

1987-1988 INTERIM SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON INCOME TAX REFORM (1987, 1988)

Senate Chairperson: Laurence Levitan
House Chairperson: Tyras S. Athey

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SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON MED-EVAC PROGRAM (1987, 1988)

Senate Chairperson: Francis X. Kelly
House Chairperson: John C. Astle

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JUVENILE SERVICES INITIATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (1987, 1988)

Co-Chairperson: Raymond E. Beck
Co-Chairperson: William S. Horne

Staff: Douglas R. Nestor; Beverly Swaim-Staley; John S. Donaldson

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SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MEDICAID) (1988)

Co-Chairperson: Catherine I. Riley
Co-Chairperson: Charles J. Ryan

Staff: E. Phillip Sayre; Linda Stahr

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SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS (1987, 1988)

Senate Chairperson: William H. Amoss
House Chairperson: Richard N. Dixon

Staff: John Rixey

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JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE DATA SYSTEMS (1988)

Senate Chairperson: John A. Cade
House Chairperson: William J. Burgess
Staff: John W. Rohrer

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SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE STATES CAPITAL PROGRAM (1987, 1988)

Co-Chairperson: Charles H. Smelser
Co-Chairperson: Timothy F. Maloney

Staff: Robbin S. Marks

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