SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

David C. Long  
President Pro Tempore  
Indiana State Senate  

Senator Long was elected to the Indiana Senate in 1996. He currently serves as President Pro Tempore of the Indiana State Senate and chair of the Rules and Legislative Procedure Committee. Prior to his election to the legislature, he was a member of the Fort Wayne City Council from 1988-1995 and a member of the Fort Wayne Enterprise Zone Board from 1991-1995. In his private life, Senator Long is an attorney who currently serves as General Counsel for Pizza Hut of Fort Wayne, Inc. Senator Long attended Wabash College and received his bachelor’s degree from the University of California at Davis. He received his law degree from the University of Santa Clara.

Robert G. Natelson  
Senior Fellow in Constitutional Jurisprudence  
Independence Institute  
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Rob Natelson is a Senior Fellow in Constitutional Jurisprudence with the Independence Institute and a Senior Fellow in Constitutional Jurisprudence at the Montana Policy Institute. Mr. Natelson was a law professor for 25 years, serving at three different universities where, among other subjects, he taught Constitutional Law, Constitutional History, Advanced Constitutional Law, and First Amendment. Mr. Natelson is especially known for his studies of the Constitution’s original meaning.

In addition to his articles on the U.S. Constitution, Mr. Natelson created the first online guide to “originalist” research; created the database the Documentary History of the Ratification of the Montana Constitution; and in conjunction with his eldest daughter Rebecca, edited the first complete Internet versions of the Emperor Justinian’s great Roman law collection (in Latin).

Mr. Natelson has academic training not merely in law or in history, but in both, as well as in the Latin classics that were the mainstay of Founding-Era education. He also has the benefit of lessons and habits learned in the “real world,” since prior to entering academia he practiced law in two states, ran his own businesses, and worked as a journalist and at other jobs. Mr. Natelson received his bachelor’s degree from Lafayette College and his law degree from Cornell. He also received training in the classics at the University of Colorado.

Thomas Upton Reynolds  
State Representative  
Mississippi House of Representatives  

Representative Reynolds has served the House District 33 in Mississippi since 1980. He is Vice Chair of the House Judiciary A Committee; and serves on the Compilation, Revision and Publication, Constitution, County Affairs, Judiciary En Banc, and Ways and Means committees; and the Select Committee on Railway. He currently is a Vice Chair of NCSL’s Law and Criminal Justice Committee, having previously served as a Co-Chair. Representative Reynolds resides in Charleston, Mississippi. He is a practicing attorney, and earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

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