

Historic Black Caucus sits in state assembly

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The Black Caucus of the Maryland General Assembly will add a page to the state body's history when it convenes tomorrow, Wednesday, Jan. 9.

The caucus, with its 19 members, is the largest number of black elected officials to sit in the legislature, and is also the largest group sitting in any legislature in the nation.

The history of the assembly goes back to 1635 when the first session met in St. Mary's County.

The government of the Province of Maryland moved from St. Mary's to Annapolis in 1695.

The first General Assembly under the State of Maryland met in 1777.

Del. Loyal Randolph is chairman of the historic caucus.

Other members are Senators Verda Welcome, Clarence Blount, Robert Dalton and Clarence Mitchell III.

Also, Delegates Hildagardeis Boswell, Hattie Harrison, Lena K. Lee, Dr. Aris T. Allen, Troy Brailey, Joseph A. Chester, Frank M. Conaway, Walter N. Dean Jr., Isaiah Dixon Jr., Calvin A. Douglass, John W. Douglass, Pinkney Howell, Arthur A. King and Kenneth Webster.

This will be the last session before the 1974 elections when the Assembly will stand for reelection, and is expected to be of great significance.