

SENATE
OF THE
106TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF TENNESSEE

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Dear Friends,

As Lieutenant Governor and on behalf of the Tennessee Senate, welcome to your majestic State Capitol. I hope you enjoy your visit and the opportunity to witness the building's beauty and history.

Upon its original completion, this Capitol was considered one of the most magnificent public buildings in the country. Interestingly, the facility has served as the seat of Tennessee State Government since that time and remains a source of pride for our citizens today. Visitors from around the world come to Nashville to tour the grounds and legislative chambers.

Utilized since 1853, our Senate Chamber's significance exceeds the beauty of the walls surrounding it. The chamber, as a forum for debate and discussion, epitomizes our democracy; speeches delivered here have resonated well beyond the upstairs gallery ushering change to the entire country. As just one instance of this chamber's historical impact, women in the United States obtained the right to vote in August 1920 when the Tennessee General Assembly ratified the Nineteenth Amendment. The amendment's jubilant supporters dubbed Tennessee "the perfect 36" because, as the thirty-sixth of the forty-eight states to approve the amendment, it rounded out the three-fourths majority required to amend the U.S. Constitution.

Today, the decorum of those celebrated accomplishments remains as we confront the modern challenges facing our state.

I invite you to witness our proceedings from the gallery to see your government in action. Our legislative session convenes on the second Tuesday in January every year. While in session, the Senate generally meets three days a week with the remainder of the week reserved for committees and other meetings. Additionally, our meetings can be viewed at any time through the legislature's website.

I hope that your visit today gives you additional insight into our state's storied history as well as Tennessee's momentum in the 21st century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Ramsey".

Ron Ramsey

The Honorable Ron Ramsey

Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate

State of Tennessee

The Honorable Ron Ramsey, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Tennessee, graduated from Sullivan Central High School in 1973 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial technology at East Tennessee State University in 1978.

Ramsey obtained his surveyor's license in 1981 and started a surveying company that same year. He established a real estate and auction company in 1986 and, four years later, merged the two to create his business — Ron Ramsey and Associates.

Ramsey was elected by the First District of Sullivan County to serve two terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives and, in 1996, won election to the State Senate, representing Tennessee Senate District 2, Johnson and Sullivan counties.

In January 2007, Ramsey was elected Speaker of the Senate and Lieutenant Governor. He is the first GOP Senate Speaker in Tennessee in 140 years and the first from Sullivan County in over 100 years.

Prior to his election, he served as Majority Leader and Caucus Chair of the Senate Republican Caucus and is also a former Chair of the Senate Environment Committee.

Active in his profession and community, Ramsey served as president of the Bristol Association of Realtors and as president of the Blountville Business Association. He was a member of the first "40 Under Forty" class recognized by *The Business Journal of Tri-Cities Tennessee/Virginia*, and is active in several local chambers of commerce.

Lieutenant Governor Ramsey is a member of the Blountville Ruritan and the Indian Springs Optimist Club, a past member of the Farm Credit Advisory Board, and a member of Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church, where he serves as a Sunday School teacher.

He resides in Blountville with his wife, Sindy. They have three daughters: Tiffany, Sheena, and Madison.

SENATE LEADERSHIP

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE



JAMIE WOODSON OF KNOX COUNTY

Address: 1123 Regality Way, Knoxville 37923

Date of Birth: 3/6/72

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Attorney

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Christian

Education: B.A. and J.D., University of Tennessee

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Knoxville Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Leadership Knoxville, 2001; Nucleus Knoxville; Tennessee Horizon

Network; South Knoxville Rotary; Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; Tennessee Valley Hunt; United States Equestrian Association; South Knoxville Republican Club; West Knoxville Republican Club; Volunteer Women's Republican Club; Young Republican Club; Legacy Park Foundation; Executive Women's Association of Knoxville; American Legislative Exchange Council; Council on Pensions and Insurance; Council of State Government's Associates Advisory Committee and the Henry Toll Fellowship Program; Tennessee General Assembly Arts Caucus; Tennessee and National Sportsman's Caucus; Tourism Caucus; Southern Regional Education Board; Education Leadership Commission; Education Commission of the States; Southern Legislative Conference: The Education Committee; Select Committee on Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation; Economic Council on Women. Former Board and Executive Committee, East Tennessee Development District. Board Member, Hillcrest Beverly Foundation; YMCA; Epilepsy Foundation East Tennessee; John Sevier Foundation; Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Past Executive Director, Knoxville Quarterback Club. Former House Republican Floor Leader and Parliamentarian. Former Chair, Senate Education Committee. Former Secretary, Senate Republican Caucus. Speaker Pro Tempore, 106th General Assembly.

Awards and Honors: 1994 University of Tennessee Torchbearer; 2000 Alzheimer's Association of East Tennessee Stand By Us Award; Statesman of the Year Award, Tennessee Optometric Association; Exceptional Woman 2006 Award, Halls Crossroads Women's League; 2006 Legislator of the Year Award, East Tennessee Development District; Legislative Friends Award 2006, Nature Votes/Tennessee Conservation Voters; Sigrid Steward Legislator of the Year Award 2007, Tennessee Parent Teacher Association; William Baird Legislative Leadership Award 2007, Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities; 2007 Legislator of the Year Award, The Junior Leagues of Tennessee; Special Friend of the Deaf Award 2007, Knoxville Center of the Deaf; Voice on the Hill Award 2007, Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & Other Addiction Services; Senator of the Year Award 2007, Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence; Tennessee Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Life Achievement Award 2008; Listed in the *Greater Knoxville Business Journal* "40 under 40" in 2008; Listed in *BusinessTN* as one of "The Best Lawmakers for Business in Tennessee in 2008"; 2009 Legislator of the Year Award by the United Way of Tennessee.

Member of Senate: 104th through 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 101st through 103rd General Assemblies.

County Represented: Part of Knox -- 6th Senatorial District.

LEADERSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION

The speaker of the Tennessee Senate selects a speaker *pro tempore* to serve a two-year term. In the absence of the speaker of the Senate, she presides over the Senate. The speaker *pro tempore* performs duties assigned by the speaker of the Senate and serves at the pleasure of the speaker.

It is the duty of the clerk of the Senate to call the Senate to order and call the roll for the election of a temporary speaker when the speaker of the Senate and the speaker *pro tempore* are both absent. In the event of an interim vacancy in the office of the speaker or in the event of disability, the speaker *pro tempore* shall conduct the necessary business of the Senate until an election can be held by the Senate to fill the vacancy.

REPUBLICAN LEADER



MARK NORRIS OF SHELBY COUNTY

Address: 853 S. Collierville-Arlington Road, Collierville 38017

Date of Birth: 7/9/55

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Attorney/Farmer

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Episcopalian

Education: B.A., Colorado College; J.D., University of Denver

Organizational Affiliations: Member, National Rifle Association; Tennessee Firearms Association; National Association of Sportsmen

Legislators; National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; Tennessee Cattlemen's Association; American Legislative Exchange Council; Shelby County Board of Commissioners, 1994-2000; West Star, Class of 1999; Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association, 2006-present; Tennessee and Shelby County Farm Bureau, 1998-present; Memphis Agricultural Club, 1998-present; Junior League Advisory Board, 1998-2000; Leadership Memphis, Class of 1991; The Phoenix, Inc., 1980-1990; Goals for Memphis, 1996-1998; Memphis and Shelby County Sports Authority, 1996-2000; Memphis Cook Convention Center, 1996-1997; Memphis in May, 1996-1997; Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR); Executive Committee, Southern Legislative Conference. Toll Fellow, Council of State Governments, 2002. Trustee, The Nature Conservancy of Tennessee, 1998-2007; Tennessee Historical Society, 2007. Board Member, Buckman Boys Club, 1985-1994. Chair, Shelby County Board of Commissioners, 1996-1997; The MED Foundation, 1992-2004; Southern Legislative Conference Economic Development, Transportation, and Cultural Affairs Committee, 2006-present. Principal, Intergovernmental Forum: Transportation Finance, National Academy of Public Administration, 2007. Director, National Ornamental Metal Museum, 2000-present; Boys and Girls Club of Memphis, 1990-1996. President, The Phoenix, Inc., 1988-1989; Buckman Boys Club, 1993. Parliamentarian, Senate Republican Caucus, 2001-2006. Vice Chair, Shelby County Legislative Delegation, 2001-2007. Senate Republican Caucus Chair, 2006. Chair, Senate Rules Committee. Senate Republican Leader, 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

Awards and Honors: National Federation of Independent Business Tennessee Guardian of Small Business Award, 2008; Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference Legislator of the Year, 2008; County Officials Association of Tennessee Outstanding State Senator Award, 2008; Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Legislative Award, 2007; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year, 2007; Tennessee Public Transportation Association Legislator of the Year, 2006; Tennessee PTA Legislator of the Year, 2005; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year, 2005; TSBA Legislator of the Year, 2004; SAR, Isaac Shelby Chapter, Silver Good Citizenship Medal, 2002; Chairman's Award, Shelby County Republican Party, 1998; Honorary Lifetime Membership Award, Tennessee PTA, 1998; Phoenix Old Timer's Award for Community Service, 1997; Sierra Club Award for Environmental Achievement, 1996; Ira Samuelson Distinguished Service Award, 1994.

Member of Senate: 102nd through 106th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Dyer, Lauderdale, Tipton, and part of Shelby -- 32nd Senatorial District.



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LEADERSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Senate Republican leader is elected for a term of two years by his party's caucus during the organizational session of the General Assembly. He is the spokesman for the Republican party in the Senate.

He also has the responsibility of coordinating the legislative efforts of Senate members with work being done by the House of Representatives. The Republican leader is policy spokesman for the executive branch of state government when the governor is affiliated with the same party.

The Senate Republican leader works for the legislative interests and policies of his party. He also maintains frequent contact with the party leadership of both houses of the General Assembly. He is a member of key Senate committees and is frequently an advocate of important legislation of interest to his party, or an opponent of legislation sponsored by the opposing party when there is strong opposition.

During debates on the Senate floor, it is the Republican leader who consults with members of his party to develop tactics used in connection with passing or defeating legislation under consideration.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER



JAMES F. KYLE OF SHELBY COUNTY

Address: 100 Peabody Place, Suite 1300, Memphis 38103

Date of Birth: 10/14/50

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Lawyer

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Presbyterian

Education: B.S., Arkansas State University; J.D., University of Memphis School of Law.

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Memphis Bar Association; Arkansas State Alumni Association; Ducks Unlimited; Board of Governors, American Correctional Association, 1994-98; Tau Kappa Epsilon Social Fraternity. Board of Directors, University of Memphis Law School Alumni Association. Chair, Select Oversight Committee on Corrections, 96th through 100th General Assemblies. Chair, Democratic Caucus, 95th General Assembly. Chair, Shelby County Delegation, 2009. Senate Democratic Leader, 104th through 106th General Assemblies.

Awards and Honors: Frayser Community Council 2009 Community Service Award; Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association 2008 Legislative Award; Tennessee Electronic Library 2008 TennShare Award; Mid-South United Way 2008 Outstanding Community Service Award; Memphis Education Association Friend of Education Award, 2002; Insurers of Tennessee Presidential Citation, 2001; Sierra Club Award of Appreciation, 2001; University of Tennessee Health Science Center Leadership Award, 2000; Gateway Christian Schools Year 2000 Legislative Award; Tennessee Council of Teachers of English President's Award, 1999; Domestic Violence Task Force Legislator of the Year, 1996; County Officials Association of Tennessee Legislator of the Year, 1992 and 2000; Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference Legislator of the Year, 1992; Shelby County Deputy Sheriffs Association Legislator of the Year; Recipient of the Henry Toll Fellowship of the Council of State Governments, 1985.

Member of Senate: 93rd through 106th General Assemblies.

County Represented: Part of Shelby -- 28th Senatorial District.

LEADERSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Democratic leader of the Senate is the chief spokesman for his party concerning Senate matters. He is also spokesman for the policy of the executive branch of state government when a member of his party is governor. In this situation, the Democratic leader urges the enactment of legislation into law which is favored by the governor. The Democratic leader argues the views of the administration on the floor of the Senate when the governor is also a minority party member.

The Democratic leader's advocacy acts to rally the support of members of his own party as well as the remaining Senate members. The Democratic leader works closely with the Democratic leader of the House and other legislative leaders of his party in developing political strategy and timing of legislation.

He analyzes bills, serves on key committees, debates current issues on the floor, and sponsors or opposes legislation about which his party and the minority party governor hold strong views.

He speaks for the party on issues before the Senate and represents it in meetings involving attendees from both parties.

The Democratic leader is elected for a term of two years during the organizational session of the Senate.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS CHAIR



DIANE BLACK OF SUMNER COUNTY

Address: 819 Plantation Boulevard, Gallatin 37066

Date of Birth: 1/16/51

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Lutheran

Education: A.S.N., Anne Arundel College; B.S.N., Belmont University

Organizational Affiliations: Member, American Heart Association; Hendersonville League of Women Voters; Gallatin, Goodlettsville, Portland, Springfield/Robertson, and Westmoreland Chambers of

Commerce. Board Member, Gallatin Chapter of American Cancer Society; VSA Arts of Tennessee. President, Leadership Middle Tennessee Alumni; Leadership Sumner Alumni Association. Member and Past President, Hendersonville Rotary Foundation; P.E.O.; United Way of Sumner County; Hendersonville Rotary Club. Past Board Member, Children Are People, Inc.; YMCA; Hendersonville League of Women Voters; Hendersonville Rotary Club. Past Vice Chair, Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce. Past Chair, Volunteer State Community College Foundation. Past President, Gallatin Toastmasters. Chair, Senate Ethics Committee. Senate Republican Caucus Chair, 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

Awards and Honors: Champions for Seniors in Assisted Living Award, 2008; Assisted Federation of America, Statesman Award, 2008; Tennessee Home Education Association Outstanding Legislative & Community Service, 2008; Farmers Insurance Group Legislator of the Year Award 2008; The Junior Leagues of Tennessee, Legislator of the Year Award, 2008; Tennessee Development District Association, Legislator of the Year Award, 2008; Henry Toll Fellowship Program, Class of 2007; Sumner Ladies Delegation First Woman Senate Republican Caucus Chairman, 2007; American Diabetes Association State Public Policy Leadership Award, 2007; Advocate for the Year American Heart Association, 2006; County Officials Association of Tennessee "Outstanding State Senator", 2005; Tennessee Nurses Association "Outstanding Legislator" of the Year, 2005; Right to Life Legislator of the Year, 2004; Tennessee Home Education Association "Friend of the Family" Award, 2004; American Cancer Society Legislator of the Year, 2003; Sumner County YMCA Volunteer of the Year, 2001; YMCA, Distinguished Alumni, 1998; Leadership Sumner, Rotarian of the Year, 1993.

Member of Senate: 104th through 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 101st through 103rd General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Robertson and part of Sumner -- 18th Senatorial District.

LEADERSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Senate Republican caucus chair presides at meetings of Republican members of the Senate. She also presides over joint meetings of Senate and House Republicans. It is her responsibility to see that all caucus meetings are conducted in a fair and orderly fashion.

Additionally, she attends Senate leadership meetings. Such meetings are limited to members of the same political party. Republican candidates for offices which are elected by the General Assembly also meet with Republican legislators in these caucus meetings to organize bids for office. It is at the party caucus that members express their opinions about matters involving differences between the two political parties and resolve the issues or actions by caucus vote.

She provides leadership in the area of planning fundraising activities and other assistance to members of her party in their political campaigns.

The Senate Republican caucus chair is elected by her party caucus during the organizational session of the Senate.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR



LOWE FINNEY OF MADISON COUNTY

Address: 312 East Lafayette Street, Jackson 38301

Date of Birth: 11/1/75

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Attorney/Instructor

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Baptist

Education: B.S., Business Administration, University of Tennessee, Martin; J.D., St. Louis University

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Madison County Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; St. Louis University Alumni Council; Ames Plantation Historical Society; National Rifle Association. Board Member, Ayers Children Medical Hospital; State Legislative Leadership Foundation Emerging Leaders Participant, 2007. Vice Chair, Senate State and Local Government Committee.

Member of Senate: 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Carroll, Gibson, and Madison -- 27th Senatorial District.

LEADERSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Senate Democratic caucus chair presides over Senate meetings attended by members of his party.

As the minority party in the Senate, the caucus attempts to work the will of the minority membership over the majority party.

The caucus presses for leadership positions on committees and entertains differing views of its membership on strategy to gain political advantage in the General Assembly.

The Democratic caucus chair is active in the political affairs of his party and, along with other minority leaders, keeps party members of the House and Senate informed on issues and problems.

He is also among the leadership in planning fundraising events for his party and to help support reelection of caucus members.

The Senate Democratic caucus chair is elected by his party caucus during the organizational session of the Senate.

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE



TIM BARNES OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Address: 974 Dixie Bee Road, Adams 37010

Date of Birth: 12/28/58

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Attorney

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Presbyterian

Education: B.A., Harding University; J.D., University of Arkansas Law School

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Clarksville-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce; Clarksville-Montgomery County Bar Association; First Presbyterian Church; Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce; Tennessee Bar Association. Former Board Member, Montgomery County Chapter, American Red Cross. Secretary, Senate Transportation Committee.

Member of Senate: 106th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Cheatham, Houston, and Montgomery -- 22nd Senatorial District.



MAE BEAVERS OF WILSON COUNTY

Address: 2020 Hunters Place, Mount Juliet 37122

Date of Birth: 12/11/47

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Businesswoman

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Nazarene

Education: B.S., Trevecca Nazarene College

Organizational Affiliations: Member, National Rifle Association; Mount Juliet Chamber of Commerce; Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce; Wilson County Commission, 1990-1994. Charter Member, Mount Juliet Noon Rotary Club. Assistant Floor Leader, part of 99th General Assembly. Secretary, House Republican Caucus, 100th through 102nd General Assemblies. Assistant Republican Floor Leader, 103rd General Assembly. Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee. Treasurer, Senate Republican Caucus, 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

Member of Senate: 103rd through 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 99th through 102nd General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Smith, part of Sumner, Trousdale, and Wilson -- 17th Senatorial District.



**ANDY BERKE
OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

Address: 420 Frazier Avenue, Chattanooga 37405

Date of Birth: 3/31/68

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Attorney

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Jewish

Education: B.S., with Honors, Stanford University; J.D., with Honors, University of Chicago Law School

Organizational Affiliations: Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Deanell Tacha, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. Former Legislative Assistant, U.S. Congressman Bart Gordon. Former Adjunct Professor, Kansas University Law School. Member, Parent Teacher Association, Normal Park Elementary School; Supreme Court Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution; American Association for Justice. Volunteer, Children's Advocacy Center, Allied Arts. Board Member, Siskin Children's Institute; WTCI Public Television; Workforce Development Board; Emerging Political Leaders Program. Former Board Member, Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council of Hamilton County; Tennessee Association for Justice. Member, Senate Transportation Committee. Secretary, Senate Education Committee. Secretary/Treasurer, Senate Democratic Caucus, 106th General Assembly.

Awards and Honors: Recipient, NAACP Award, 45 Under 45.

Member of Senate: 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton and Marion -- 10th Senatorial District.



**DEWAYNE BUNCH
OF BRADLEY COUNTY**

Address: 443 Worth Street, Cleveland 37311

Date of Birth: 3/15/59

Marital Status: Married; wife, Karen; sons, Clay and Pierce

Occupation: Attorney

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Baptist

Education: B.S., Tennessee Technological University; Master's Degree, East Tennessee State University; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville

Organizational Affiliations: Vice Chair, Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee. Secretary, Senate Rules Committee.

Member of Senate: 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 101st through 104th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, and Polk -- 9th Senatorial District.



**TIM BURCHETT
OF KNOX COUNTY**

Address: 8220 Bennington Drive, Knoxville 37909

Date of Birth: 8/25/64

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Small Businessman

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Protestant

Education: B.S., University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Greater Knoxville Chamber of Commerce; Greater Knoxville Beautification Board; West Knox County Republican Club; Knox County Young Republicans; West Hills Homeowners Association; Knoxville Boy Scouts of America Board. Secretary, Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee.

Awards and Honors: Tennessee Dispensing Opticians Association Legislator of the Year, 2002; County Officials Association of Tennessee Outstanding State Senator, 2002; Tennessee PTA Outstanding Legislator of the Year, 2002; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year, 2002; Selective Service System Meritorious Service Award, 2002; Defender of the American Dream, 2005; Men's Health Legislator of the Year, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2008; Champion for Children, 2006; Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Outstanding Legislator Award, 2006; Guardian of Small Business Award, Tennessee Chapter of National Federation of Independent Business; Legislator of the Year TNCO (Tennessee Community Organizations), 2007; Outstanding Elected Official by Knox County Council PTA, 2008; Tennessee PTA Sigrid Steward Legislator of the Year, 2009.

Member of Senate: 101st through 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 99th and 100th General Assemblies.

County Represented: Part of Knox -- 7th Senatorial District.



CHARLOTTE BURKS OF PUTNAM COUNTY

Address: 18131 Crossville Highway, Monterey 38574

Date of Birth: 10/3/42

Marital Status: Widow

Occupation: Farmer

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Church of Christ

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council; 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Board for Putnam County; Creating Homes Initiative Task Force; Joint Committee on Children and Youth; Tobacco Certifying Board; Southern Regional Education Board. Chair, Tennessee Victims of Crime State Coordinating Council, 2002-2003. Co-Chair, Joint Victims' Rights Study Committee and Joint Committee for the Basic Education Program. Vice Chair, Upper Cumberland Region for the Tennessee Tourism Caucus Leadership Committee for the Tennessee Tourism Roundtable. Vice Chair, Senate Ethics Committee. Secretary, Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee.

Awards and Honors: Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency Legislator of the Year, 1999; Upper Cumberland Development District Legislator of the Year, 2000; Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Legislator of the Year, 2000, 2001, and 2002; D.A.R.E. America Leadership Recognition, 2000; Cumberland District of UT Extension Services Friends of Extensions Award, 2000; Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents Tommy Burks Award as an Advocate for K-12 Students, 2000; Childhelp USA Award for Service to Tennessee Children and Families, 2002; Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies Legislator of the Year, 2002; March of Dimes Putnam County Honorary Chair, 2002; Friends of 4-H Award, 2002.

Member of Senate: 101st through 106th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Cumberland, Jackson, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, and White -- 15th Senatorial District.



DEWEY E. "RUSTY" CROWE, II OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Address: 808 East 8th Avenue, Johnson City 37601

Date of Birth: 4/2/47

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Businessman

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Methodist

Education: B.S., Criminal Justice, East Tennessee State University; J.D., Atlanta Law School

Organizational Affiliations: Veteran, United States Army. Member, Johnson City Lions Club; American Legion Post 24; Elks Club. Chair, Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee. Chair, Joint Select Committee on Veteran Affairs.

Awards and Honors: Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Human Resource Agencies, 1993; State Senator of the Year, 1st District Tennessee Christian Coalition, 1994; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association, 1997 and 2003; Melvin Jones Fellow.

Member of Senate: 97th through 106th General Assemblies.



**MIKE FAULK
OF HAWKINS COUNTY**

Address: 112 East Main Boulevard, Church Hill 37642

Date of Birth: 9/10/53

Marital Status: Single

Occupation: Attorney

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Baptist

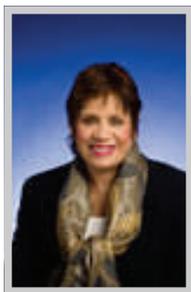
Education: B.S., Business Administration, University of Tennessee, Martin; Master's degree, Public Administration and J.D., Memphis State University

Organizational Affiliations: Founder, "Get A Hit: Stay Fit" childhood obesity initiative. Member, Holston Valley Sportsman Club; National Rifle Association; Ducks Unlimited; Rogersville-Hawkins County, East Hawkins County, Greater Kingsport, Grainger County Chambers of Commerce. Former Member, Board of Governors, University of Tennessee National Alumni Association. Former 1st Vice Chairman, Hawkins County Republican Party. Past President, Hawkins County Bar Association. Former Hawkins County Commissioner. Former Vice Chairman, Tennessee Human Rights Commission. Former Director, Legal Services of Upper East Tennessee, Inc. Chair, Senate Calendar Committee.

Honors and Awards: 2007 and 2008 Super Lawyers of the Mid-South; Certified Civil Trial Specialist, National Board of Trial Advocacy; Outstanding Lawyers of America Award; Kirby Bowling Labor Law Award, Memphis State University; U.S. Jaycees Outstanding Young Men of America Award; Community Leader and Noteworthy American Award; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Member of Senate: 106th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, and Union -- 4th Senatorial District.



**OPHELIA E. FORD
OF SHELBY COUNTY**

Address: 54 North Arcadian #102, Memphis 38103

Date of Birth: 7/5

Marital Status: Single

Occupation: Certified Funeral Service Practitioner

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Fellowship Church of God in Christ

Education: B.S., Tennessee State University

Organizational Affiliations: Licensed Life and Insurance Agent; Notary Public. Member, Fellowship Church of God in Christ; Carnival Memphis; NAACP; Shelby County Democratic Party; Bluff City, Tennessee State, and the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Associations; Health Equity Commission; Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators; NOBEL Women Association; National Black Caucus of State Legislators; National Caucus of State Legislators. Ambassador for the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. Secretary, Senate Government Operations Committee.

Member of Senate: Part of 104th, 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

County Represented: Part of Shelby -- 29th Senatorial District.



DOLORES GRESHAM OF FAYETTE COUNTY

Address: 3515 Country Club Road, Somerville 38068

Date of Birth: 7/16/42

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Farmer; Lieutenant Colonel, USMC (Retired)

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Roman Catholic

Education: B.A., University of the Incarnate Word; M.S.A., George Washington University; M.A., Loyola, New Orleans

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce; Oakland Regional Chamber of Commerce; Tennessee Firearms Association; Hardeman County Right to Life; Fayette County Foster Care Review Board; Fayette County Forestry Association; Tennessee Farm Bureau; Tennessee Right to Life. Past Director, Southwest Tennessee Community College Foundation; Fayette Haywood Enterprise Community; Local Workforce Investment Board; National Cattlewomen's Association; Tipton County Heart to Heart. Past President, Fayette Cares; Tennessee Cattlewomen's Association; Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. Pastoral Council, St. Phillip the Apostle Catholic Church. Life Member, National Rifle Association; National Skeet Shooting Association. Chair, Senate Education Committee. Member, Transportation Committee; Select Oversight Committee on Children and Youth; Select Oversight Committee on Corrections; Select Committee on Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation; Council of State Government's Education Policy Task Force.

Honors and Awards: C.P. Boyd Award WestStar, 2000; Citizen of the Year, Fayette County, 2000; Diocese of Memphis Achievement Award, 2002; TN Development District Association, Legislator of the Year, 2004; Fayette Haywood Enterprise Community Appreciation Award, 2005; TN School Board Association Legislative Award, 2006; City of Oakland Community Builder Award, 2006; City of Whiteville Community Service Award, 2006; Southwest Tennessee Development District, Memphis Area Association of Governments Legislator of the Year, 2007.

Member of Senate: 106th General Assembly.

Member of House of Representatives: 103rd through 105th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Chester, Crockett, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, McNairy, and Wayne -- 26th Senatorial District.



THELMA HARPER OF DAVIDSON COUNTY

Address: P.O. Box 281047, Nashville 37228

Date of Birth: 12/2

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Entrepreneur

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Church of Christ

Education: B.S., Tennessee State University

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Schrader Lane Church of Christ; Nashville Symphony Board; Women in Government; National

HOOK-UP of Black Women, Incorporated; YWCA Advisory Committee; Nashville Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; SunTrust Bank Economic Development Advisory Council; Downtown Partnership; Select Committee on Children and Youth, Corrections Oversight Committee, and Black Health Care Commission; Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators. Board of Directors, Tennessee Children's Home. President, Tennessee Commemorative Women's Suffrage Commission. Commissioner, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission. Chair, Davidson County Delegation. Host, Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Davidson County children for 20 years. Served eight years on Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Council, 2nd District. Vice Chair, Senate Government Operations Committee.

Awards and Honors: Delegate to Democratic National Convention, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, and 2000; Recipient of National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Business Award and Jaycees' Woman of the Year Award; First Recipient, June Anderson Leadership Award from Middle Tennessee State University; Recipient, Frances Williams Preston Award for Breast Cancer Awareness, October 1999; Recognized in *Who's Who in Politics*; Listed as one of the most popular elected officials in Tennessee by *The Nashville Scene*; First African American female elected to state Senate; First female to preside over Tennessee Senate; First African American female appointed chair of standing Senate committee.

Member of Senate: 96th through 106th General Assemblies.

County Represented: Part of Davidson -- 19th Senatorial District.



JOE M. HAYNES OF DAVIDSON COUNTY

Address: 219 Moss Trail, Goodlettsville 37072

Date of Birth: 10/8/36

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Attorney

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Presbyterian

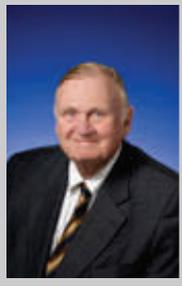
Education: B.S., University of Tennessee; J.D., Nashville School of Law

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce; Madison Chamber of Commerce; Old Hickory Chamber of

Commerce; Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce; Elks Lodge; Shriner, Al Menah Temple; Kiwanis Club; Leadership Nashville; Nashville Bar Fellow; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association. Board Member, Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce. Executive Board Member, Southern Growth Policies Board. Executive Council Member, Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts. Board of Directors, McKendree Village Retirement Community. Past President and Director, Nashville Bar Association. Past Exalted Ruler, Elks Lodge. Past Vice President, Tennessee Elks Association. Past President, Goodlettsville-Madison Shrine Club. Past President and Director, Nashville Bar Association; Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce. Secretary, Senate State and Local Government Committee.

Member of Senate: 94th through 106th General Assemblies.

County Represented: Part of Davidson -- 20th Senatorial District.



DOUGLAS HENRY OF DAVIDSON COUNTY

Address: 226 Capitol Boulevard, Suite 200, Nashville 37219

Date of Birth: 5/18/26

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Lawyer

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Presbyterian

Education: B.A., L.L.B., Vanderbilt University

Organizational Affiliations: Member, YMCA; Tennessee Historical Society; Tennessee State Museum Foundation; Kiwanis Club; American Legion Post 5; Past Chair, Southern Legislative Conference. Vice Chair, Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee.

Member of Senate: 87th through 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 79th General Assembly.

County Represented: Part of Davidson -- 21st Senatorial District.



ROY BRASFIELD HERRON OF WEAKLEY COUNTY

Address: P.O. Box 5, Dresden 38225-0005

Date of Birth: 9/30/53

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Attorney/Businessman

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Methodist

Education: B.S., with Highest Honors, University of Tennessee; M.Div. and J.D., Vanderbilt University

Organizational Affiliations: Herron Farms, Inc.; Volunteer Properties, LLC; Volunteer Books; Member, Farm Bureau; Chambers of Commerce; Tennessee Bar Association; Ned McWherter Center for Rural Development; Boy Scouts of America; Rotary International; Habitat for Humanity; March of Dimes; Ducks Unlimited; Brian Brown Bohunker Triathlon & Marathon Club. Author of *Things Held Dear: Soul Stories for My Sons*; *Tennessee Political Humor: Some of These Jokes You Voted For* (with L. H. "Cotton" Ivy) and *How Can a Christian Be in Politics?* Senate Democratic Caucus Chair, 2009.

Awards and Honors: Rotary Fellow, University of St. Andrews, Scotland; Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellow; Council of State Governments Toll Fellow; Japan Society Public Policy Fellow.

Member of Senate: 100th through 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 95th through 99th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Benton, Decatur, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Perry, Stewart, and Weakley -- 24th Senatorial District.



**DOUG JACKSON
OF DICKSON COUNTY**

Address: 119 Tanglewood Drive, Dickson 37055

Date of Birth: 7/10/54

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Attorney

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Catholic

Education: B.S., Austin Peay State University; J.D., Cumberland School of Law

Organizational Affiliations: Member, American Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee Wildlife Association; Dickson County Chamber of Commerce. Vice Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee. Vice Chair, Senate Democratic Caucus.

Awards and Honors: Tennessee Press Association Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Association of District Attorneys General Conference Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Nurses' Association Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Adult Retarded Citizens Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Education Association Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Conservation League and the Sierra Club Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Environmental Council Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Citizen Action League Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Council of Respiratory Care Legislator of the Year.

Member of Senate: 102nd through 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 95th through 101st General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Humphreys, Lawrence, and Lewis -- 25th Senatorial District.



**JACK JOHNSON
OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

Address: 330 Franklin Road, Suite 135-A-178, Brentwood 37027

Date of Birth: 7/25/68

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Financial Advisor; Senior V.P., Pinnacle Financial Partners

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Presbyterian

Education: B.S., Texas State University

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; National Rifle Association; Williamson County-Franklin, Spring Hill, Brentwood-Cool Springs Chambers of Commerce. Board Member, Williamson County Fair. Advisory Board Member, Williamson County Child Advocacy Center; Monroe Harding Children's Home. Chair, Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee. Secretary, Senate Republican Caucus.

Member of Senate: 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Williamson and part of Davidson -- 23rd Senatorial District.



**BRIAN KELSEY
OF SHELBY COUNTY**

Address: 7875 Grove Court East, Suite 201, Germantown 37138

Date of Birth: 12/22/77

Occupation: Attorney

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Christian

Education: B.A., with Honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; J.D., Georgetown University

Organizational Affiliations: Volunteer Children's Reader, Lester Community Center. Memphis University School Class of '13 Bible Study Leader. Member, Republican National Lawyers Association; Christian Legal Society; Tennessee and Memphis Bar Associations. Board Member, Federalist Society Memphis Lawyers Chapter. Former Member, Shelby County Republican Party Steering Committee; Shelby County Young Republicans Executive Board. Member, Greeter, and Former 1st Grade Sunday School Teacher, Fellowship Memphis Church. Former Service: Office of counsel to the President, George W. Bush; U.S. Senate Office of Bill Frist; U.S. Senate Committee Office of Fred Thompson; U.S. Congressional Office of Ed Bryant.

Awards and Honors: Business Tennessee Magazine "30 Under 30", 2005; Memphis Business Journal "Top 40 Under 40", 2004; Memphis Area Legal Services *Pro Bono* Service Award, 2008.

Member of Senate: Part of 106th General Assembly.

Member of House of Representatives: 104th through part of 106th General Assemblies.

County Represented: Part of Shelby -- 31st Senatorial District.



**BILL KETRION
OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY**

Address: 805 S. Church Street, #12, Murfreesboro 37130

Date of Birth: 9/4/53

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Methodist

Education: B.S., Middle Tennessee State University

Organizational Affiliations: Member, First United Methodist Church; Leadership Rutherford; Rutherford County Commissioner, eight years; Chaired Health & Education and County Budget Committees; Rutherford County Adult Activity Center Board for the Handicapped; Tennessee Vocational Board; Humane Society Board; Eagle Scout (at age 12); Lodge Chief, Vigil Member; National Eagle Scout Association; Middle Tennessee Council Board, Boy Scouts; 32nd Degree Mason; York Rite Mason; N.R.A.; Shriner. President, Universal-International Insurance. Distinguished Alumni, Middle Tennessee State University. Co-founder and First President, Blue Raider Athletic Association. State President, Professional Insurance Agents of Tennessee. President, Rutherford County Volunteer Fire Department. Exchange Club President, 1982; State President, 1989; National Board, 1990-1994; National President, 1995-1996; Foundation National President, 2001-2004. Chair, Senate State and Local Government Committee. Chair, Fiscal Review Committee. Deputy Speaker, Senate Republican Caucus.

Awards and Honors: Silver Beaver Award, Boy Scouts; Long Rifle Award, Boy Scouts. Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association; Tennessee Community Organizations (TNCO); Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association.

Member of Senate: 103rd through 106th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, and part of Rutherford -- 13th Senatorial District.



**BEVERLY MARRERO
OF SHELBY COUNTY**

Address: 243 Hawthorne Street, Memphis 38112

Date of Birth: 1/23/39

Marital Status: Single

Occupation: Retired Retail Real Estate Consultant

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Episcopalian

Education: University of Tennessee

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Evergreen Historic District Association; Memphis Brooks Museum of Art; Dixon Gallery and Gardens; Memphis Zoo; Democratic Women of Shelby County; Sierra Club; U.S. Humane Society; Women in Legislatures Lobby (WILL); Women's Action for New Direction (WAND). Advisory Board, Shelby Residential and Vocational Services. State Director, Women in Government. Secretary, Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee.

Member of Senate: Part of 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 103rd through 105th General Assemblies.

County Represented: Part of Shelby -- 30th Senatorial District.



**RANDY McNALLY
OF ANDERSON COUNTY**

Address: 94 Royal Troon Circle, Oak Ridge 37830

Date of Birth: 1/30/44

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Pharmacist

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Catholic

Education: B.S., Memphis State University; U.T. College of Pharmacy

Organizational Affiliations: Chair, Senate Education Committee, 102nd and 103rd General Assemblies. Chair, Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee. Vice Chair, Senate Rules Committee.

Awards and Honors: Tennessee Press Association Open Government Award, 2009; Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents Legislative Award, 2004; Distinguished Service Award, U.T. College of Pharmacy, 1996; Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International, 1996; Bill Bates Award, 1994; Mothers Against Drunk Driving Outstanding Legislator; Distinguished Service Award, American Council on Alcohol Problems, 1994; Common Cause Bird Dog Award, 1994; Sertoma Man of the Year, 1991; Recipient of Republican Legislator of the Year, 1990.

Member of Senate: 95th through 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 91st through 94th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Anderson, Loudon, Monroe, and part of Knox -- 5th Senatorial District.



**DOUG OVERBEY
OF BLOUNT COUNTY**

Address: 1105 N. Heritage Drive, Maryville 37803

Date of Birth: 12/11/54

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Attorney at Law

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Episcopalian

Education: B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Carson-Newman College; J.D., Order of the Coif, University of Tennessee College of Law.

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Blount County Chamber of Commerce; United Way of Blount County; Kiwanis Club of Maryville; American, Tennessee, Knoxville, and Blount County Bar Associations. Board Member, Blount County Children’s Advocacy Center; A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee. Advisory Member of Board of Directors of Great Smoky Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America; Advisory Board of Lincoln Memorial University College of Law; Member of Executive Board of East Tennessee Development District. Commissioner, Blount County Board of Commissioners, 1982-1990. President, Tennessee County Commissioners Association, 1989-1990. Secretary, Senate Judiciary Committee.

Awards and Honors: Tennessee Silica Justice Coalition’s 2006 Award of Appreciation; Tennessee Physical Therapist Association’s 2006 State Legislator Award; Tennessee Hospital Association’s 2004 Community Service Award for Public Service; Recipient of Tennessee Fire Service Coalition’s 2004 Life Safety Award; 2004 Outstanding State Representative by the County Officials Association of Tennessee; Named “Legislative Champion” for 2004 by the Tennessee Association of Retired Persons; 2003 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Association of Utility Districts; 2007 Statesman of the Year by the Tennessee Optometric Association; Graduate of the Year, Roosevelt Inn, Phi Delta Phi, UT College of Law, 1979; Rotary International Foundation Scholarship, 1975.

Member of Senate: 106th General Assembly.

Member of House of Representatives: 102nd through 105th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Blount and Sevier -- 8th Senatorial District.



**STEVE SOUTHERLAND
OF HAMBLÉN COUNTY**

Address: 322 West Hillcrest Drive, Morristown 37813

Date of Birth: 3/8/55

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Mortgage Broker

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Baptist

Education: Walters State Community College

Organizational Affiliations: President, Mortgage 1st Corp. in Morristown. Member, Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club. Former Chair, Hamblen County Republican Party. Chair, Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee. Vice Chair, Senate Transportation Committee.

Member of Senate: 103rd through 106th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, and Unicoi -- 1st Senatorial District.



**ERIC STEWART
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Address: 500 Dinah Shore Boulevard, Winchester 37398

Date of Birth: 12/6/72

Marital Status: Married; wife, Judy; two children, Ashley and Holt

Occupation: Insurance Agency Owner

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Baptist

Education: Austin Peay State University

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce; Organizing Member of Franklin County Drug Court Advisory Board; Kappa Sigma Fraternity; Mason. Former Franklin County Commissioner; Former Franklin County Democratic Party Executive Committee; Former Fayetteville/Lincoln County Rotarian. Member, Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee; Select Oversight Committee on Corrections; Select Oversight Committee on Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation. Secretary, Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee.

Member of Senate: 106th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Bledsoe, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Sequatchie, Van Buren, and Warren -- 14th Senatorial District.



**REGINALD TATE
OF SHELBY COUNTY**

Address: 5005 Hornsby Drive, Memphis 38116

Date of Birth: 9/14/54

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: President and CEO, Accent by Design

Political Party: Democrat

Religious Preference: Baptist

Education: B.A., University of Memphis

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church; Shelby County Juvenile Court Advisor Council; Methodist Community Board; Shelby County Democratic Party Executive Committee; Southern Regional Education Board. Treasurer, Shelby County Delegation. Past Vice President, Shelby County Delegation. Vice Chair, Cocaine, Alcohol Awareness Program; Joint Health Equity Commission. Vice Chair, Senate Education Committee.

Member of Senate: 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

County Represented: Part of Shelby -- 33rd Senatorial District.



**JIM TRACY
OF BEDFORD COUNTY**

Address: 106 Finch Lane, Shelbyville 37160

Date of Birth: 10/9/56

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Insurance Agent

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Church of Christ

Education: B.S., University of Tennessee, Martin

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Blue Raider Athletic Association; Board of Directors, Rutherford YMCA; NCAA Basketball Official; NFIB Leadership Council; Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary Club; Murfreesboro YMCA Board Member; Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; Shelbyville/Bedford County Chamber of Commerce; Bedford County Economic and Tourism Committee; Moore County Chamber of Commerce; Long-Term Care Advisory Council; Commission on Aging and Disabilities; Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Vice Chair, Corrections Oversight Committee. Co-chair, Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation. Chair, Senate Transportation Committee.

Member of Senate: 104th through 106th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Bedford, Moore, and part of Rutherford -- 16th Senatorial District.



**BO WATSON
OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

Address: 1607 Gunston Hall Road, Hixson 37343

Date of Birth: 10/21/60

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Physical Therapist

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Methodist

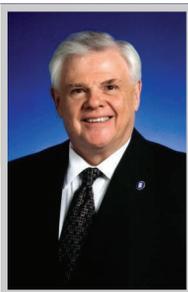
Education: B.A., Biology, Magna Cum Laude, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Physical Therapy, University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, Memphis

Organizational Affiliations: Member, First Centenary United Methodist Church; Baylor School Board of Trustees; Junior Achievement, Orchard Knob Elementary; Hamilton County Pachyderm Club; American Heart Association Volunteer; American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Past Board Member, U.T. Chattanooga Alumni Association. Teacher, Hardin Sunday School Class. Vice Chair, TennCare Joint Oversight Committee. Chair, Senate Government Operations Committee. Vice Chair, Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee. Secretary, Senate Education Committee. Chair, Senate Republican Caucus Bill Review.

Member of Senate: 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

Member of House of Representatives: 104th General Assembly.

County Represented: Part of Hamilton -- 11th Senatorial District.



**KEN YAGER
OF ROANE COUNTY**

Address: P.O. Box 346, 330 N. Roane Street, Harriman 37748

Date of Birth: 1/5/47

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Assistant Professor of History and Law, Roane State Community College; Affiliate Broker, Roane Realty, Rockwood

Political Party: Republican

Religious Preference: Baptist

Education: B.A. and M.S., University of Tennessee, Martin; J.D., University of Memphis

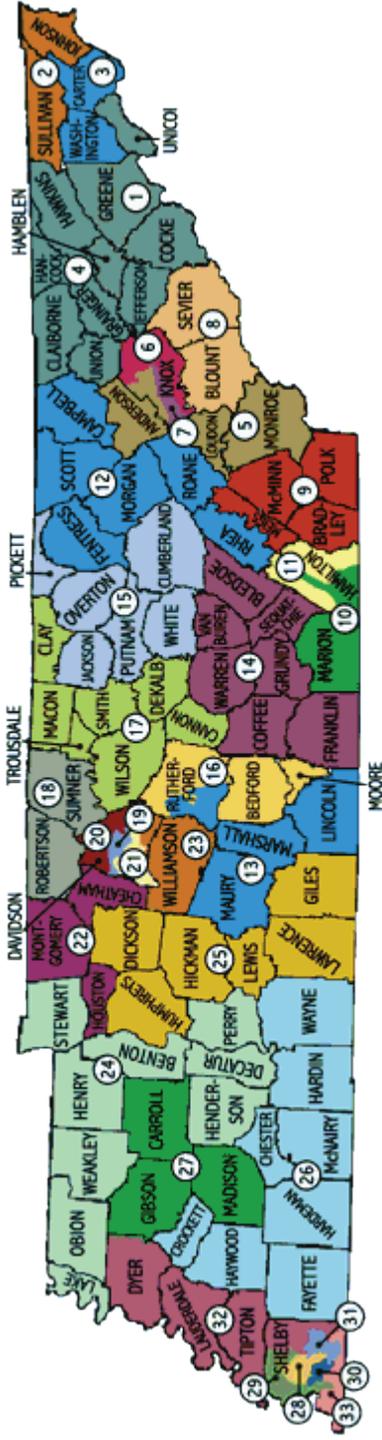
Organizational Affiliations: Member, Chambers of Commerce of Dayton, Spring City, Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Roane, and Scott Counties; Gideons; Southgate Lodge No. 569 F&AM; Roane County Executive, 1982-2006; Roane County Attorney, 1978-1982. Life Member, Roane County Humane Society. Board Member, Roane County Rescue Squad; Roane County Heritage Commission. Board Member and Former Chair, Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee; Mideast Community Action Agency. Board Member and Former Chair to Mideast Entry. President-Elect, Civitan International. Vice Chair, Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee.

Member of the Senate: 106th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Rhea, Roane, and Scott -- 12th Senatorial District.

SENATORIAL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

(Map Shows the Approximate Areas Served)



DISTRICT	SENATOR	DISTRICT	SENATOR	DISTRICT	SENATOR
1	Steve Southerland	9	Dewayne Bunch	17	Mae Beavers
2	Ron Ramsey	10	Andy Berke	18	Diane Black
3	Dewey E. "Rusty" Crowe	11	Bo Watson	19	Thelma Harper
4	Mike Faulk	12	Ken Yager	20	Joe Haynes
5	Randy McNally	13	Bill Ketron	21	Douglas Henry
6	Jamie Woodson	14	Eric Stewart	22	Tim Barnes
7	Tim Burchett	15	Charlotte Burks	23	Jack Johnson
8	Doug Overbey	16	Jim Tracy	24	Roy Herron
				25	Doug Jackson
				26	Dolores Gresham
				27	Lowe Finney
				28	James F. Kyle
				29	Ophelia Ford
				30	Beverly Marrero
				31	Brian Kelsey
				32	Mark Norris
				33	Reginald Tate

**TENNESSEE STATE SENATE
106th GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

GENERAL SCHEDULE

MONDAY

5:00 p.m. SESSION - SENATE CHAMBER

TUESDAY

8:30 a.m. State & Local Government Committee
10:30 a.m. Transportation Committee
11:30 a.m. Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee
3:30 p.m. Education Committee

WEDNESDAY

8:30 a.m. SESSION - SENATE CHAMBER

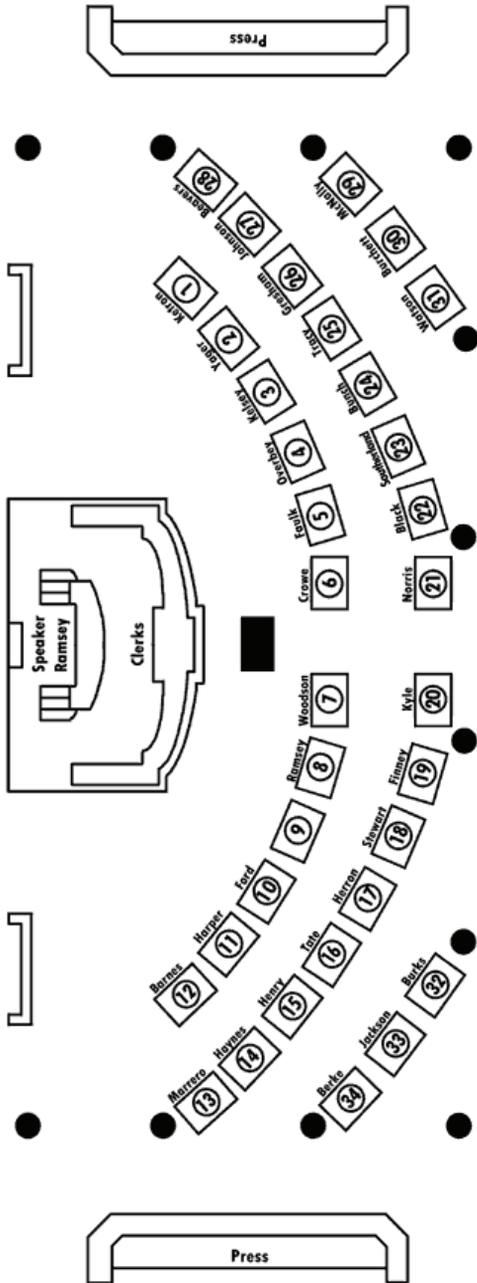
9:30 a.m. Government Operations Committee
11:00 a.m. General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Finance, Ways and Means Committee
3:00 p.m. Judiciary Committee

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. SESSION - SENATE CHAMBER

NOTE: All committee meetings are held in the Senate Committee Room, Legislative Plaza Room 12, unless otherwise announced. Committee meeting times may vary slightly from week to week.

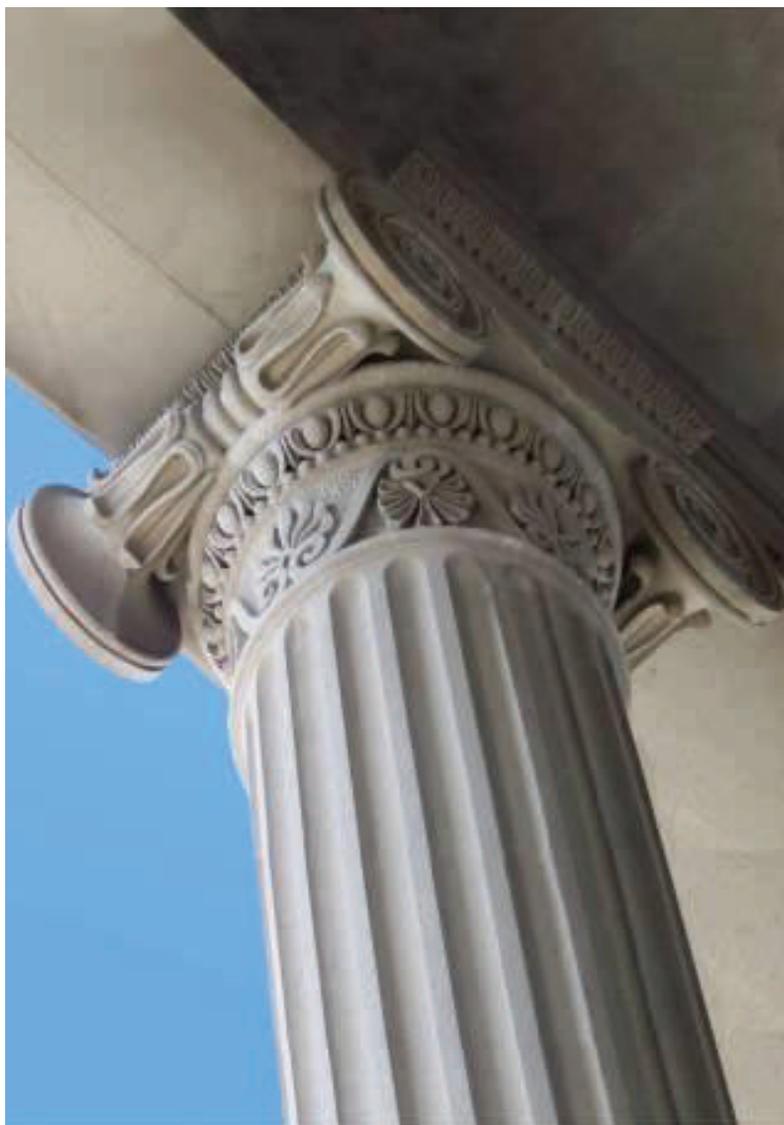
SEATING OF THE SENATE 106th GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Senate Directory

Senators	Desk No.	Room	Phone No.
Barnes, Tim	12	305 WMB	741-2374
Beavers, Mae	28	7 LP	741-2421
Berke, Andy	34	310 WMB	741-6682
Black, Diane	22	5 LP	741-1999
Bunch, Dewayne	24	9 LP	741-3730
Burchett, Tim	30	306 WMB	741-1766
Burks, Charlotte	32	304 WMB	741-3978
Crowe, Dewey E. "Rusty"	6	8 LP	741-2468
Faulk, Mike	5	11A LP	741-2061
Finney, Lowe	19	317 WMB	741-1810
Ford, Ophelia	10	318 WMB	741-1767
Gresham, Dolores	26	308 WMB	741-2368
Harper, Thelma M.	11	303 WMB	741-2453
Haynes, Joe M.	14	G-19 WMB	741-6679
Henry, Douglas	15	321 WMB	741-3291
Herron, Roy	17	309 WMB	741-4576
Jackson, Doug	33	302 WMB	741-4499
Johnson, Jack	27	11 LP	741-2495
Kelsey, Brian	3	3 LP	741-3036
Ketron, Bill	1	13 LP	741-6853
Kyle, James F. (Jim)	20	309 WMB	741-4167
Marrero, Beverly	13	312 WMB	741-9128
McNally, Randy	29	307 WMB	741-6806
Norris, Mark S.	21	9A LP	741-1967
Overbey, Doug	4	4 LP	741-0981
Ramsey, Ron	8	1 LP	741-4524
Southerland, Steve	23	10 LP	741-3851
Stewart, Eric	18	310A WMB	741-6694
Tate, Reginald	16	320 WMB	741-2509
Tracy, Jim	25	2 LP	741-1066
Watson, Bo	31	6A LP	741-3227
Woodson, Jamie	7	6 LP	741-1648
Yager, Ken	2	10A LP	741-1449

LP - Legislative Plaza
WMB - War Memorial Building
Zip Code - 37243



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Senate Standing Committees

COMMERCE, LABOR AND AGRICULTURE

This committee is responsible for legislation concerning commerce, insurance, and agriculture. The committee also has jurisdiction over legislation concerning banking and lending institutions; communications; regulation and licensing of occupations; protections of trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies; corporations; labor and industrial relations; consumer affairs and consumer protection; and unemployment compensation.

Johnson (R), Chair

Bunch (R), Vice Chair

Burks (D), Secretary

Beavers (R)

Burchett (R)

Ketron (R)

Southerland (R)

Stewart (D)

Tate (D)

EDUCATION

This committee is responsible for legislation concerning schools and secondary education; school employees, administrators, teachers and bus drivers; school employees' and teachers' pay and retirement, except where an appropriation of state funds is required; colleges and universities; employees of colleges and universities, including pay and retirement, except where an appropriation of state funds is required; vocational technical education; employees of vocational education schools, including pay and retirement, except where an appropriation of state funds is required; college or university agricultural extension service; school lunch programs; education and schools for exceptional children; cultural affairs; museums; and state and public libraries.

Gresham (R), Chair

Tate (D), Vice Chair

Berke (D), Secretary

Burks (D)

Crowe (R)

Haynes (D)

Ketron (R)

Tracy (R)

Woodson (R)

ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND TOURISM

This committee is responsible for legislation concerning energy; forestry; natural resources; conservation, game and fish; mines and minerals. Additionally, the committee is also responsible for legislation regarding matters relating to pollution of air, water, and land; parks and recreation; state parks and recreational districts; mineral resources of public lands; public and geological surveys, accretion, alluvium, and dereliction of public and private lands; watershed districts; soil conservation; soil conservation districts; flood and drainage projects; construction, improvement, and maintenance of waterways, lakes, and streams; registering and licensing of vessels and small boats; tourism; military parks and battlefields; and environment.

Southerland (R), Chair

Yager (R), Vice Chair

Stewart (D), Secretary

Barnes (D)

Burks (D)

Faulk (R)

Jackson (D)

Johnson (R)

Woodson (R)

FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS

This committee is responsible for all measures relating to taxes and the raising of revenue; all measures relating to bonds and the bonding of revenue; all measures relating to the issuance, payment, or retirement of bonds; all measures related to the evidences of indebtedness; all measures dealing with the appropriation of state funds; the general appropriations bill; the deposit of public monies; Congressional relations; and assessment and collection of property taxes.

McNally (R), Chair

Henry (D), Vice Chair

Burchett (R), Secretary

Black (R)

Haynes (D)

Herron (D)

Kyle (D)

Norris (R)

Overbey (R)

Watson (R)

Woodson (R)

GENERAL WELFARE, HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

This committee is responsible for public or private hospitals; health offices and their administration; institutions and services for the mentally retarded; mental health institutions and facilities; geriatric hospitals; nursing homes; vocational rehabilitation including vocation rehabilitation homes; alcoholic rehabilitation; Department of Health; tuberculosis sanatoriums; nurses' training programs; public welfare; old age assistance; private and local institutions of public welfare; and research training and rehabilitation in the field of public welfare.

Crowe (R), Chair

Watson (R), Vice Chair

Marrero (D), Secretary

Black (R)

Ford (D)

Henry (D)

Herron (D)

McNally (R)

Overbey (R)

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

This committee is responsible for legislation concerning the creation of new departments, commissions, boards, agencies, or councils of state government; the reauthorization of existing departments, commissions, boards, agencies, or councils of state government; licensing and/or certification of occupational and/or professional groups; and review of regulations promulgated by Tennessee departments, commissions, boards, or agencies.

Watson (R), Chair

Harper (D), Vice Chair

Ford (D), Secretary

Barnes (D)

Bunch (R)

Crowe (R)

Johnson (R)

Kelsey (R)

Tate (D)

JUDICIARY

This committee is responsible for civil laws; criminal laws; judicial proceedings; apportionment of elected officials and governing bodies; executors, administrators, wills, divorce, and other family matters; all matters relating to the courts, matters of court jurisdiction; matters relating to judges, including retirement, compensation, expenses, personnel, facilities, etc.; municipal and juvenile courts and justices of the peace; clerks of court, and sheriffs and law enforcement officers; and all other matters not covered by any other standing committee.

Beavers (R), Chair

Jackson (D), Vice Chair

Overbey (R), Secretary

Black (R)

Bunch (R)

Faulk (R)

Kelsey (R)

Kyle (D)

Marrero (D)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

This committee is responsible for forms of local government; utility districts; assistance to local and municipal governments; matters dealing with revenue and taxation levied by local governments; matters dealing with employees of local governments; matters dealing with expenditure by local governments; matters dealing with local ordinances; state and local government boundary lines; veterans affairs; penal and correctional institutions; public lands; preservation of historical landmarks and objects; holidays and celebrations; regulation of sale of intoxicating liquors; Adjutant General and National Guard; election laws; and state government in general.

Ketron (R), Chair

Finney (D), Vice Chair

Haynes (D), Secretary

Burchett (R)

Faulk (R)

Harper (D)

Norris (R)

Tracy (R)

Yager (R)

TRANSPORTATION

This committee is responsible for highways, roads, and bridges; railroads; air, bus, and vehicular transportation; rules and regulations for highway, railroad, and air use; common carriers, except by water; pipelines; motor vehicle regulations; public works; facilities in connection with and navigation of waterways, lakes, and streams; and the Department of Safety.

Tracy (R), Chair

Southerland (R), Vice Chair

Barnes (D), Secretary

Beavers (R)

Berke (D)

Finney (D)

Gresham (R)

Jackson (D)

Yager (R)



Legislative Plaza Room 12 — All Senate standing committee meetings are held in this conference room.

Senate Select Committees

COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR

This committee is responsible for scheduling bills and resolutions for consideration by the Senate.

Faulk (R), Chair

Kyle (D)

Norris (R)

COMMITTEE ON DELAYED BILLS

This committee is responsible for initial consideration of resolutions calling for joint conventions and study committees as well as late filed bills and resolutions.

Mr. Speaker Ramsey (R), Chair

Kyle (D)

Norris (R)

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

This committee is responsible for enforcement of the Senate Code of Ethics and recommends modification of the Code of Ethics to the Senate Rules Committee.

Black (R), Chair

Burks (D), Vice Chair

Haynes (D) Ketron (R) Norris (R)

COMMITTEE ON RULES

This committee is responsible for recommending modification of the Senate Rules to the Senate.

Norris (R), Chair

McNally (R), Vice Chair

Bunch (R), Secretary

Henry (D)

Kyle (D)

Senate Membership on Joint Committees

SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS TAXES

Bunch (R)	McNally (R)
Henry (D)	Norris (R)
Johnson (R)	Tate (D)
Kyle (D)	

CHARITABLE GAMING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Burchett (R)	Herron (D)	Johnson (R)
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SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Black (R)	Herron (D)
Burks (D)	Marrero (D)
Faulk (R)	Overbey (R)
Gresham (R)	Woodson (R)
Harper (D)	

SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Gresham (R)	Stewart (D)
Harper (D)	Tracy (R)
Johnson (R)	Watson (R)
Ketron (R)	

SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Berke (D)	Herron (D)
Bunch (R)	McNally (R)
Gresham (R)	Watson (R)
Haynes (D)	Woodson (R)
Henry (D)	

FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Henry (D)	McNally (R)
Jackson (D)	Tate (D)
Ketron (R)	Yager (R)

**SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON
PENSIONS AND INSURANCE**

Kyle (D)	Watson (R)
Norris (R)	Woodson (R)

SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON TENNCARE

Black (R)	Jackson (D)
Burks (D)	Johnson (R)
Crowe (R)	Watson (R)
Faulk (R)	

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON
TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY CORPORATION**

Bunch (R)	Ketron (R)
Burchett (R)	McNally (R)
Finney (D)	Stewart (D)
Gresham (R)	Tate (D)
Herron (D)	

SELECT JOINT COMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Burchett (R)	Ketron (R)
Burks (D)	Norris (R)
Haynes (D)	Southerland (R)
Johnson (R)	Tracy (R)



The Senate Chamber

When a session of the Senate convenes, Senators and their aides can be seen hurriedly walking “to the floor” or “to the chamber.” At the sound of the buzzer, the chamber is cleared by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the only people allowed on the floor during session are Senators, clerks, and designated staff members. Present and past state officials and guests, invited by the Speaker, may also enter the chamber during a session. To maintain the traditional decorum of the Senate, all members are requested to wear business attire.

As you sit in the gallery observing a Senate session, your attention will first be drawn to the rostrum where the Speaker is presiding. He occupies the “Chair”, paces the flow of legislation, decides who will speak, and rules on parliamentary procedures.

The Speaker of the Senate is elected by the body to serve as the presiding officer. He also represents a senatorial district and can therefore introduce legislation, vote, and even debate an issue. If he chooses to debate an issue, he must vacate the Chair, designate a member to preside, and return to his regular desk on the floor.

Voting in the Chamber

On each side of the chamber are the voting boards which display the names of the Senators in alphabetical order. On these boards are lights and when a vote is called for, green designates “aye,” red, “no,” and blue, “present and not voting.” The Speaker will ask if everyone has voted and if anyone wishes to change his or her vote, and he then directs the Chief Clerk to record the vote. As the vote is tallied by the machine, it displays the number of ayes, noes, and not voting. At the top of the board is displayed the number of the bill being considered and amendments, if any. This information is compiled by the voting machine on a paper ballot which is recorded in the *Senate Journal*.

The Desk

In front of the Speaker’s Chair is the Senate desk staffed by the Chief Clerk, who is addressed by the members as “Mr. Clerk.” On either side of the Chief Clerk stand the Assistant Chief Clerk, the Journal Clerk, who writes the Journal, the Message Clerk, and Bill Clerks. All clerks, Sergeants-at-Arms, and Senate employees work under the supervision of the Speaker.

The Senate Body

Tennessee's legislature, like most others in our country, is patterned after the British Parliament, which has an “upper” and “lower” house. The Senate is often referred to as the “Upper House” of the Legislature because many of its members graduate to the Senate from the House of Representatives. The Tennessee Senate leans heavily upon tradition.

Tennessee has a “citizens’ legislature” with most Senators being full-time business and professional people in their districts. The Senate is comprised of attorneys, educators, farmers, businessmen, and businesswomen. The average Senator is married, has children, and is around 55 years of age. Of the 33 Senators, each one represents approximately 180,000 people.

The Senate family has deep camaraderie among members; however, there are different opinions, priorities, and values; differences which truly reflect the diversity of the citizens of Tennessee.

Three Branches of Government

Tennessee's Constitution, in the traditional American pattern of "separation of powers," divides the governmental structure of the state into three separate and independent branches.

The Legislative Branch has exclusive law-making power and determines the general policies by which the problems of society are to be met. It may delegate limited rule-making power to some executive agencies.

The Executive Branch, with the Governor as its chief, administers the laws enacted by the Legislature. The Governor's Cabinet and staff help him make the executive branch run smoothly and respond to the needs of Tennessee's citizens.

The Judicial Branch interprets the law and applies the Constitution. It serves as a check on the powers of both the legislative and executive branches of government. The judiciary rules on the constitutionality of legislation passed by the General Assembly and considers the legality of certain administration policies and regulations.

This structural division, faithfully maintained, establishes a system of "checks and balances" to ensure that all three branches properly perform their constitutional duties in the administration of state affairs.

The Legislative Branch Composition and Organization

Tennessee's Constitution provides that the legislative authority of this state be vested in a General Assembly, consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives, both responsible to the people.

Representatives hold office for two years and Senators for four years. However, Speakers of the Senate and the House of Representatives hold the office for two years or until a successor is elected and qualified.

The number of Senators and Representatives is apportioned according to population. There are 99 Representatives, apportioned by the General Assembly among the counties or districts as provided by law. Senators, apportioned by the General Assembly, are not to exceed one-third the number of Representatives.

Both Houses choose their officers, establish their rules of procedure, and are sole judge of the qualifications and seating of their fellow members.

Officers

The Speakers of the Senate and the House of Representatives are elected by their respective bodies to preside during their two-year term. The constitutional officers consisting of the Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Comptroller are elected in a Joint Convention during the organizational session of the General Assembly.

Also, during this organizational session, the Chief Clerk, Chief Engrossing Clerk, and Assistant Chief Clerk of the Senate are appointed by the Speaker for a two-year term. It is the responsibility of the clerks to keep clear and accurate records of the proceedings of the Senate. A Chief Sergeant-at-Arms is also appointed by the Speaker for the purpose of maintaining order and providing services.

Election and Qualifications

The Constitution requires that the election for Senators and Representatives be held once in two years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years. Senators are elected for a four-year term with half the Senate standing for election every two years by odd- and even-numbered districts.

A Senator must be a citizen of the United States, 30 years of age, and a resident of Tennessee for three years. Senators must also have lived in their respective districts or county for one year immediately prior to the general election.

Compensation

Senators are paid \$19,009 annually. Like other state and local government employees, they are paid travel expenses when on official business and when in session. Senators are also provided expense allowances for maintaining local offices to better serve the citizens of their district.

Legislative Sessions

The General Assembly meets in organizational session on the second Tuesday in January after the election of the members of the House of Representatives. If it is a gubernatorial year, the Governor is inaugurated during this session. The General Assembly remains in session for organizational purposes not longer than 15 consecutive calendar days. Thereafter, the General Assembly sets the date for convening the regular session. The Constitution provides that the legislature can meet for 90 legislative days in regular session over a two year period. A legislative day is when two-thirds of the Senate meet and transact business. The General Assembly normally meets January through May.

Rules

During the organizational session, the Senate adopts its rules of procedure to be followed for the next two years. These rules provide for orderly proceedings and determine how the Senate will conduct business. Frequently, a legislator will move to “suspend the rules” to speed the flow of business, but at least two-thirds of the members of the Senate must agree to the suspension.

Lobbying

All persons who seek to influence legislation, except members of the legislature or their aides, must register with the Tennessee Ethics Commission before lobbying. Every lobbyist must also state any direct business association or partnership with any current member of the legislature. The definition of a lobbyist includes everyone who tries to influence legislators, except persons who make a single appearance before a committee without receiving additional compensation.

Enforcement of Authority

The Senate has the power to compel witnesses to appear before the body or its committees. It may punish a nonmember guilty of disorderly or contemptuous conduct in its presence. The Senate is also the sole judge of its members and is the only body which can remove a member from office. It may punish its own members for disorderly behavior and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, even expel a member. Senators, in all cases except treason, felony, or breach of the peace, are privileged from arrest during a session of the General Assembly.

Ethics

In addition to standards administered by the Tennessee Ethics Commission, the Senate adopts rules establishing a code of conduct for its members at the start of each General Assembly. The Code of Ethics rule provides that every Senator conduct himself to justify the confidence placed in him by the people and, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, maintain the integrity and responsibility of his office. Senators are prohibited from using the influence of the office for personal benefit and are required to disclose any personal interests in proposed legislation that would create a conflict of interest.

Journals, Calendars, and Notices

The Chief Clerk of the Senate publishes a weekly journal and a weekly committee calendar of events during the legislative session. The journal provides an official record which reflects all pertinent action taken on legislation. The committee calendar is a schedule of legislation to be considered on a given day by each standing committee. The calendar shows time and location of meetings as well as bills to be heard and is posted at least six days in advance of the committee meeting. Senate rules also require two days advance notice of bills that will be heard during floor sessions. Calendars and journals are of special significance to persons interested in the status of particular pieces of legislation. They may be purchased from the Senate Clerk's Office.

Open Meetings

Committee meetings are open to the public, except that when a committee is considering a matter involving the security of the state or nation or is investigating a proposed impeachment, upon vote by three-fourths of the members present, and voting, a meeting may be declared closed to the public.

Forms of Legislation

Legislative proposals can originate in either the Senate or House in the form of bills, resolutions, and joint resolutions.

A bill is a proposed law and may be either general or local. A general bill has a statewide impact, and a local bill affects only a particular county or town named in the bill. This local bill is sometimes referred to as "permissive legislation." If the local bill passes the legislature, then it must be ratified by the local governing body or voted on by the people of that area.

All bills have three considerations and require a constitutional majority, or seventeen votes, upon the third and final consideration to pass the Senate.

A resolution expresses the opinion of one house of the legislature, whereas a joint resolution expresses the opinion of both houses. All resolutions are adopted by a constitutional majority vote.

Officers of the Senate



RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY
CHIEF CLERK

Education and Organizational Affiliations: B.A., Economics, University of Memphis; J.D., Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Memphis. Member, Tennessee Bar Association; American Bar Association; Phi Gamma Delta; Phi Alpha Delta Legal Society; Omicron Delta Kappa; American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries. Commissioner, Mason's Manual Commission.

Executive Assistant for Policy & Research and Legal Counsel, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, 1998-1999; Acting Chief Clerk of the Senate, 1999-2000; Chief Clerk of the Senate, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2007-2008, and 2009-2010.



ALAN D. WHITTINGTON
ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK

Education and Organizational Affiliations: B.S., Marketing, Western Kentucky University; Tennessee Government Management Institute, Class of 2003; Donelson/Hermitage Leadership, Class of 2003-2004. Member, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries. Bill Clerk, 2001; Assistant Chief Clerk, 2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2007-2008, and 2009-2010.



M. SCOTT SLOAN
CHIEF ENGROSSING CLERK

Education and Organizational Affiliations: B.A., Public Relations, Western Kentucky University; J.D., Nashville School of Law. Member, Western Kentucky University Alumni Association; American Bar Association; American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries. Class Representative, Nashville School of Law Legal Society. Executive Assistant, Office of Senator Mark Norris, 2005-2007. Chief Engrossing Clerk, 2007-2008 and 2009-2010.

Senate Clerk's Office



NANETTE MITCHELL
Journal Clerk



KIM KUBICEK
Executive Secretary



JESSE ALVEY
Audio/Video
Production Specialist



RAYMOND TEMPLE
Audio/Video
Production Specialist



LUKE EPPERT
Senior Page

The Senate Chief Clerk's Office is charged with managing all the official records of the Senate. This includes accepting legislation for introduction, maintaining appropriate files and records, and ensuring all bills are properly channeled through the legislative process.

This office is responsible for compiling and distributing floor session and committee agendas. Additionally, the Clerk constructs accurate records of all proceedings and processes amendments filed by members. All bill introductions and sponsor listings are recorded, organized, and cross-indexed for those conducting future research.

The Senate Clerk also manages public access to legislative proceedings through technologies such as video streaming and electronic document retrieval. Legislation, amendments, and even video of past meetings are posted on the General Assembly website.

Chief Engrossing Clerk's Office



BEVERLY WILLIAMS
Assistant Engrossing Clerk



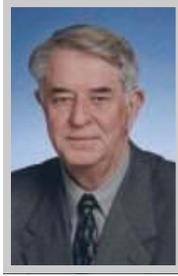
AMANDA McCLAIN
Assistant Engrossing Clerk

The Chief Engrossing Clerk's office reviews all legislation passed in the Senate to ensure every document is true to form and error-free. The Engrossing Clerk also incorporates any adopted amendments into the existing bill text to produce a proposed law's final language.

To become law, legislation must pass both the House and Senate. The Chief Engrossing Clerk's office proofs and revises bill text at various stages in this process to reflect any changes adopted on the floor. After a bill passes both chambers, this office prepares the final copy and expedites legislation to the respective Speakers and the Governor for signature, and thereafter to the Secretary of State to be assigned a Public Chapter number.

This office also prepares all presentation copies of Senate resolutions and proclamations and assists in the preparation of the *Senate Journal* and the *Senate Chamber Book*.

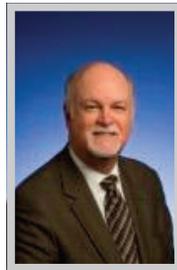
Sergeants-at-Arms



DON KEATON
Chief Sergeant-at-Arms



WILL LACKEY
Sergeant-at-Arms



DAN LEE
Sergeant-at-Arms



RONNIE TOWNES
Sergeant-at-Arms



GEORGE A. WOODS
Sergeant-at-Arms

All Sergeants-at-Arms are accountable to the Speaker of the Senate under the supervision of the Chief Sergeant-at-Arms. The Chief Sergeant-at-Arms is appointed by the Speaker as one of the first orders of business during the Organizational Session of a General Assembly. It is the responsibility of the Sergeants-at-Arms to keep order in the Chamber by securing the doors and admitting only appropriate people to the floor during session. The Sergeants-at-Arms also perform other functions at the direction of the Speaker.

Lieutenant Governor's Staff



MATT KING
Chief of Staff



LANCE FRIZZELL
Deputy Chief of Staff



WILL CANTERBURY
Executive Assistant



PAM GEORGE
Executive Assistant



The Lieutenant Governor's staff manages all of the normal duties handled by the offices of individual members plus the additional administrative and legislative duties unique to the Lieutenant Governor's Office. The Lieutenant Governor's staff assists and addresses constituent questions and concerns and tracks the approximately 4,000 pieces of legislation which are filed during each term of the General Assembly. They also coordinate the Lieutenant Governor's signing of legislation which is enacted into law and all resolutions which are adopted. They advise the Lieutenant Governor on important legislative matters being considered by committees and review all bills and resolutions scheduled for committee and floor action.

The Lieutenant Governor's Office coordinates the schedule of meetings with both constituents and other public officials. The office must handle requests from members for office assignments, office staff, and furniture, per diem requests and excuses from members who are unable to attend legislative sessions.

Senate Leadership Staff



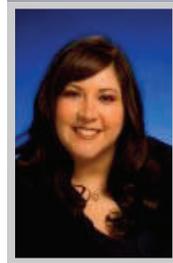
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JIM HIPPE
Council for Policy & Research
Speaker Pro Tempore



JEREMY DAVIS
Executive Assistant
Policy & Research
Republican Leader



MIKE KRAUSE
Executive Assistant
Policy & Research

Not Pictured: COLBY SLEDGE, Democratic Caucus Press Secretary

Constitutional Officers

There are three Constitutional Officers: the Secretary of State, the Comptroller, and the Treasurer. The Constitution provides that each shall be elected by the members of the General Assembly; the Secretary of State for four years and the Comptroller and Treasurer for two years.



TRE HARGETT **SECRETARY OF STATE**

The Secretary of State is mandated by the Constitution to keep a register of all official acts and proceedings of the Governor. He also keeps all acts and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. Other duties include: supervising and overseeing all Tennessee Elections; licensing charitable organizations; receipt and recording of all corporate charters and annual reports; the receipt of all trademarks; the execution of notary commission; and receipt of all state administrative rules and regulations. He serves on the State Funding Board, Board of Equalization, Board of Claims, State Building Commission, Library and Archives Management Board, School Bond Authority, Publications Committee, Public Records Commission, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Board of Trustees of Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, State Capitol Commission, Tennessee Competitive Export Corporation, and others. The Election Commission and State Library and Archives are in this department. The Secretary of State has offices in the State Capitol as well as the James K. Polk State Office Building.



DAVID H. LILLARD, JR. **STATE TREASURER**

The State Treasurer is charged with various duties including accounting for the receipt and disbursement of public funds, investing available cash balances, administering the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, and investing the pension fund. His office is responsible for operating the State's Unclaimed Property and Escheat Program, the Division of Claims Administration, Deferred Compensation and Flexible Benefits. The Treasurer is a member of the Bank Collateral Pool Board, Board of Claims, Board of Equalization, Board of Trustees of the TCRS, Commodity Producer Indemnity Corp., Council on Pensions and Insurance, Defense Counsel Commission, Funding Board, Investment Advisory Council, Public Records Commission, Savings Institution Collateral Pool Board, Security for Public Deposits Task Force, Sick Leave Bank Board, State Building Commission, State Capitol Commission, State Insurance Committee, State Library and Archives Management Board, State School Bond Authority, State Teacher Insurance Committee, State Trust of Tennessee, TN Child Care Loan Guarantee Board, TN Competitive Export Corp., TN Higher Education Commission, TN Housing Development Agency, TN Local Development Authority, TN Student Assistance Corporation, Tuition Guaranty Fund Board, and the Workers' Compensation Fund Board. The Treasurer has an office in the State Capitol; staff offices are in the Andrew Jackson State Office Building.



JUSTIN P. WILSON **COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY**

The Comptroller of the Treasury is responsible for audit of state and local government entities and participates in the general financial and administrative management of state government. He is a member of the State Building Commission, State Capitol Commission, Board of Claims, Board of Equalization, State Funding Board, Tennessee State School Bond Authority, Tennessee Local Development Authority, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Board of Standards, Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, Health Facilities Commission, Tennessee Student Assistance Corp., Publications Committee, Public Records Commission, State Insurance Committee,

Local Education Insurance Committee, Local Government Insurance Committee, State Library and Archives Management Board, Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Information Systems Council, Tennessee Competitive Export Corp., State Trust of Tennessee Board of Directors, Child Care Facilities, Loan Guarantee Corp., Governor's Council on Health and Physical Fitness, Tennessee Sports Festivals, Inc., Utility Management Review Board, Local Government Data Processing Corporation, Tennessee Commodity Producers Indemnity Corporation, Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund Board, Wastewater Financing Board, and the 1996 Bicentennial Commission. The Capitol Print Shop is part of the Comptroller's Office. The Comptroller has an office in the State Capitol and staff offices in the James K. Polk State Office Building.

The Executive Branch

“The Supreme Executive power of this State shall be vested in a Governor,” according to Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee. The Governor is the highest state official and heads the Executive Branch of state government. In this capacity as Chief Executive, he is held accountable for the overall administration during his term of office. He must see that laws are enforced, taxes are collected, and that public money is wisely expended.

He is the recognized leader of all the citizens in the State and, in addition, is the state leader of his political party. As such, the Governor has a strong voice in shaping the policies of the national party of which he is a member. The Governor is the spokesman for all the people of Tennessee in national matters and their representative where a single voice is needed in matters outside the boundaries of the State.

The Governor is Commander-in-Chief of the “Army and Navy of this state” and of the Tennessee National Guard. The Governor has the power to grant reprieves and pardons, except in cases of impeachment.

The Governor is elected by the people of the state, specifically by the electors of the members of the General Assembly. He must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a citizen of Tennessee seven years preceding his election. The Governor’s term is four years, and he holds office until a successor is elected and qualified. Tennessee governors can serve one additional four-year term but are limited to no more than two consecutive terms.

While the General Assembly has the sole power to pass bills, the Governor must receive every bill before it can become law. He then has the right to approve a bill by signing it into law; he can refuse to sign a bill, returning it with his objections in writing to the chamber from which the bill originated (that is, he can veto the bill); or he can fail to return a bill with his objections during the ten-day period he has to consider a bill after it is presented to him, and the bill will become law without his signature. Every joint resolution, except those dealing with adjournment of the General Assembly and those proposing specific amendments to the Constitution, must also be presented to the Governor for his consideration.

He has veto powers on joint resolutions as well as on bills. In addition, the Governor may reduce or disapprove sums of money appropriated in bills while approving other portions of such bills. The portions approved become law, while the portions reduced or disapproved are void unless both houses of the General Assembly “override” the “item vetoes” by repassing the bill or specific item, the Governor’s objections to the contrary notwithstanding. A majority of the members to which each body is entitled is required to override a veto (50 of the 99 members of the House and 17 of the 33 members of the Senate).



The Governor also has the right to call a Special Session of the Legislature and to appoint judges and chancellors to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation.

The Governor appoints commissioners to head the government's various departments. These commissioners, plus some of the highest ranking members of the Governor's own staff, constitute the "Governor's Cabinet." Commissioners do not receive legislative confirmation. They report directly to the Governor or to the Governor through one of his staff members. While most commissioners are located in offices near Capitol Hill, the Governor and his staff are located on the ground and first floors of the Capitol.

Senate Honorary Page Program

Page service is a unique honor with a rich history. The first pages were actually apprentice knights who served while they received scholastic, social, and military education. Pages who successfully completed their studies then became squires and were allowed to continue their education. Hardworking squires were rewarded with the honor of knighthood. Pages were first associated with lawmaking bodies when they began appearing in royal courts. The term “honorary page” is applied to our guest attendants today because it recalls the honorable status and goals of pages in history.

Pages today have somewhat different roles. The information below will give you a preliminary introduction to our program. When you serve as a page, we hope that you will learn about legislative procedures and see firsthand the way the state legislature functions. Have a good time!

- **Scheduling:**

Contact the Senator that represents your district. If you are not sure who the Senator is for your district, contact your local county clerk’s office or visit the Legislature’s website, www.capitol.tn.gov. Your Senator can be reached through our toll-free number: 1-800-449-8366.

- **Dress Code:**

Please be aware that when the honorary pages assist in the Senate Chamber during a floor session, they are in contact with elected officials and may be on television as part of television’s coverage of the legislative session. We recommend clean, modest clothing respectful of the Tennessee State Capitol, as well as comfortable shoes. Extreme clothing such as short or tight skirts or pants, low-cut blouses or shirts, logo T-shirts, etc., is not appropriate for the Senate Chamber.

- **Hours:**

Check in with the Assistant Chief Clerk on the Senate Floor when coming on duty. During the daily floor session, you will have the opportunity to meet some of our Senators. Duties for honorary pages vary from such tasks as using a copy machine to filing and running errands. If you become separated from the group or unable to complete a task, report back to the Senate floor immediately.

- **Decorum:**

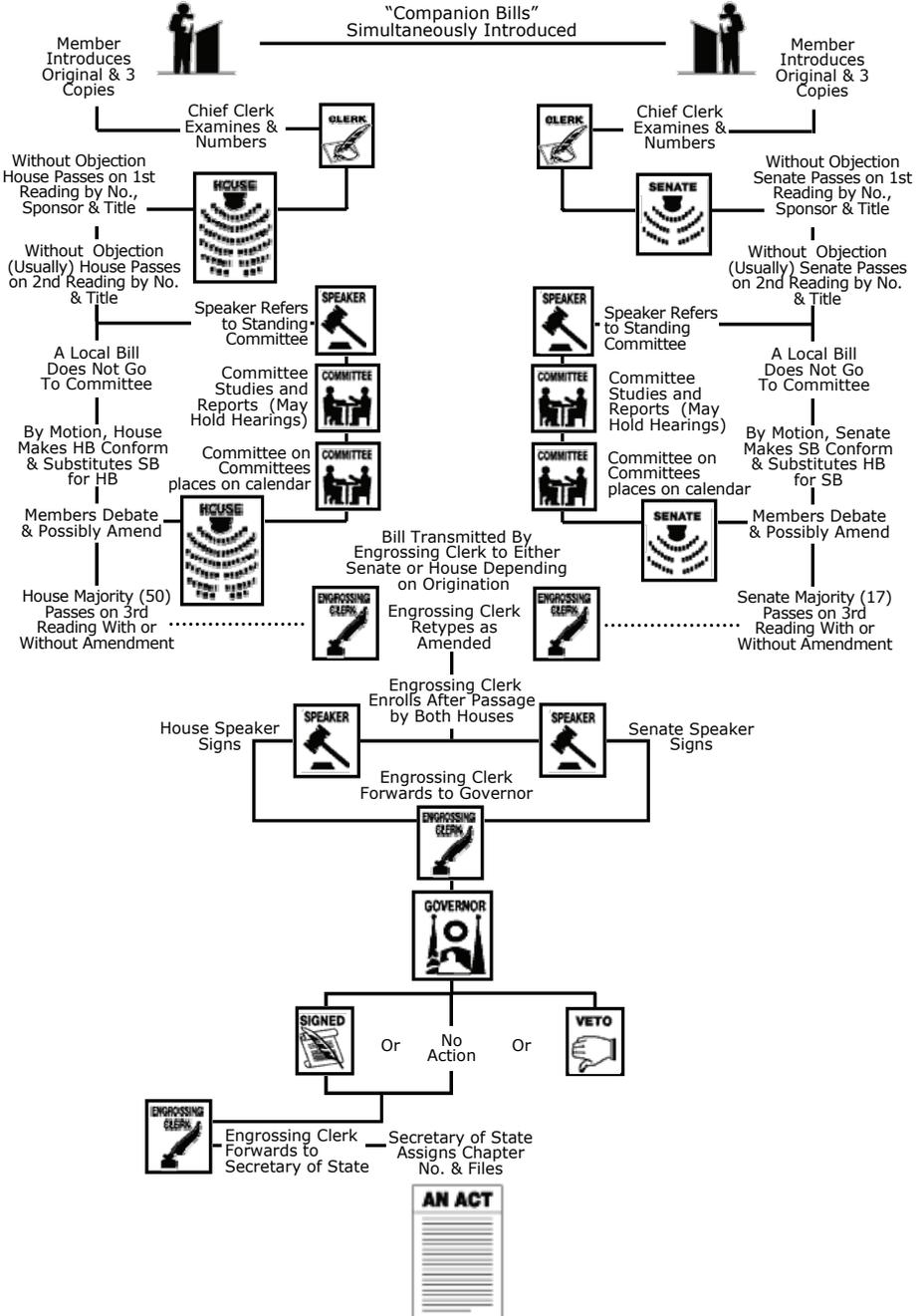
We look to parliamentary custom and basic courtesy to define the conduct of pages while on duty. The Speaker of the Senate is responsible for the decorum of all personnel in the Senate Chamber. Supervision of the honorary pages is the responsibility of the Assistant Chief Clerk. Honorary pages will primarily serve the legislative needs of the Senators while in session, but they may also assist the committee staff and Senator’s personal staff.

For further information, contact the Assistant Chief Clerk of the
Tennessee Senate at (615) 741-7913.

How a Bill Becomes a Law in the General Assembly

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE



Speakers of the Senate

SESSION	SPEAKER	SESSION	SPEAKER
1796-1797	James Winchester	1881-1883	George H. Morgan
1797-1798	James White	1883-1885	Benjamin F. Alexander
1798-1799	William Blount	1885-1887	C. R. Barry
1799-1801	Alexander Outlaw	1887-1889	Z. W. Ewing
1801-1805	James White	1889-1891	Benjamin J. Lea
1805-1811	Joseph McMinn	1891-1895	William C. Dismukes
1811-1813	Thomas Henderson	1895-1897	Ernest Pillow
1813-1815	Robert C. Foster	1897-1899	John Thompson
1815-1819	Edward Ward	1899-1901	Seid Waddell
1819-1821	Robert Weakley	1901-1903	Newton H. White
1821-1823	Sterling Brewer	1903-1905	E. T. Seay
1823-1825	Robert Weakley	1905	John L. Cox
1825-1827	Robert C. Foster	1905-1907	Ernest Rice
1827-1829	William Hall	1907-1909	E. G. Tollett
1829-1831	Joel Walker	1909-1911	William Kinney
1831-1833	Burchet Douglas	1911-1913	Nathaniel Baxter, Jr.
1833-1835	David Burford	1913-1915	Newton H. White
1835-1837	Jonathan Webster	1915	Hu C. Anderson
1837-1839	Terry H. Cahal	1915-1917	Albert E. Hill
1839	Thomas Love	1917-1919	W. R. Crabtree
1839-1841	L. H. Coe	1919-1921	Andrew L. Todd
1841-1843	Samuel Turney	1921-1923	W. W. Bond
1843-1845	Josiah M. Anderson	1923-1925	Eugene J. Bryan
1845-1847	Harvey M. Watterson	1925-1927	L. D. Hill
1847-1849	Josiah M. Anderson	1927	Henry H. Horton
1849-1851	John F. Henry	1929-1931	Sam R. Bratton
1851-1853	M. R. Hill	1931	Scott Fitzhugh
1853-1855	Edwin Polk	1931-1933	A. B. Broadbent
1855-1857	Edward S. Cheatham	1933-1935	A. F. Officer
1857-1859	John C. Burch	1935-1936	William P. Moss
1859-1861	Tazewell W. Newman	1936-1939	Bryan Pope
1861	B. L. Stovall	1939-1943	Blan R. Maxwell
1861-1862	Edward S. Cheatham	1943-1945	J.H. Ballew
1865	Samuel R. Rodgers	1945-1947	Larry Morgan
1865-1867	Joshua B. Frierson	1947-1949	George Oliver Benton
1867-1869	DeWitt W. C. Senter	1949-1953	Walter M. Haynes
1869	P. P. C. Nelson	1953-1959	Jared Maddux
1869-1871	Dorsey B. Thomas	1959-1962	William D. Baird
1871-1873	John C. Vaughn	1963-1965	James L. Bomar
1873-1875	A. T. Lacey	1965-1967	Jared Maddux
1875-1877	Thomas H. Paine	1967-1971	Frank Gorrell
1877-1879	Hugh M. McAdoo	1971-2007	John S. Wilder
1879-1881	John R. Neal	2007-present	Ron Ramsey



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