

on State Employee Rights and Protections, 2005-. Member, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, 1992-98 (environment subcommittee); Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas, 1992-2003; Joint Committee on Federal Relations, 1993-95; Executive Nominations Committee, 1995-98; Joint Audit Committee, 1999-2004. Minority Whip, 1998-2001. Member, Senate Committee on Redistricting, 2002; Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 2002, 2003; Department of Natural Resources Special Funds Work Group, 2002-04; Special Commission on Legislative Prayer, 2003. Chair, Eastern Shore Delegation, 1995-98. Member, Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, 2001-; Maryland Rural Caucus, 2002-; Taxpayers Protection Caucus, 2003-. Member, Conference of State Legislatures (agriculture & rural development committee).

Member, House of Delegates, January 1991 to January 1992, representing District 38 (Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester counties). Member, Economic Matters Committee, 1991-92; Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas, 1991-92.

Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission, Somerset County, 1984-85 (member, 1980-84). Chair, Board of Zoning Appeals, Somerset County, 1985-90. Member, Commission to Save the Lighthouses, 1992-96; Governor's Pesticide Council, 1992-2003; Maryland Tourism Development Board, 1995-99; Forum for Rural Maryland, 1996-2003; Special Committee to Study Issues Related to Class-Size Reduction, 1998-99; Study Panel to Review Economic Development Financing Programs, 1999; Task Force on Tobacco Crop Conversion in Maryland, 1999; Governor's Task Force on Eastern Shore Economic Development, 1999-2001; Aquaculture Advisory Committee, 1999-2005; Task Force on Resource-Based Industry in Maryland, 2000-02; Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, 2001-; Chesapeake Forest Citizens Advisory Committee, 2002-05; Governor-elect's Transition Team, 2002-03; Transportation Task Force, 2003; Blue Crab Task Force, 2003-; Pesticide Advisory Committee, 2004-; State Planning Committee for Higher Education, 2004-. Chair, Chesapeake Bay Commission, 2004 (member, 1997-; vice-chair, 2003). Member, Chesapeake Executive Council, 2004-. Co-Chair, Task Force on Traffic Capacity across the Chesapeake Bay, 2004-. Past member, Area Agency on Aging.

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Member, House of Delegates, 1963-67, representing Baltimore County. Member, Judiciary Committee, 1963-67.

Member, Sentencing Guidelines Advisory Board, 1987-99; 15 Percent Plan Task Force, 1995-96; Commission on the Future of Maryland Courts, 1995-97; Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1995-. Co-Chair, Task Force to Study Motor Vehicle Liens, Regulation of Towing Practices, and the Disposition of Unclaimed Vehi-