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Member of Senate since 1995. Member, Finance Committee, 1995- (welfare reform subcommittee, 1995-99; home builders registration work group, 1999; chair, unemployment insurance benefits-adjustment work group, 1999-); Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, 1995-; Joint Audit Committee, 1999-; Joint Technology Oversight Committee, 2000-. Member, Joint Committee on Federal Relations, 1995-96. Deputy Majority Whip, 1998. Assistant Deputy Majority Whip, 1999. Chair, Anne Arundel

County Senate Delegation, 1998-.

Member, House of Delegates, 1983-94. Member, Economic Matters Committee, 1983-85; Appropriations Committee, 1986-93 (vice-chair, capital budget subcommittee; vice-chair, budget subcommittee on law enforcement & transportation); Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, 1987-94; Special Joint Committee on Energy Pricing, 1990-91; Joint Expenditure Study Group on Law Enforcement and Transportation, 1991; Commerce and Government Matters Committee, 1994. Chair, Anne Arundel County Delegation, 1986-91. Member, Task Force on Dual Office-Holding by Public Employees, 1995; Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Task Force, 1995; Task Force to Examine Liability Insurance on Rental Vehicles, 1996; Task Force to Study Patient and Provider Appeal and Grievance Mechanisms, 1996; Advisory Committee to Study Funding Mechanisms for the Maryland Insurance Administration, 1997-98. Co-Chair, Task Force to Examine the Mortgage Lending Business, 1997. Co-Chair, Task Force to Study Modernization of Credit Union Law, 1999-. Member, State Commission on the Capital City, 1999-.

Born in Charles Town, West Virginia, March 31, 1943. Attended Barboursville High School, Barboursville, West Virginia; Marshall University, B.A. (sociology), 1966; Catholic University of America, graduate studies, 1972-74. Employed in aviation. Served in U.S. Marine Corps, captain, 1966-75 (31 air medals, 2 purple hearts, presidential service badge); assigned to White House support staff (Presidential helicopter pilot) for three and one-half years. Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Member, Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars. Married; two children.

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Insurance Reform Oversight Committee, 1988-93. Member, National Conference of State Legislatures; Southern Legislative Conference of State Governments.

State's Attorney, Cecil County, 1963-66. Member, Governor's Task Force to Review the Defense of Insanity, 1982-84; Governor's Task Force on Correctional Rehabilitation, 1983; Governor's Task Force on Time-Sharing, 1983-84; Task Force to Study the Maryland Tax Court, 1984-85; Joint Executive/Legislative Task Force on Medical Malpractice Insurance, 1985; Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1985-95; Task Force to Study Revision of Inheritance and Estate Tax Laws, 1987; Sentencing Guidelines Advisory Board of Maryland Judicial Conference, 1987-; Commission to Study Ways to Improve the Financial Viability of the Racing Industry, 1997-99;