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MEMBERS OF THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE WHO HAVE SERVED 30 OR MORE YEARS

| Legislator | Assembly Service | Senate Service | No. of Sessions Served | No. of Years Served* |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fred A. Risser | 1957-1961 sessions | 1963 - 2007 sessions | 25 | 50 |
| Alan J. Busby | 1931, 1935 sessions | 1937 - 1971 sessions | 20 | 40 |
| Michael G. Ellis | 1971 - 1981 sessions | 1983 - 2007 sessions | 18 | 36 |
| Marlin D. Schneider | 1971 - 2007 sessions | None | 18 | 36 |
| Clifford W. Krueger | None | 1947 - 1953 sessions; 1957 - 1981 sessions | 17 | 34 |
| Gerald D. Lorge | 1951 - 1953 sessions | 1955 - 1983 sessions | 17 | 34 |
| Cletus J. Vanderperren | 1959 - 1991 sessions | None | 17 | 34 |
| Frank E. Panzer | 1931 session | 1935 - 1937 sessions; 1943 - 1969 sessions | 17 | 32 yrs. 9 mos. ¹ |
| Earl F. McEssy | 1957 - 1987 sessions | None | 16 | 32 |
| Carl W. Thompson | 1953 - 1959 sessions | 1959 - 1983 sessions | 16 | 31 yrs. 9 mos. ² |
| Alan J. Lasee | 1975 session | 1977 - 2007 sessions | 16 | 31 yrs. 8 mos.³ |
| Bernhard Gettleman | 1917 session | 1923 - 1933 sessions; 1939 - 1953 sessions | 15 | 30 |
| John T. Kostuck | 1931 - 1959 sessions | None | 15 | 30 |
| Leland S. McParland | 1941 - 1953 sessions | 1955 - 1969 sessions | 15 | 30 |
| George Molinaro | 1947 - 1975 sessions | None | 15 | 30 |

Currently serving members shown in bold.

*As of January 2007.

¹Senator Panzer died on August 26, 1969, approximately 9 months into the 1969 session.

²Assemblyman Thompson resigned from the assembly on January 31, 1959 to run for a vacant senate seat. After winning a special election, he took the senate oath of office on April 15, 1959, missing about 3 months of the 1959 session.

³Senator Lasee was elected in a special election and took the senate oath of office on May 12, 1977, missing about 4 months of the 1977 session.