

Rep. Bob Bryant D-162

Biography

Representative Bob Bryant is currently serving the needs of his constituents' in House District 162, which includes parts of Chatham County. He was elected into the House of Representatives in 2004. Bryant has spent a great deal of time in the area having attended Savannah Technical College and South College which is also located in Savannah. Representative Bryant also attended Columbia College, from which he earned a B.A. in Business Administration.

His professional life has included a variety of services in different areas. He worked for the City of Savannah as a Facility Maintenance Supervisor from 1991 until his retirement in 2001. Just prior to that, the City of Savannah employed him as the Sanitation Superintendent for 3 years. Bryant also spent time with the Allen and Perry Law Firm as their Office Manager. The legislator served as the Operations Manager/General Manager for WEAS FM Radio Station from 1982-1987. Prior to retiring in July 1982, Representative Bryant was a U.S. Army Recruiter for 10 years, served 2 years in South Vietnam and retired in 1982 after serving for 20 years.

His civic duties include many years of membership on the Garden City Council Honorary Councilman and 2 terms as Mayor Pro-Tem. He has served as President of the Savannah Area Broadcaster's Association as well as the Garden City, Georgia City Community Association. Some other organizations that he is involved in are as follows: Chairman of the Crime Prevention Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Advisory Committee of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Chatham County, Savannah Domestic Violence Task Force, Leadership Savannah Program and the Chatham County Crime Commission.

Rep. Bryant currently serves on the Appropriations, Economic Development & Tourism, Industry and Labor, Transportation, and Ways & Means committees. The main focus of the Appropriations committee is the writing of the state's amended and general fiscal year budgets for Georgia's state agencies and departments. The committee also hears legislation that has considerable impact on the state revenue or expenditures. Rep. Bryant serves on the Appropriations Sub-committee of General Government. The Economic Development and Tourism committee is responsible for economic development, business, trade, and any proposed measures that will affect the presence of tourism throughout the state. Industry and Labor deals with the issues surrounding labor and management relations. It also has jurisdiction on matters dealing with Worker's Compensation and Georgia's Worker's Compensation Board. The Industry and Labor Sub-committees that Rep. Bryant serves on are Workers Comp and Unemployment, and Labor and Management Relations. The Transportation committee handles legislation dealing with Georgia's Department of Transportation and their operations. This committee also deals with legislation regarding

Georgia's roads and infrastructure. Rep. Bryant serves as Chairman of the Transportation Sub-committee on Ports and Local Government, and is a member of Highway Regulations, and Resolutions Sub-committees.

The Committee on Ways and Means is chief tax-writing committee in the House of Representatives. The Committee derives a large share of its jurisdiction from the state Constitution which declares, "All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives." Rep. Bryant serves as Secretary of the Ways and Means Sub-committee on Ad Valorem Tax, and is a member of Public Finance and Policy, and Income Tax Sub-committees. The Transportation committee handles legislation dealing with Georgia's Department of Transportation and their operations. This committee also deals with legislation regarding Georgia's roads and infrastructure. Rep. Bryant serves as Chairman of the Transportation Sub-committee on Ports and Local Government, and is a member of Highway Regulations, and Resolutions Sub-committees.