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Member of House of Delegates since 1987. Chair, Commerce and Government Matters Committee, 1999- (vice-chair, 1994-98). Member, Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, 1993- (vice-chair, 1993); Legislative Policy Committee, 1999-. Member, Economic Matters Committee, 1987-93 (unemployment insurance subcommittee); Special Joint Committee on Energy Pricing, 1990-91. Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation, 1999-.

Member, Park and Recreation Board, St. Mary's County, 1979-; County Hospital Board, St. Mary's County, 1982-. Member, 7th Judicial Nominating Commission, 1980-86; Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, 1987-; Subcommittee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits of Governor's Commission on Health Care Policy and Financing, 1988-89; Partnership for Workforce Quality Advisory Board, 1990-; Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits, 1990-91; Chesapeake Bay Commission, 1991- (chair, 1998; co-chair, bi-state blue crab advisory committee, 1996-); Maryland Veterans Home Commission, 1992-; U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study Task Force, 1994-95; Task Force to Review the State's Election Law, 1995; Forvm for Rural Maryland, 1995-. Co-Chair, Task Force to Study Motor Vehicle Liens, Regulation of Towing Practices, and the Disposition of Unclaimed Vehicles, 1997. Member, Task Force to Study Bank Charter Modernization, 1997-98; Task Force to Study Comprehensive Licensing of Automotive-Related Industries, 1998; State Use Industries Advisory Committee, 1998-99 (chair, 1999); Historic St. Mary's City Commission, 1999-; Task Force on Tobacco Crop Conversion in Maryland, 1999-. Chair, State Use Industries Management Council, 1999-. Member, Patuxent River Oil Spill Citizens Advisory Committee, 2000-.

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