

SENIOR STAFF MEETINGS

Purpose: To have a forum where leadership staff and Committee Counsels meet on a regular basis to exchange ideas and discuss upcoming legislation.

Friday Morning Meetings (9:00 a.m.):

- Meet every Friday morning for one hour to discuss the upcoming week's schedule. Committee Counsels report on legislation being brought to the floor by their Committee. The Counsels discuss Committee action, amendments that may be offered on the Floor and issues of concern.
- A report is given on Rules Committee action concerning upcoming legislation.
- Leadership staff gives an update on activities by the various Leadership organizations (Whip, Conference, Policy, Research).
- Republican Leader's staff attends Senate meeting and reports back on the Senate's schedule for the next week.
- General discussion of upcoming legislative issues, as well as issues of concern to Committee and Leadership staff (i.e. Committee funding).

Expanded Strategy Meetings:

- Leadership and selected Committee Counsels will meet on an ad hoc basis to discuss longer-term strategy on legislative issues which will be considered by the House. These meetings will be called by the Republican Leader's office. Possible issues for discussion: Education reform, independent counsel reauthorization, legislative branch funding, debt limit, RTC funding, banking issues, welfare reform, etc.
- Establish a parliamentary review group. The purpose of the group will be to redraft the parliamentary procedures manual.
- Establish a staff group to review the rights of the minority in making inquiries with the Administration. The purpose of the group will be to begin letter-writing campaigns to obtain information from the Administration, needed by Republicans in the House.