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The Republican Conference, chaired by Dick Armey of Texas, is the caucus of all House Republicans and serves as the organizational arm of the Republican Members. The Conference has as its nucleus the rules and procedures under which the Leadership structure is organized and the Membership makes decisions as a body.

The Conference is served by two other elected officers; the Conference Vice Chairman, Bill McCollum of Florida; and the Conference Secretary, Tom DeLay of Texas, both of whom share in the duties and responsibilities of the Chairman.

The Conference Chairman:

- Presides over the organizational forum at the outset of each new Congress at which resolutions, rules and procedures are agreed upon.
- Calls meetings of the Conference, in consultation with the Leader, and presides over the sessions.
- Provides a forum for discussion, debate and informational briefings on issues of concern to the Members.
- Manages the resources of the Conference, in consultation with the Leader, in a manner that achieves the goals of Republican Members and carries out the policy objectives of the Conference.
- Promotes House Republican positions and initiatives through public and press communications, one-minutes, special orders, etc.
- Assists the Leader, Whip, and Ranking Republican Members in disseminating and promoting the policy objectives of the Conference to Republican Members and Republican coalitions.
- Publishes the Legislative Digest and related documents on legislative issues for dissemination among the Members.
- Provides Republican Members and staff with legislative, press, and constituent service handbooks, and conducts educational and professional development seminars to promote effectiveness and productivity in Republican offices.

The Conference Vice Chairman:

- Presides over the Conference when the Chairman is unavailable.

The Conference Secretary:

- Records the minutes of all Republican Conference meetings and distributes the minutes to each member of the Republican Leadership in a timely fashion.