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Member of Senate since January 11, 1995. Vice-Chair, Finance Committee, 2003- (member, 1995-; welfare reform subcommittee, 1995-99; home builders registration work group, 1999; division of labor & industry sunset evaluation work group, 2003; health subcommittee, 2003-; chair, unemployment insurance benefits-adjustment work group, 1999-2000); Joint Audit Committee, 1999-; Joint Technology Oversight Committee, 2000-. Member, Task Force to Study Possible Benefits of Owner-Controlled Insurance Programs, 2002-; Legislative Policy Committee, 2003-; Senate Special Commission on Electric Utility Deregulation Implementation, 2005-. Member, Joint Committee on Federal Relations, 1995-96; Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, 1995-2003. Deputy Majority Whip, 1998. Assistant Deputy Majority Whip, 1999. Senate Chair, Department of Natural Resources Special Funds Work Group, 2002-03. Member, Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 2003. Chair, Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation, 1998-2001. Senate Chair, Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, 2001-. Member, Maryland Veterans Caucus, 2004-. President, National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses, 2004-. Member, National Conference of State Legislatures (energy & electric utilities committee).

Member, House of Delegates, January 1983 to January 11, 1995, representing District 30 (Anne Arundel County). 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, 1999-2001. Member, State Commission on the Capital City, 1999-; Environmental Noise Advisory Council, 2000-; Task Force to Study the Economic Development of the Maryland Seafood and Aquaculture Industries, 2002-04 (executive committee; aquaculture industry work group); Governor's Commission on the Structure and Efficiency of State Government, 2003 (law enforcement agencies subcommittee); Maryland Military Installations Strategic Planning Council, 2003-. Board of Trustees, Chesapeake Bay Trust, 2003-. Member, Governor's Commission for Protecting the Chesapeake Bay through Sustainable Forestry, 2004-; Maryland Tourism Development Board, 2004-; Task Force on Assistance to Disabled Veterans Establishing Small Businesses, 2005; Task Force on Traffic Capacity Across the Chesapeake Bay, 2005-.

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. Medical evacuation helicopter pilot, Washington Hospital Center. 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. Member, Advisory Board, Maryland Patient Safety Center. State Legislator of the Year, Safari Club International, 2005. Married; two children.