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Committees: Education (Chair); Judiciary (Chair); Energy Policy and Public Utilities; Government Operations; Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; Reforms and Restructuring

Biography: Republican of Holland; born August 5, 1961; married to Jodi DeGraaf; children, Corey, Jenna, and Makenzie; B.A. in special education, Calvin College; master's degree in management, Aquinas College; graduate of Michigan Political Leadership Program and Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development; former project manager, general manager, vice president of Hollandia Gardens; recipient of the Independent Colleges and Universities' Distinguished Service Award, Michigan Manufacturers Association's Advocate of the Year Award (twice), the Michigan Business and Professional Association's Legislator of the Year Award, the Michigan Parent, Teacher and Student Association's Legislator of the Year, Michigan Community College Association Legislator of the Year, Michigan Agri-Business Association Outstanding Legislator of the Year, Michigan School Counselor Association Legislator of the Year, the Small Business Association of Michigan's Champion of Small Business, the Michigan School Business Official's Friend of Education Award, Michigan Volunteer Champion Award; active member of the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce, Holland Area Right to Life, Homebuilders Association of Holland, Holland Rotary, Ottawa County Farm Bureau; elected to the House of Representatives in 1998, 2000; elected to the State Senate in 2002, 2006.

