, Shelley L.	D ¹	Commerce; Elections; Judiciary			11	6
Ham, Jane F.	R	Elections; Judiciary; Labor & Management			10	1
Swain, Courtenay C.	D ¹	Economic Development, Tourism & Mining; Health & Welfare; Judiciary; Transportation			8	5

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Zimmer, Barbara A.	R	Labor & Management; Taxation; Transportation			6	2
<i>Session: 1984 Special House: Senate</i>						
Foley, Helen A.	D ¹	None			0	0
Wagner, Sue	R	None			0	0
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Berkley, Shelley L.	D ¹	Commerce; Elections; Judiciary			0	0
Ham, Jane F.	R	Elections; Judiciary; Labor & Management			0	0
Swain, Courtenay C.	D ¹	Economic Development, Tourism & Mining; Health & Welfare; Judiciary; Transportation			0	0
Zimmer, Barbara A.	R	Labor & Management; Taxation; Transportation			0	0
<i>Session: 1985 House: Senate</i>						
Foley, Helen A.	D ¹	Human Resources & Facilities; Legislative Affairs & Operations			12	8
O'Connell, Ann	R	Commerce & Labor; Government Affairs; Taxation			6	3
Wagner, Sue	R	Government Affairs; Judiciary; Legislative Affairs & Operations			27	20
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Ham, Jane F.	R ¹	Education; Judiciary	Elections		2	2

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Lambert, Joan A.	R ¹	Economic Development & Tourism; Elections; Government Affairs			1	0
Little, Patricia L.	D	Health & Welfare; Judiciary; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			3	0
Spriggs, Gaylyn J.	R ¹	Government Affairs; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining; Taxation			0	0
Swain, Courtenay C.	D	Education; Elections; Judiciary			24	9
Williams, Myrna T.	D	Commerce; Judiciary; Labor & Management; Taxation			4	2
Zimmer, Barbara A.	R ¹	Judiciary; Taxation	Labor & Management		4	2
<i>Session: 1987 House: Senate</i>						
O'Connell, Ann	R ¹	Commerce & Labor; Taxation	Government Affairs		6	3
Wagner, Sue	R ¹	Government Affairs; Legislative Affairs & Operations	Judiciary		13	10
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Health & Welfare; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			11	4
Evans, Jan	D ¹	Elections; Transportation; Ways & Means			3	2

NAME	PARTY	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	COMMITTEES CHAIRED	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES ¹	
					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Freeman, Vivian L.	D ¹	Education; Government Affairs; Health & Welfare			4	2
Lambert, Joan A.	R	Economic Development, Small Business & Tourism; Education; Government Affairs; Taxation			2	0
Spriggs, Gaylyn J.	R	Judiciary; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining; Taxation			3	2
Swain, Courtenay C.	D ¹	Economic Development, Small Business & Tourism; Ways & Means	Elections		8	3
Williams, Myrna T.	D ¹	Commerce; Judiciary; Taxation	Legislative Functions		13	5
Wisdom, Jane A.	D ¹	Commerce; Elections; Health & Welfare; Labor & Management			6	4
<i>Session: 1989 House: Senate</i>						
O'Connell, Ann	R ¹	Commerce & Labor; Taxation	Government Affairs		2	2
Titus, Dina	D	Human Resources & Facilities; Judiciary; Legislative Affairs & Operations			8	5
Wagner, Sue	R ¹	Government Affairs, Legislative Affairs & Operations	Judiciary		23	13

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
House: Assembly						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D ¹	Education; Government Affairs; Health & Welfare; Legislative Functions			36	15
Chowning, Vonne Stout	D ¹	Education, Judiciary; Transportation			7	5
Diamond, Renee L.	D ¹	Elections; ² Health & Welfare; Judiciary; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			4	3
Evans, Jan	D ¹	Elections; ² Transportation; Ways & Means			14	11
Freeman, Vivian L.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Health & Welfare; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			5	1
Lambert, Joan A.	R	Education; Elections; ² Government Affairs; Taxation			2	2
Spriggs, Gaylyn J.	R	Economic Development, Small Business & Tourism; Judiciary; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			7	7
Swain, Courtenay C.	D ¹	Economic Development, Small Business & Tourism; Education; Ways & Means	Elections ²		14	8
Williams, Myrna T.	D ¹	Commerce; Taxation; Ways & Means	Legislative Functions	Speaker pro tempore	17	13

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Wisdom, Jane A.	D ¹	Commerce; Elections; ² Health & Welfare; Judiciary			10	8
<i>Session: 1989 Special House: Senate</i>						
O'Connell, Ann	R ¹	None			0	0
O'Neill, Margaret E.	D	None			0	0
Titus, Dina	D	None			0	0
Wagner, Sue	R ¹	None			0	0
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Brookman, Eileen B.	D ¹	Education; Government Affairs; Health & Welfare; Legislative Functions			0	0
Chowning, Vonne Stout	D ¹	Education, Judiciary; Transportation			0	0
Diamond, Renee L.	D ¹	Elections; ² Health & Welfare; Judiciary; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			0	0
Evans, Jan	D ¹	Elections; ² Transportation; Ways & Means			0	0
Freeman, Vivian L.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Health & Welfare; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			0	0
Lambert, Joan A.	R	Education; Elections; ² Government Affairs; Taxation			0	0

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Spriggs, Gaylyn J.	R	Economic Development, Small Business & Tourism; Judiciary; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			0	0
Swain, Courtenay C.	D ¹	Economic Development, Small Business & Tourism; Education; Ways & Means	Elections ²		0	0
Williams, Myrna T.	D ¹	Commerce; Taxation; Ways & Means	Legislative Functions	Speaker pro tempore	0	0
Wisdom, Jane A.	D ¹	Commerce; Elections; ² Health & Welfare; Judiciary			0	0
<i>Session: 1991 House: Senate</i>						
Glomb, Diana M.	D ¹	Finance; Human Resources & Facilities; Transportation			5	4
O'Connell, Ann	R	Commerce & Labor; Government Affairs; Taxation			4	2
Titus, Dina	D ¹	Government Affairs; Legislative Affairs & Operations	Judiciary		15	6
Tyler, Stephanie S.	R	Human Resources & Facilities; Judiciary; Legislative Affairs & Operations			0	0
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Evans, Jan	D ¹	Health & Welfare; Legislative Functions & Elections; Ways & Means		Assistant Majority Floor Leader	9	6

NAME	PARTY	COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	COMMITTEES CHAIRED	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES ⁴	
					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Freeman, Vivian L.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Health & Welfare	Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining		7	2
Gibbons, T. Dawn ³	R	Education; Judiciary			5	4
Giunchigliani, Christina R.	D ¹	Taxation; Ways & Means	Labor & Management		8	5
Krenzer, Sandra	D ¹	Education; Government Affairs; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			3	3
Lambert, Joan A.	R	Education; Government Affairs; Legislative Functions & Elections; Taxation			4	2
Little, Patricia L.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining; Transportation			4	1
Spriggs, Gaylyn J.	R	Commerce; Government Affairs; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining; Taxation			7	6
Williams, Myrna T.	D ¹	Commerce; Taxation; Ways & Means	Legislative Functions & Elections	Speaker pro tempore	11	6
<i>Session: 1993 House: Senate</i>						
Brown, Lori Lipman	D	Commerce & Labor; Human Resources & Facilities; Transportation			13	3

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Glomb, Diana M.	D	Finance; Human Resources & Facilities; Legislative Affairs & Operation			6	3
Lowden, Sue	R ¹	Commerce & Labor; Government Affairs; Taxation		Majority Whip	2	2
O'Connell, Ann	R ¹	Commerce & Labor; Taxation	Government Affairs		4	1
Titus, Dina	D	Judiciary; Legislative Affairs & Operations; Natural Resources		Minority Leader	13	9
<i>House: Assembly</i>						
Augustine, Kathy	R	Commerce; Government Affairs; Health & Human Services ²			6	2
Chowning, Vonne Stout	D ¹	Education; Transportation; Ways & Means			3	3
de Braga, Marcia D.	D ¹	Education; Government Affairs; Health & Human Services; ² Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			10	3
Evans, Jan	D ¹	Elections & Procedures; Ways & Means	Health & Human Services ²		12	8
Freeman, Vivian L.	D ¹	Government Affairs; Health & Human Services	Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining		8	2
Giunchigliani, Christina R.	D ¹	Commerce; Ways & Means	Labor & Management		15	8

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Kenny, Erin	D ¹	Commerce; Government Affairs; Labor & Management			2	1
Lambert, Joan A.	R	Elections & Procedures; Government Affairs; Taxation			1	0
Seegerblom, Gene Wines	D ¹	Education; Government Affairs; Health & Human Services ²			3	0
Smith, Stephanie	D ¹	Health & Human Services; ² Judiciary; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining			3	2
Tiffany, Sandra	R	Education; Ways & Means			6	0
Williams, Myrna T.	D ¹	Commerce; Taxation; Ways & Means	Elections & Procedures	Speaker pro tempore	7	4
<i>Session: 1995 House: Senate</i>						
Augustine, Kathy	R ¹	Commerce & Labor; ² Human Resources & Facilities; Taxation			N/A	N/A
Lowden, Sue	R ¹	Commerce & Labor; ² Human Resources & Facilities	Taxation	Majority Whip	N/A	N/A
Mathews, Bernice	D	Commerce & Labor; ² Human Resources & Facilities; Legislative Affairs & Operations			N/A	N/A
O'Connell, Ann	R ¹	Commerce & Labor; ² Taxation	Government Affairs		N/A	N/A
Titus, Dina	D	Judiciary; Government Affairs; Legislative Affairs & Operations		Minority Leader	N/A	N/A

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
House: Assembly ⁵						
Braunlin, Deanna	R	Education; Government Affairs; Health & Human Services ²			N/A	N/A
Brower, Maureen E.	R	Commerce; Taxation; Ways & Means; Economic Development & Tourism			N/A	N/A
Buckley, Barbara E.	D	Commerce; Health & Human Services; ² Judiciary			N/A	N/A
Chowning, Vonne Stout	D	Education; Ways & Means	Transportation		N/A	N/A
de Braga, Marcia D.	D	Education; Government Affairs; Transportation	Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining		N/A	N/A
Evans, Jan	D	Elections & Procedures; Health & Human Services; ² Ways & Means		Speaker pro Tempore	N/A	N/A
Freeman, Vivian L.	D	Elections & Procedures; Government Affairs	Health & Human Services ²		N/A	N/A
Giunchigliani, Christina R.	D	Commerce; Ways & Means	Elections & Procedures		N/A	N/A
Krenzer, Sandra	D	Government Affairs; Health & Human Services ²	Labor & Management	Assistant Floor Whip	N/A	N/A
Lambert, Joan A.	R	Elections & Procedures; Taxation	Government Affairs		N/A	N/A

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					INTRODUCED	PASSED
Monaghan, Jan F.	R	Elections & Procedures; Judiciary	Health & Human Services ²		N/A	N/A
Ohrenschall, Genie	D	Judiciary; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining; Transportation			N/A	N/A
Segeberblom, Gene Wines	D	Education; Government Affairs; Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining; Economic Development & Tourism			N/A	N/A
Steel, Dianne	R	Health & Human Services; ² Judiciary	Economic Development & Tourism		N/A	N/A
Stroth, Jeannine	R	Education; Judiciary	Taxation	Assistant Floor Leader	N/A	N/A
Tiffany, Sandra	R	Ways & Means	Commerce	Speaker pro Tempore	N/A	N/A
Tripple, Patricia A.	R	Education; Government Affairs; Transportation			N/A	N/A

¹ Majority party.

² Committee had female majority.

³ Did not serve entire session.

⁴ Only those bills and resolutions for which legislator is primary sponsor.

⁵ The 1995 Assembly was divided evenly between the parties; consequently, each committee had co-chairs and each leadership position was shared.

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