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## Smelser to retire from state Senate

UNION BRIDGE — Sen. Charles H. Smelser will retire at the end of the year rather than seek an eighth term in the Maryland Senate.

"There's an end to everything," said the Carroll County Democrat, who has spent 36 years in the legislature. "As far as an elective office, this is the end for me."

Mr. Smelser, 73, who has served on the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee for the past 28 years, was known for being stingy with taxpayers' money.

Mr. Smelser started his legislative career as a Frederick County delegate in 1955. He was re-elected in 1958, but lost a Senate race in 1962. Four years later, he won a Senate seat representing Carroll and Frederick counties, and he hasn't left since.

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