

Senator Houck Reports From Richmond

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It is my honor and privilege to represent the 17th District as your State Senator in the Virginia General Assembly. To serve you effectively while in Richmond, updates on important issues and events affecting Central Virginia residents as they happen will be shared each week.

This year's session is personally significant as it will be my 25th year of service, now as the third ranking member in the Senate, and my first year as Chairman of the Senate Education and Health Committee. As Chairman, I will play a key role with legislation concerning education, mental health, public health, and individuals with disabilities.

The General Assembly Session officially begins January 9th, and will last for sixty days. After a two year absence, we will return to the beautifully restored State Capitol. I plan to file several bills and budget amendments designed to help our public schools, repeal the abusive driver fees, and provide assistance to those Virginians who are most in need. A report on these items will be shared in the upcoming weeks after the session's deadline for introduction of bills and budget amendments.

While in Richmond, there are several ways in which you can contact me to express your viewpoints. If you would like to register your opinion on legislation, feel free to dial the legislature's toll-free number at 1-800-889-0229. My office can also be reached via telephone at (804) 698-7517, via e-mail at district17@sov.state.va.us and via regular mail at P.O. Box 396, Richmond, VA 23218. My legislative assistants, Andrew Wright and Marvin Boots, will be glad to help you at any time.

During my 25 years in the State Senate, I have always prided myself on maintaining an open line of communication with my constituents. Please do not hesitate to contact me.