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Speaker of the House has heart surgery

WASHINGTON — The speaker of the House of Delegates, Casper R. Taylor Jr., underwent quadruple bypass surgery yesterday morning at a Washington hospital. The 60-year-old political leader from Western Maryland was in critical but stable condition yesterday afternoon at the Washington Hospital Center.

Mr. Taylor underwent 3½ hours of surgery beginning at 8 a.m. yesterday. He was expected to stay in the hospital's intensive care unit today and perhaps tomorrow. Debra Garner, the hospital's manager of media relations, said patients who undergo extensive bypass surgery usually spend five to seven days in the hospital recovering. Mr. Taylor was flown to Washington after he complained of chest pains Tuesday morning after a walk around his neighborhood in Cumberland.