Common Cause releases report on state legislative cooperation

Maryland State delegates supported legislation backed by the lobbying group Common Cause of Maryland about 30 percent of the time during the last four years, while House leadership backed the same bills only 18 percent of the time, according to a report by the lobbying organization.

Strongest support of the Common Cause legislation, most of which involved so - called open government issues like open meetings and financial disclosure, came from the state Senate where members backed bills sponsored by the group 60 percent of the time.

"The lack of House leadership interest and support for government accountability issues in the last four years has been the source of great disappointment," said Edward Riley, the legislative director who compiled the report for Common Cause.

Common Cause selected 20 senate and 16 house votes "judged most critical or most representative" between 1975 and 1978 on the issues of open meetings, campaign financing, financial disclosure, lobbying disclosure, ethics and legislative procedures.

Votes on the measures were then compared between House and Senate and between members of each house and that body's leadership.

The report showed than Senate leaders voted with Common Cause 56 percent of the time and that the 10 Senate standing committee chairmen voted in support of the lobby group's bills 70 percent of the time.

Senate leadership included President Steny H. Hoyer, President Pro - Tem Frederick C. Malkus Jr., Majority Leader Roy N. Staten, Majority Whip Clarence W. Blount and Minority Leader Edward J. Mason.

In the House, the leadership supported Common Cause - backed bills 18 percent of the time and the 12 chairmen of House standing committees backed the same legislation 19 percent of the time.

The House leadership was made up of Speaker John Hanson Briscoe, Speaker Pro - Tem Ann R. Hull, Majority Leader John S. Arnick, Minority Leader William M. Linton and Minority Whip Raymond E. Beck.

The report said in 783 votes by the state's 47 Senators, Common Cause - backed bills were supported 60 percent of the time.

Of 1,476 votes cast by 141 delegates on similar open government legislation, House members supported Common Cause - backed legislation half the time.

Riley said Common Cause does not rate nor endorse legislators, but furnished the comparison voting records to help inform the voting public prior to the Sept. 12 Democratic and Republican primaries and the November general election.

"In political terms, this election is critically important since the incoming 79 legislature will, as one of its first tasks, select a new Senate president and House speaker, who will in turn appoint committee chairmen and determine the course of open government legislation for the next four years," Riley said.

Hoyer, the Senate president, is running for Lieutenant Governor Hoyer, the Senate president, is running for Lieutenant Governor this year and Briscoe, theHouse speaker, is not seeking re - election.

NAACP LIFE MEMBER — James Thompson, a disabled veteran and a deacon of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church paid his fully $500 Life Membership Fee to the Baltimore Branch office of the NAACP this week. Shown receiving the check is Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president.

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Health Department schedules additional inoculation clinics

Due to the increased number of children seeking immunizations in order to return to school this fall, the Baltimore City Health Department has scheduled additional inoculation clinics in August and September.

Every public, private, and parochial school student must be immunized against diptheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus; polio, measles (rubeola), and German measles (rubella) in order to attend school this year.

In addition, no elementary school student will be allowed to enroll in Baltimore City schools unless immunized or unless evidence is presented that the student is in the process of completing the required series of shots.

The Health Department estimates that approximately 30,000 shots must be given.

The immunization shots are free, and parents may take their children to any of the following inoculation clinics:

Druid Health District, 1515 W. North Ave., 396-0191, Aug. 23, Sept. 11, 18, 25 beginning at noon.

Eastern Health District, 620 N. Caroline St., 396-8131, Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, beginning at noon.

Western Health District, 700 W. Lombard St., 396-4602, Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Southern Health District, 1211 Wall St., 396-4540, Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20,27, beginning at noon.

Southeastern Health District, Enoch Pratt Free Library, 3323 Eastern Ave.-Highland Street entrance, 396-8072, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Parents who previously took their children to Cherry Hill to be immunized should take them this year to the Southern Health District.

If possible, parents are encouraged to schedule appointments ahead of time by calling the clinic of their choice. The parent or guardian must accompany the child to the clinic (in order to sign the permission forms).

Further information on the immunization program is available by calling 396-4454.

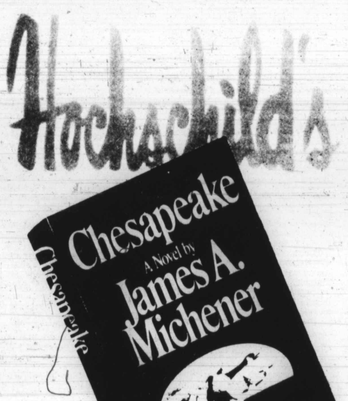
Bird study offered at library

It's for the Birds will be presented at the Woodlawn Branch of the Baltimore County Library, Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 4:15 p.m. for ages 8-12.

This program will feature a representative from the Audubon Society with a slide - lecture presentation. Participants will also make a bird feeder to take home.

Free registration will begin Sept. 5. You may register by calling or visiting the library at 1811 Woodlawn Drive, phone number 265-7766.

The Comprehensive and Employment and Training Act (CETA) of 1973 increased state and local government authority to design and operate their own training programs to meet local needs.



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Adult ed courses offered at Mervo

The Mergenthaler Adult and Community Center, located at 3500 Hillen Road, will open for registration on Thursday evening, Sept. 14.

This center for adults, which operates on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 9:40 p.m., will offer a complete vocational education program for adults as well as high school credit programs which will qualify the individual for the Maryland High School Diploma.

A High School Equivalency Program (GED) will also be available for those adults who wish to study for the GED examinations. Counseling services are available for all students enrolled in the program.

All adults seeking new vocational skills or job upgrading are invited to enrolp in one of the many vocational courses offered during the evening hours at the Mergenthaler Center.

Blueprint reading is a new course which has been added to the program this year.

All adults and out - of - school youth over 16 years of age are eligible to attend the center, where all classes are free to Baltimore City residents. A materials fee of $2 will be charged for most courses.

The center will operate from September 14 through June 14, 1979. Registration will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 14.

For more information about these programs as well as other opportunities for adults the year, call 396-6702 or 396-6705.

West Virginia joins traffic ticket pact

Every state bordering Maryland was agreed to a pact aimed at eliminating a practice that has sometimes resulted in the jailing of a non - resident traffic violators.

West Virginia, according to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), recently ratified the pact, known as the Non - Resident Violator Compact, making it the tenth jurisdiction to do so and rounding out the jurisdictions ringing Maryland.

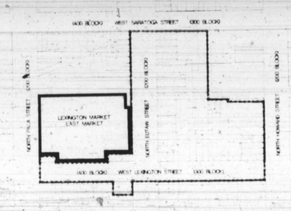
The others are Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and Virginia.

In most other states where the present police practice is to escort non - resident motorists to a magistrate for immediate arraignment, drivers who cannot post bond can be jailed pending a hearing.

The pact makes it possible for such drivers to continue their business or pleasure trips after receiving a traffic citation for other than a serious violation.

If the driver fails to respond to charges either by appearing for a hearing or paying the fine, the home state is notified, whereupon his license is suspended pending compliance.

Maryland pioneered this program along with D.C. and Virginia in 1964.



PUBLIC HEARING

City of Baltimore: Lexington Market Station Joint Development Project

A public hearing will be held to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Lexington Market Station Joint Development Project.

Tuesday, September 26, 1978; 1 1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Auditorium of the Central Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

To register to testify, or for further information, call 396-4874.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The City of Baltimore proposes to undertake a joint development project at the center of the City's downtown retail district, directly adjacent to the Lexington Market Rapid Transit Station which is now under construction by the State of Maryland. The proposed Lexington Market Station Joint Development Project is planned as a coordinated effort by the public and private sectors. Public sector funds, including the proposed Federal assistance, would be used for real property acquisition, business relocation, demolition, site preparation, a two - block extension of the Lexington Street Mall, and other public improvements in the retail district. Private sector funds would be used for final planning, design, and development of a multi-level commercial complex consisting of proposed retail, department store, office, entertainment-/recreational, parking, and, possibly, residential uses.

The total estimated cost for the Lexington Market Station Joint Development Project is $20-$35 million, depending upon the magnitude of new private development planned for the project site. The public sector share of this amount would be $9.5 million; the private sector contribution, which is a function of the intensity of new development, would be in the range of $10.5-$25.5 million.

FEDERAL	$7.6 million
LOCAL	$1.9 million
PRIVATE SECTOR	$10.5-25.5 million
TOTAL	$20-35 million

The City of Baltimore has made a commitment for expenditures in the amount of $2.5 million for public improvements in the retail district, which includes the local share of funds to match the proposed Federal (Urban Mass Transportation Administration) grant.

B. RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE PUBLIC HEARING

1. All speakers must address the subject at hand, namely the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Lexington Market Station Joint Development Project.

2. Any individual may appear and speak on his or her own behalf or, if authorized in writing, on behalf of any group, organization, committee, association, or club. Any individual representing more than one group, organization, committee, association, or club will be permitted to speak only once on behalf of all organizations that he or she represents.

3. Each speaker will be allowed ten (10) minutes to make his presentation. Speakers will be afforded the opportunity to use this time to their best advantage without interruption from the floor. The hearing officer, however, may question speakers in order to clarify their remarks. A speaker may not assign or relinquish his time to another speaker.

4. Speakers who wish to register to testify at the public hearing should call the Office of the Mayor's Physical Development Coordinator at 396-4874 no later than September 22, 1978.

5. After all registered speakers have been heard from, the hearing officer will allow additional oral statements from other persons in attendance as time permits.

6. The hearing officer may, at his discretion, add to or alter the rules governing the public hearing.

7. If maps, charts, or other visual aids are to be used in a presentation, arrangements for their use must be made by the speaker. However, City staff will provide assistance to the extent practical.

8. Any written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be sent to: Peter Benjamin, Director/Office of Program Analysis/Urban Mass Transportation Administration/Washington, D.C. 20590. The period for accepting written comments is August 25, 1978 through October 9, 1978. A fifteen (15) day extension will be granted upon request.

9. Persons interested in reviewing the hearing transcript may do so at the Baltimore City Department of Planning, 8th floor, 222 East Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

From the date of this notice until the end of the circulation period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, copies of the Statement will be available for inspection at the following locations:

Baltimore City Department of Planning
222 East Saratoga Street, 8th floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Maryland Department of State Planning
301 West Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Regional Planning Council
701 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

PUBLIC LIBRARIES:
Enoch Pratt Free Library Central Branch—400 Cathedral Street
Light Street Branch—1251 Light Street
Northwood Branch—4420 Loch Raven Boulevard
Patterson Park Branch—158 North Linwood Avenue
Pennsylvania Branch—1531 West North Avenue
Roland Park Branch—5200 Roland Avenue

BERNARD L. BERKOWITZ
Physical Development Coordinator

T-shirts bear candidate's name, face

Rawlings volunteers dress the part

You can see them a block away. The bright yellow gold T-shirts attract attention, especially since the wearers range in age from six to 70.

The message on the T-shirts is concise. "Howard "Pete" Rawlings, House of Delegates, 40th District." And to add to the novelty of the shirts, a likeness of the candidate himself is on the front.

The T-shirts, Rawlings explains, are worn by volunteers who are staging a door - to - door campaign to have him elected in the Democratic primary on Sept. 12.

He is running on the Welcome unity ticket, which includes State Sen. Verda F. Welcome, and Del. Troy Brailey, who is seeking re - election, and Dr. Olin P. Moyd, who is running for the third seat in the House of Delegates.

Rawlings volunteers include a cross - section of voters residing in the 40th District, which takes in the area bounded by Park Heights, Mondawmin, Ashburton, Hanlon Park, Reservoir Hill and parts of the Rosemont area.

Rawlings himself sees the volunteers intensive campaigning as "a strong appreciation of my long history of effective community service."

He is a civil rights activist, a state NAACP leader, and an educator, presently an associate professor at Community College of Baltimore.

He has experience in voicing concerns of fellow black citizens and see his election as "giving voters a strong and responsive voice for the community."

Entitled "The Rawlings Plan for Community Progress," the candidate said he developed the issues after frequent face - to - face meetings with residents in the district who expressed their views and encouraged him to seek election to represent them.

Rawlings added: "The community needs a standard by which to judge their representatives in the General Assembly. The issues I have discussed are ones by which the voters in the 40th District can measure me now and four years from now, "as I expect to act responsibly in all these areas during my term in Annapolis.

Rawlings grew up in the Poe Projects and graduated from Douglass High and Morgan State University with high honors. He has a Master's degree in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin, and has done studies for his doctorate at the University of Maryland.

He is chairman of the education committee of the Maryland NAACP and a consultant for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. He is president of the Community Health Council of Maryland, the organizer and advisor of the Maryland Coalition of Black Colleges and Universities, Alumni Presidents.

He has been awarded the AFRO - AMERICAN's Honor Roll for superior public service to the community without thought of personal gain.

This past June, a state Senate resolution hailed him for his "unswerving loyalty and dedication in advancing civil and human rights of blacks and other minotries in Baltimore city and the state of Maryland."

Rawlings is married and has three children. His wife is Dr. Nina Cole Rawlings, director, Provident - Druid Children - Youth Center.

T-SHIRT BRIGADE — Sporting a bright yellow T-shirt with 40th District candidate Howard "Pete" Rawlings' picture on it, volunteers are door-belling it daily to urge support of the educator, civil rights activist and community worker. Cynthia Hall chats with community resident Dorothy Smith (L). Miss Hall, 27, a program coordinator, is studying for her doctorate at the University of Maryland. Other Rawlings T-shirt wearers in the district range in age from 6 to 70.

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PLAN FOR PROGRESS

Howard "Pete" RAWLINGS

Howard "Pete" Rawlings

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POLICY DECISIONS

• Increased black representation on major policy-making boards and agencies, such as the Governor's cabinet, the Public Service Commission, Maryland Port Administration, Hospital Cost Review Commission and the Mass Transit Administration.

EDUCATION

• Expand higher education options for black people by effective execution of Maryland's desegregation plan.
• Enhance predominantly black public colleges and universities by providing adequate funds to bring their curriculum on a par with other state educational institutions, insuring the best instructional environment for our students.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

• Insure citizen involvement in all planning processes in which state action will significantly affect their community.
• Promote home ownership opportunities to help stabilize our communities.
• Support responsive and effective police protection to reduce personal and property crimes in our communities.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

• Increase Social Service resources so that recipients can at least live in decent housing, buy basic necessities and maintain their human dignity.
• Promote establishment of reasonably priced day care facilities to assist working parents.
• Adjust eligibility income requirements for medical care in keeping with the rising cost of living.
• Remove barriers to better health care by bringing the state reimbursement fee in line with cost of medical care.
• Adjust matching state funding so persons on fixed incomes can purchase needed medicines and services.

PUBLIC FINANCING

• Use 50 per cent of lottery revenues to eliminate property taxes as the sole revenue source for education, thus taking some of the burden off of homeowners and generating sorely needed funds for education.
• Create an equitable statewide distribution formula to increase funding to Baltimore City, bringing it on a par with the more affluent counties.

EMPLOYMENT

• Support mandatory 10 per cent participation for black businesses, suppliers and contractors in state government procurement and contracting, as well as for all federal grants operated in the state.
• Develop state strategies to initiate programs to reduce high unemployment among black adults and teens.
• Creation of more jobs at the Baltimore Port by operating it at its full capacity by expanding higher level job opportunities for black citizens.

PROPERTY ELDERLY

• Utilize property relief system for the elderly and others on fixed income.
• Equitable distribution of a graduated income tax stricture so that tax responsibility is spread among all income levels.

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Nursing forum to be held

The Federal Hill Nursing Center Monitoring Committee of COPO will hold a public forum on the Federal Hill Nursing Center on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Star of the Sea School Hall, Battery and Gittings Sts., in South Baltimore.

The forum will be an opportunity to learn the facts surrounding current conditions at the nursing center.

CCC offers non-credit courses

Catonsville Community College is offering community service courses.

No educational experience is necessary to register for the courses.

To register, and for the fee information call the college office at 455-4318. All courses will be held on the CCC main campus, 800 South Rolling Road, at the times specified.

"Intermediate Auto Mechanics" begins Wednesday, Sept. 13. Class times are 7 to 9:30 p.m.

"Developing the First Line Supervisor" is a 10 - session course beginning Wednesday, Sept. 13. The class time are 7 to 9:30 p.m.

"Real Estate License Preparatory" course will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A one - day "Forklift Operators Training" is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"Managing a Small Business Successfully" will be held Thursday, Sept. 21.

CPR offered at Provident

Provident Hospital in conjunction with the American Heart Association Central Maryland Chapter will offer CPR classes from 6 to 10 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 16.

Free to the public, the classes will be held in the Emanuel Chambers Auditorium of the hospital, 2600 Liberty Heights Ave.

These CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) programs teach emergency lifesaving procedures through lecture, demonstration and practice of lifesize models. Participants learn the risk factors that may lead to heart attack and what to do in case of cardiac arrest.

Advance registration is required. To register for one of these sessions, call 685-7074 between 9 and 5 p.m.

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