

NEW DIRECTIONS AT A GLANCE

Riley, Taylor Take Command

SENATOR CATHERINE I. RILEY
Democrat — District 34 — Harford County
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

General Assembly Service: Beginning second term in Senate. First elected to Senate in 1982. Also served two terms in House, 1975-82.

Positions Held at 1986 Session: Senate



Budget & Taxation Comm. (Member); Jt. Administrative, Executive & Legislative Review Comm. (Presiding Chairman); Jt. Bd. of Public Works Subcomm. (Chairman); Harford Co. Senators (Chairman); Senate Health Edu-

cation & Human Resources Subcomm. (Member); Jt. Subcomm. on 115% Tax Credit (Member); Senate Rules Comm. (Member); Spec. Jt. Comm. on the Med-Evac Program (Member); Women Legislators' Caucus (Member); Senate Subcomm. on Adolescent Drinking & Drug Addiction (Member).

Other Political/Governmental Positions: Gov.'s Commsn. on Teacher Salaries & Incentives (Member 1986-present); Comm. on Correctional Opportunities for Women Convicted of Crime (Member 1986-present); Southern Legislative Conference (Energy Comm. Member 1978-83, Environmental Comm. Chairman 1986-present); Natl. Conference of State Legislators (Member 1983-present); Bi-State Commsn. on the Chesapeake Bay (Member 1981-83, Chairman 1982); Harford Co. Delegation (Chairman 1976, 1981-82); Susquehanna St. Park Advisory Bd. (Member); Forest Land Task Fc. (Chairman 1981-84); House Environmental Matters Comm. (Member 1975-82); Southern States Energy Board (Member); Task Fc. to Reduce Alcohol Abuse by Youth (Member 1984-present); MD Energy Conservation Bd. (Member 1978-83); Spec. Jt. Comm. on Energy (Chairman 1978-83); Power Plant Siting Advisory Comm. (Member 1977-present); Harford Co. Commsn. for Women (Member 1977-82).

Other Biographical Notes: Riley is a life-long resident of Bel Air. Before becoming a legislator herself she was employed as a legislative staffer and as hospital bacteriologist.

Voting Ratings: MD Business for Responsive Govt. — 90% (83-86); MD League of Conservation Voters — 45% (83-86), 46%
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DELEGATE CASPER R. "CAS" TAYLOR, JR.

Democrat — District 2A — Allegany & Washington Counties Chairman, House Economic Matters Committee

General Assembly Service: Beginning fourth term in House. First elected to House in 1974.

Positions Held at 1986 Session: House Economic Matters Comm. (Vice-Chairman); Jt.



Admin. Exec. & Leg. Review Comm. (Member); Jt. Task Fc. on Catastrophic Liability Insurance (Presiding Chairman); House Savings & Loan Oversight Comm. (Member); Unemployment Insurance Subcomm.

(Member); Western MD Delegation (Chairman).

Other Positions, 1983-85 Sessions: 1984-MD Automobile Insurance Fund Task Fc. (Chairman); 1985-Task Fc. on Regulatory Authority of the Insurance Commissioner (Chairman).

Other Political/Governmental Positions: Gov.'s Task Fc. to Study the Public Service Commission Law (Past Member); Task Fc. on Product Liability (Member); Allegany Co. Coordinator of the Hughes for Governor Campaign (1982); Allegany Co. Coordinator of Schaefer for Governor Campaign (1986).

Other Biographical Notes: Taylor participated in the U.S. Air Force ROTC program, 1952-1954.

Voting Ratings: MD Business for Responsive Govt. — 50% (83-86); MD League of Conservation Voters — 33% (83-86), 29% (79-82), 40% (75-78); MD Conservative Union — 40% (86), 25% (85), 47% (Avg since 80); Family Protection Lobby — 58% (83-86); Natl. Fedtn. Independent Business — 60% (83-86).

1986 Campaign Notes: Taylor represents a one-Delegate sub-district which stretches across the rural zone between Hagerstown and Cumberland. He was unopposed in the primary, but faced a serious challenge in the general from Republican James M. Roby, who had served as Register of Wills for Allegany Co. for 26 years. Taylor won by over a 1,000 vote margin. He ran an independent campaign.

His campaign slogan was "Delegate Cas

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(79-82), 75% (75-78); MD Conservative Union — 57% (86), 28% (85), 44% (Avg since 80); Family Protection Lobby — 54% (83-86); Natl. Fedtn. Independent Business — 83% (83-86).

1986 Campaign Notes: Riley was unopposed in the primary and was widely considered secure in the general, although she was opposed by Republican Francis J. Eurice, age 39, a medical equipment salesman. Riley won her Senate seat in 1982, unseating incumbent Senator Arthur Helton in a bitter campaign. Helton had been strongly at odds with the incumbent Delegates during much of his time in office. Riley credits John Kennedy with inspiring her active political involvement. In 1968 she worked as a volunteer for the Hubert Humphrey presidential campaign and Harford Co. Circuit Court Judge Albert Close. In 1970 she ran for the Democratic Central Committee and lost, then managed a campaign for an unsuccessful county executive candidate in 1972. However, in 1974 she ran for an open seat in the House and won, finishing second in a six-way primary. Her 1986 campaign manager was Peter Schlehr. Robert Lassen was her treasurer.

Issues & Style: A major success for Riley during the campaign came when Pennsylvania utility officials announced plans to dis-

pose of 2.1 million gallons of radioactive water contaminated in the 1979 Three Mile Island nuclear accident. The water has been kept in tanks since 1979 at the site. Riley was a leading critic of plans to discharge the water into the Susquehanna River, which is a major source of drinking water for Harford Co. She applauded the August 1986 decision to evaporate the bad water and bury the residue. Another campaign issue of Riley's was MD's shock-trauma system for accident victims, which she argued needs major improvements.

In other campaign remarks, Riley said full-time legislative work and prompt constituent service were two hallmarks of her career.

In 1983, Riley became a member of the influential Senate Budget & Taxation (B&T) Committee in reward for having backed Senator Melvin Steinberg in his successful 1982 ouster of Senate President James Clark. Her support of Steinberg and her reported backing by Senator Mike Miller, an early ally of hers, won her a job as a committee chairman (of the Joint Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review Committee), a rare promotion for a freshman Senator. Riley describes herself as a fiscal conservative. On B&T she developed a reputation as a close scrutinizer of budgets and a severe questioner of bureaucratic chiefs during budget hearings. She was a frequent swing vote on B&T between its liberal and conservative factions. Riley says

few things offend her more than attempts by bureaucratic officials to evade policy direction by the legislature.

In September, 1985, expected Senate President Mike Miller announced his plans for Riley to chair the Senate Finance Committee, generally seen as the Senate's first or second most important committee. His move followed former Senate President Melvin Steinberg's earlier intention to promote Riley to "the front row" but her elevation forced fellow Harford Co. Senator William Amoss off the Finance Committee altogether under unwritten Senate traditions of balancing the geographic make-up of its committees.

Riley is a heavy reader, and enjoys poetry and golf. Her original career ambition had been to be a doctor. In college her main interest was biology. Press commentators have characterized her as "one of the most popular local officials in Harford history."

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Born: March 21, 1947 in Bel Air, MD.

Spouse: Single.

Religion: Roman Catholic

Children: None.

Occupation: Full-time legislator.

Education: Towson St. Univ., B.A. 1969; Bel Air High School, 1965; Rutgers Univ. Summer School of Alcohol Studies (NJ), 1975; MD Alcohol Highway Safety Institute (Washington College, Chestertown, MD) 1974-75; MD Institute of Alcohol Studies (Washington College), 1973-74.

Business & Financial Interests: (as of 4/25/86 financial disclosure) No salaried employment outside of legislature.

Association Memberships: Natl. Order of Women Legislators; Mann House, Inc. (Bd. Directors 1979-87); Boy Scouts of America, Balto. Area Council (Bd. Directors 1984-present); American Council on Alcoholism (Advisory Bd. 1986-present); Harford Co. Child Protection Council (Vice Chairman 1980); Harford Co. Council of Community Services; United Way of Central MD (Bd. Directors 1975-79); MD Order of Women Legislators (Secretary 1976-79); Susquehanna State Park Advisory Bd.; American Assoc. of University Women; Towson State Univ. Alumni (Chairman Alumni Fund Drive 1980); Joppatowne Women's Club; MD Jaycee Women; Northern MD Assoc. for Retarded Citizens; Upper Chesapeake Watershed Assoc.; Izaak Walton League; First District Democratic Club; Second District Democratic Women's Club; Third District Democratic Women's Club; Harford Democratic Club; Northern Harford Democratic Club.

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Taylor Delivers For Western Maryland . . . Keep Your Voice Strong in Maryland's House of Delegates." J.R. Thomas served as his campaign treasurer. Taylor was endorsed by the United Auto Workers; AFL-CIO; Communication Workers of America; United Transportation Union; The Wash. Co. Club Assoc.; Wash. Co. Teachers Assoc. MD Chamber of Commerce; Concerned Christian Comm.; Family Protection Lobby; Right-to-Life of MD; and MD Nurses Assoc. He endorsed Schaefer for Governor in the primary.

As of shortly before the primary, Taylor had accumulated \$24,500 in campaign

Committee, becoming the first committee chairman from Western MD in recent history.

Issues & Style: One of the most controversial local issues which Taylor has been involved with has been gambling. He has argued that private civic clubs which may legally conduct "paper gambling" (tip jars, raffles and punch boards) for charitable purposes enjoy an unfair advantage over commercial bars and taverns, because they use much of their gambling revenues to subsidize their food and drink prices in addition to giving it to charity as the law envisioned. Taylor argues that gambling should be legalized for taverns and bars also, although regulated and supervised by the State.

Taylor is the former owner and operator

improvements to Routes 36 and 51 and upgrading the Cumberland Municipal Airport. He said a repeal of local blue laws in Washington Co. should only be settled by a referendum because of strong local emotions on the issues. He has backed earlier unsuccessful attempts for a referendum of repeal on the blue laws in Allegany Co.

On federal tax reform, Taylor said he favored a cut in State income tax rates only if fiscal forecasts demonstrated the State won't need to return for a tax hike within the next year or two. He also favored a moderate reform of the State's workmen's compensation laws to keep MD businesses competitive with nearby states and tougher measures to confiscate drug dealers' assets.

Cumberland Hall of Fame, Inc. as co-managers.

Association Memberships: Allegany Co. Liquor Dealers (President, early 70's); Elks; Eagles; Alhambra; Knights of Columbus; South Cumberland Business & Civic Assoc.; Chamber of Commerce; MD Wildlife Federation; Dapper Dan Club (President 1972-73); Academy of Political Science at Notre Dame (President 1955-56); Sacred Heart Hospital (Bd. of Advisors 1980-present).

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