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Member of Senate since January 1983. Member, Finance Committee, 1985-; Joint Commission on the Maryland Port Administration, 2005-. Member, Executive Nominations Committee, 1984-96; Tort and Insurance Reform Oversight Committee, 1988-93; Special Joint Committee on Energy Pricing, 1990-91; Joint Expenditure Study Group on Law Enforcement and Transportation, 1991; Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds, 1991-94. Vice-Chair, Rules Committee, 1995-2003. Member, Maryland Veterans Caucus, 2004.

Member, Baltimore City Council, 1976-83 (chair, budget & finance committee, 1979-83). Member, State Use Industries Advisory Committee, 1999.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, June 5, 1943. Attended Gilman School; Southern High School; University of Baltimore; University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D., 1972. Served in Maryland National Guard, 1965-71. Member, Baltimore City Democratic Central Committee, 1998-. Legislator of the Year, Maryland Nurses Association, 2004.

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Member of Senate since January 11, 1995. Member, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, 1995- (education subcommittee, 1995-2002; alcoholic beverages subcommittee, 2003-; health subcommittee, 2003-; chair, licensing & regulatory affairs subcommittee, 2003-04, member, 1999-2004; chair, ethics & election law subcommittee, 2004-, member, 2003-). Senate Chair, Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area, 2003-. Member, Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review, 2003-; Special Committee on Substance Abuse, 2001-; Agricultural Stewardship Commission, 2005-. Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas, 1995-2003. Member, Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, 2001-; Maryland Rural Caucus, 2002-; Taxpayers Protection Caucus, 2003-.

Member, House of Delegates, 1975-81, representing District 29 (Charles & St. Mary's counties). Member, Environmental Matters Committee, 1975-81.

Member, U.S. House of Representatives, 1981-91, representing Congressional District 1 (Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties) (elected 1st president of 1981 Freshman Democrats Class); Armed Services Committee; Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee (chair, subcommittee on panama canal/outer continental shelf, 1989-90).

Former legislative assistant and research director for U.S. Representative William D. Ford of Michigan. Former special assistant, Subcommittee on Agricultural Labor, U.S. House of Representatives. Presidential Elector, Maryland, 1976. Member, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, 1995-; Task Force on Affiliation between Historic St. Mary's City Commission and St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1996; State Water Quality Advisory Committee, 1997-; Solid Waste Management Task Force, 1998; Committee on Building Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System, 1998-99; Task Force