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Maryland's Legislative Black Caucus yesterday selected Del. Elijah E. Cummings (D-Baltimore City) to head the caucus next year. Cummings succeeds Sen. Clarence Blount, also from Baltimore and the majority leader. Cummings beat out Del. Nathaniel Exum (D-Prince George's), for the post on a vote of 13 to 7, although Exum had been backed by a nominating committee headed by the state senator from his district, Decatur Trotter.

Del. Sylvania Woods (D-Prince George's) was selected vice chairman and Del. Larry Young (D-Baltimore City) will become treasurer.