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HUGHES ANNOUNCES ABRAMS AS NEW DIRECTOR OF OFFICE ON AGING,
MAKES OTHER APPOINTMENTS

ANNAPOLIS, MD (October 14, 1983) Governor Harry Hughes today announced the appointment of State Senator Rosalie Abrams as director of the Maryland Office on Aging.

The Governor also announced the selection of Michael F. Canning, his former chief of staff, as a member of the Maryland Tax Court and the departure from his staff of Carl E. Eastwick, who is resigning as legislative officer, effective October 31, to join the Baltimore law firm of Weinberg and Green.

Eastwick's duties will be assumed by John F. X. O'Brien, who will supervise the legislative office operations while continuing to direct the Governor's legislative liaison office.

Other appointments announced by the Governor included: Robert Leroy Hawkins of Catonsville to the Baltimore County Board of Education and Clarence E. Hawkins of Randallstown to the Inmate Grievance Commission.

Ms. Abrams succeeds Matthew Tayback, who recently resigned to take charge of new programs on aging and gerontology at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

Ms. Abrams has served in the Maryland Senate since 1970 and currently chairs the Finance Committee. She is a past Majority Floor Leader and past president of the Maryland Order of Women Legislators. She also served in the House of Delegates from 1967-1970.

"I am extremely pleased that Senator Abrams has agreed to take on this new challenge," Governor Hughes said, "and I am confident she will do an excellent job delivering the programs vital to our elderly citizens."

The Office on Aging, established in 1975, administers, consolidates and coordinates statewide programs and activities to meet the needs of older Marylanders. The State Director also serves as an advocate for the elderly at all levels of government.

A native of Baltimore, Ms. Abrams attended Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, received her undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1963 and a masters degree in political science from Johns Hopkins in 1969.

She will assume her new post November 9.
