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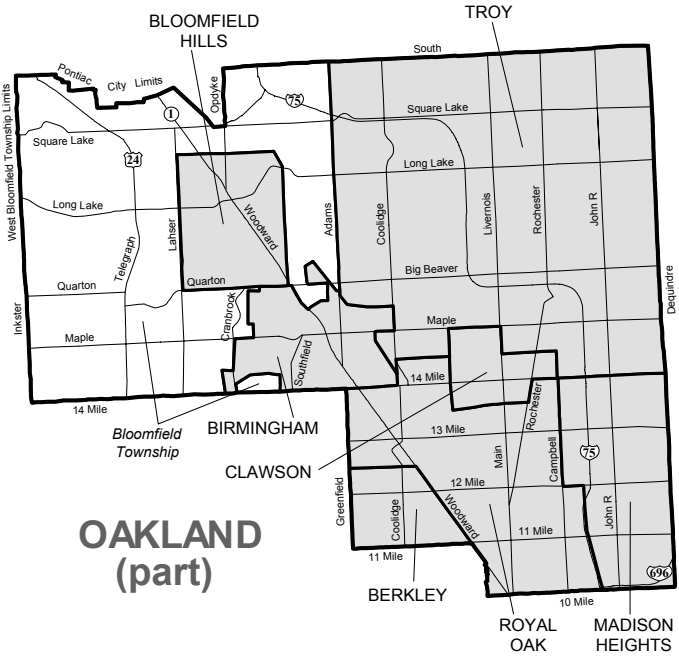
Committees: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security (Vice Chair); Appropriations (Subcommittees: General Government (Chair); Transportation (Chair); State Police and Military Affairs (Vice Chair); K-12, School Aid, Education); Finance; Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (Chair)

Biography: Republican, of Troy; born July 19, 1931, and raised on the east side of Detroit; B.S., U.S. Military Academy, West Point, 1954; M.A., government and politics, University of Maryland, 1971; U.S. Army War College, 1973; married to Cristina Burnard; son and daughter, George and Christina, and stepdaughter, Melissa Saffold; four grandchildren; member, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church; Colonel, U.S. Army Infantry, 30 years' active duty with two combat tours of duty in Vietnam and the last four years of his military career with the U.S. Secretary of State's Policy Planning Council; airborne, ranger, and pathfinder qualified; recipient, Distinguished Service Medal, Superior Service Medal, four Legions of Merit, Bronze Star, nine Air Medals, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; former director of business and strategic planning, General Dynamics Land Systems; Oakland County commissioner, 1989-1992; first vice chair, Republican Party of Michigan, 1995; elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, 1998, 2000, 2002; elected to the State Senate, 2006, 2010.