SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES

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The Legislative Policy Committee periodically establishes special joint committees for particular purposes. These special committees function during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly. Each is reviewed annually at the end of the legislative session by the Legislative Policy Committee, which decides whether the committee should continue its work or cease to function. Staff for the committees is provided by the Department of Fiscal Services and the Department of Legislative Reference. A committee membership roster is published each summer and is available on request.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

James C. Simpson, Senate Chairperson Charles J. Ryan, House Co-Chairperson Casper R. Taylor, Jr., House Co-Chairperson

Appointed by Senate President: Mary H. Boergers; John A. Cade; John J. Hafer; Frederick C. Malkus, Jr.; John A. Pica, Jr.; Ida G. Ruben; Albert R. Wynn.

Appointed by House Speaker: not yet appointed

Staff: Elizabeth Sammis 841-3875

In July 1988, the Special House Committee on Economic Development Strategy was created by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to help foster a healthy business climate and to formulate long-term policies and strategies that promote economic development and business growth in Maryland. In 1989, by agreement of the House Speaker and Senate President, the Committee became a special joint committee. Policies and strategies devised by the Committee guide legislative decision-making on economic initiatives.

The Committee is comprised of sixteen members appointed by the Speaker from the six standing committees of the House of Delegates, with extra representation from the Appropriations Committee and Economic Matters Committee, and eight Senators appointed by the Senate President.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY PRICING Thomas P. O'Reilly, Senate Chairperson Gary R. Alexander, House Chairperson

Appointed by Senate President: F. Vernon Boozer; Thomas L. Bromwell; George W. Della, Jr.; John W. Derr; Leo E. Green; John J. Hafer; Patricia R. Sher; James C. Simpson; Michael J. Wagner; Larry Young.

Appointed by House Speaker: John S. Arnick; John C. Astle; Tyras S. Athey; Gene W. Counihan; Richard

N. Dixon; Samuel Q. Johnson III; Ethel A. Murray; Charles J. Ryan; Casper R. Taylor, Jr.; Virginia M. Thomas; John F. Wood, Jr.

Staff: Isabelle Firth; Steven Larsen

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The Special Joint Committee on Energy Pricing was formed in 1990.

SPECIAL JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HORSE RACING

Vacancy, Senate Chairperson Vacancy, House Chairperson

Staff: Stephen M. Ports

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A subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, the Special Joint Subcommittee on Horse Racing was created in 1988.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON INCOME TAX REFORM

Laurence Levitan, Senate Chairperson
Tyras S. Athey, House Chairperson
Staff: Douglas Mann
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In 1988, the Special Joint Committee on Income Tax Reform was established.

JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE DATA SYSTEMS

John A. Cade, Senate Chairperson Vacancy, House Chairperson

Appointed by Senate President: Laurence Levitan; Patricia R. Sher; Charles H. Smelser.

Appointed by House Speaker: not yet appointed

Staff: John W. Rohrer

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The Joint Advisory Committee on Legislative Data Systems was created in 1988.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS
William H. Amoss, Senate Chairperson
Richard N. Dixon, House Chairperson

Appointed by Senate President: John W. Derr; Habern W. Freeman; John J. Hafer; Nathan C. Irby, Jr.; Julian L. Lapides; Decatur W. Trotter; Michael J. Wagner.

Appointed by House Speaker: not yet appointed

Staff: John Rixey

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The Special Joint Committee on Pensions has functioned since 1987.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE STATE'S CAPITAL PROGRAM

Charles H. Smelser, Co-Chairperson Timothy F. Maloney, Co-Chairperson Staff: Robbin S. Marks 841-3710