

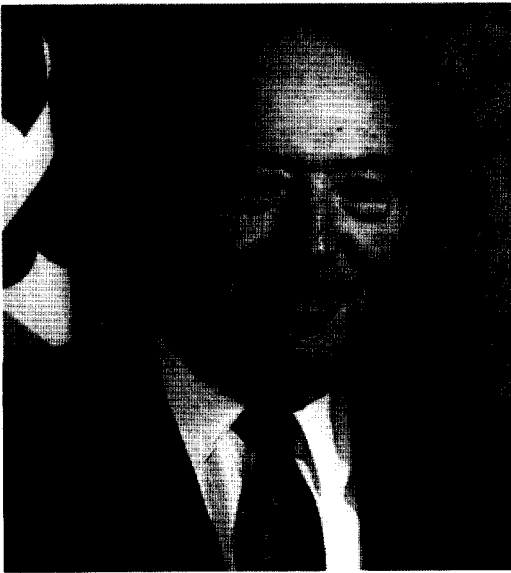
Delegates while still a law student. In 1962, he was elected to the State Senate where he served on the Judicial Proceedings Committee. During this time, he became an early advocate of open housing laws for Maryland, even though his home was picketed by angry demonstrators. In 1967, Mr. Curran was chosen as chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee and held that position for sixteen years.

During Mr. Curran's service in the General Assembly, he sponsored or was the leading spokesman for many significant bills, including those creating the Court of Special Appeals and the District Court system. He consistently supported bills to improve the courts and the corrections system, toughen drunk-driving laws, guarantee equal rights, and require handgun permits. He also sponsored legislation to modernize Maryland's divorce and alimony laws, reform adoption and guardianship laws, and protect victims of domestic violence. The Maryland Higher Education Loan Program, which

Mr. Curran first sponsored as a member of the House, was passed under his leadership while he was a member of the State Senate.

As Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Curran served as legislative liaison for Governor Hughes' Administration bills and was appointed to chair task forces on drunk driving, the insanity defense, victims' services, and liability insurance. Mr. Curran also chaired the committee to study budget flexibility for higher education, the Maryland Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and the State Trade Policy Council. He also served on the Joint Executive-Legislative Task Force on Medical Malpractice Insurance.

Mr. Curran is married to the former Barbara Marie Atkins. They are the parents of five children, Mary Carole, Alice, Catherine, J. Joseph III (Max), and William (deceased). The Currans reside in the Homeland section of Baltimore City.



TYRAS S. ATHEY
Secretary of State
Democrat

The Governor appointed Tyras S. Athey to be Secretary of State in 1993.

Mr. Athey was born in Burtonsville, Maryland, on March 30, 1927. He attended Montgomery County public schools, and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1947.

Mr. Athey served as a member of the House of Delegates from 1967 to 1993. He chaired the House

Ways and Means Committee, 1979-93, and served as House chair of the Special Joint Committee on Income Tax Reform. Earlier he had chaired the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation and the Anne Arundel County Delegation. He was a member of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee; the Legislative Policy Committee (management subcommittee); the Spending Affordability Committee; and the Special Joint Committee on Energy Pricing. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference (past chair); the Joint Budget and Audit Committee, 1979-90; and the Special Joint Committee on Patuxent Institution, 1988-89.

As a legislator, Mr. Athey served on numerous special commissions. Among these were the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, 1976-80; the Maryland Committee on Federal Income Tax Conformity, 1982-83; the Governor's Task Force to Study Flexibility for Higher Education, 1983-84; the Governor's Task Force on State Support for Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Companies, 1983-85; the Fiscal Review Committee, 1984-86; the Executive/Legislative Committee to Study the Feasibility of a Biennial Budget, 1985; the State Trade Policy Council, 1985-89; the Task Force on School Construction Finance, 1987; and the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission, 1991-93. He was the Maryland representative to the Council of State Governments (past chair, fiscal affairs and governmental operations committee). He also co-chaired the Task Force on Property Tax Reform.

Secretary Athey is a member of the Elks and the Moose. He is married to the former Dorothy N. O'Leary and is the father of Darlene, Brian, and Cathleen.