

ernment budget to be considered at the next General Assembly session. Committee recommendations cover levels of State spending, new debt authorization, and State personnel, as well as how any anticipated surplus may be used.

The Committee consists of the Senate President and House Speaker; chairpersons of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and House Appropriations Committee; the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House or their designees; and an equal number of other senators and delegates as designated by the President and Speaker (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-1001 through 2-1010).

**SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON
VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION
PROGRAM**

Norman R. Stone, Jr., *Senate Chairperson*
Anthony M. DiPietro, Jr., *House Chairperson*

Staff: J. Patrick Ford (410) 841-3870

The Special Joint Committee on the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program was created in 1979 when the Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) was established within the Motor Vehicle Administration (Chapter 421, Acts of 1979). The Committee, however, was not active until it was reconstituted in 1988 when the Program was continued (Chapter 108, Acts of 1988).

The Committee consults regularly with the Secretary of the Environment and the Secretary of Transportation on the administration of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program. The Committee also advises them on any contract made by the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Secretary of the Environment for administering the Program.

The Committee is composed of three senators appointed by the Senate President and three delegates appointed by the House Speaker (Code Transportation Article, sec. 23-203(c)).

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION
BENEFIT & INSURANCE
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Thomas L. Bromwell, *Senate Chairperson*
Elijah E. Cummings, *House Chairperson*

Staff: Stephen M. Ports (410) 841-3710

MANDATED REPORTS

*Annual Report to Governor & Legislative Policy
Committee due Dec. 31.*

The Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee was created in 1987 (Chapter 590, Acts of 1987). The Committee evaluates and examines the structure for workers' compensation and benefits in Maryland. The Committee also monitors the effects on that structure of the changes enacted by Chapters 590 and 591, Acts of 1987. To enable the Committee to carry out its function, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and the Workers' Compensation Commission submit an annual report to the Committee, cooperate with, and keep the Oversight Committee fully informed as to the condition of workers' compensation benefits and insurance in Maryland.

Members of the Committee are appointed by the Senate President and House Speaker, who also designate the chairperson. The members include two senators; two delegates; one representative each from the business community, labor organizations, and the building and construction labor organizations; two public members; and one member each from the insurance industry and a workers' compensation rating organization.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Michael J. Collins, *Senate Chairperson*
Richard A. Palumbo, *House Chairperson*

Staff: John R. Stierhoff (410) 841-3700

The Investigation Committee inquires into abuses in expenditures of public monies, when referred by resolution of either house of the General Assembly.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

John W. Derr, *Senate Chairperson*
Clarence Davis, *House Chairperson*

Staff: Edith R. Lehman

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The Protocol Committee organizes, plans, and schedules social activities of the General Assembly.

**ORGANIZATION & PROCEDURE
COMMITTEE**

The Organization and Procedure Committee meets as required. Membership consists of the members of the Senate Rules Committee and an equal number of members from the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee (Senate Rule 18(a)(2)(iii)).