

A PROFILE  
OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
103RD CONGRESS

The House Republican Leader, Robert H. Michel of Illinois, serves as the Minority Leader in the 103rd Congress having been the Republican Party's candidate for Speaker of the House at the opening of the Congress in January 1993, losing to Speaker Tom Foley of Washington.

The Republican Leader has general responsibility and oversight for all activities conducted by the leadership on behalf of the Republican Conference, the caucus of all House Republicans.

The Leader:

- Serves as the primary spokesman for the Republican Conference and the Leadership.
- Develops goals and strategy at the outset of each Session of Congress and oversees the implementation of each.
- Chairs the Committee on Committees, which acts on Republican Members' committee assignments.
- Coordinates the development of specific positions and directs legislative strategy and Floor action.
- Coordinates the activities of other Republican Leadership offices.
- Coordinates relations with the Senate, Administration, House Democrats, party organizations, and outside interest groups and serves as the primary liaison with these entities.
- Schedules leadership meetings and oversees scheduling of Conferences and other Republican events.
- Advises Members on House Floor Procedures.
- Appoints special task forces of the Leadership, and makes appointments to official commissions, committees, boards and advisory panels in conformance with laws and resolutions; appoints certain Members of the Research and Policy Committees, and the leadership Floor designee.
- Coordinates staff activities of the leadership offices.

- Appoints and oversees minority Floor employees.
- Serves as a Member of:
  - House Committee on Intelligence, Ex-Officio
  - House Office Buildings Commission
  - House Legal Advisory Group
  - House Leadership organizations
- Disseminates information to Member offices.