

**SENATOR HOUCK TO HOST "DOG LEGISLATION" PANEL**

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SPOTSYLVANIA- Senator R. Edward "Edd" Houck announced plans to host a panel discussion and public hearing to analyze state law proposals in reaction to the tragic dog mauling death of Dorothy Sullivan.

On August 9, 2005 from 2-4pm at the Fredericksburg campus of Germanna Community College (Center for Workforce and Community Education, Room 134), Senator Houck will be joined by law enforcement officials, local government members, and representatives of dog organizations to discuss these proposals. The public is encouraged to attend and participate after the panel by voicing their opinions to Senator Houck.

"It is my sincere hope that a consensus on the issues can begin to develop and that grievances can be settled. It is important that we reach that goal now so the 'Dorothy Sullivan Memorial Bill' will have the best chance of passage," Houck commented.

Senator Houck is currently in his 22<sup>nd</sup> year in the State Senate representing the 17<sup>th</sup> District. The District is comprised of parts of Spotsylvania County and the City of Fredericksburg as well as Culpeper, Louisa, Madison and Orange counties.