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Elected to Assembly 1998 to 2002 (resigned eff. 5/9/03); elected to Senate in April 2003 special election; reelected 2004. Minority Caucus Secretary 1999. Biennial Senate committee assignments: 2007 — Economic Development, Job Creation, Family Prosperity and Housing (chp.); Agriculture and Higher Education (vice chp.); Campaign Finance Reform, Rural Issues and Information Technology; It. Legislative Audit (also 2005); Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Bd. (also 2003, 2001). 2005 — Housing and Financial Institutions; Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs (ranking min. mbr.). 2003 — Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance; It. Com. for Review of Administrative Rules. Assembly committee assignments: 2003 — Agriculture (since 1999); Budget Review (ranking min. mbr.); Economic Development (ranking minority mbr., 2001); Financial Institutions; Rural Affairs. 2001 — Colleges and Universities (also 1999); Labor and Workforce Development. 1999 — Small Business and Economic Development; Transportation; World Dairy Center Authority.

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