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Legislators To Choose Leaders

Kansas Republican legislators are meeting in the Statehouse to choose the next Senate president and speaker of the House.

Monday's elections will be held by returning incumbents and those taking office for the first time in January. Republicans will outnumber Democrats during the upcoming session 32-8 in the Senate and 92-33 in the House.

Party primaries in August saw the conservative wing of the Republican Party oust several moderates, including Senate President Steve Morris. In the House, Speaker Mike O'Neal decided to retire after 28 years in the chamber, including two terms as speaker.

Democrats are expected to re-elect Anthony Hensley, of Topeka, as Senate minority leader and Paul Davis, of Lawrence, as House minority leader.

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