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Honorable Delegates and Members,

There has been another official legally binding opinion requested. The question submitted is “I am wondering about the position O.I.L. takes on a member who is in delegation leadership, specifically legislation related, and also a potential floor leader (the person who chooses legislation)? Is there anything at all not completely ok with holding those positions dually?”

My opinion is I know of no reason someone could not hold both delegation leadership and a floor leader position.

There is a system of checks and balances that are in place for each branch of our organization. Specifically speaking on the legislature, the elected leaders, who the membership of each chamber selects, appoints all of the rest of the chamber leadership, including the Floor Leader. If delegates ever have a problem with the floor leader’s selection of legislation, they have the ability to move legislation by special orders. Also, delegation leadership tends to be more experienced delegates; chamber leadership tends to be more experienced delegates. They naturally draw the same people. This is an unavoidable fact.

Humbly,

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