

**THE STATE SENATORS AND DELEGATES
THEIR RECORDS AND DISTRICTS
2008 LEGISLATION AND ELECTIONS**

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Southwestern Virginia

Example of Representatives of Pulaski, Virginia

AS OF: 2008

Virginia Governor: Statewide

Virginia Lieutenant Governor: Statewide

Virginia Attorney General: Statewide

United States Senators: Statewide

United States Virginia Congressional District: 09

Virginia State Senator District: 038

Virginia State Congressional District: 006

STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS



**GOVERNOR
Timothy Kaine (D)**

Governor Kaine's ambitious legislative agenda become subordinate to the continuing battles over funding for transportation. Even the July Special Session failed to reach an agreement on how to fund current or future transportation needs. Proposals included imposing tolls, increasing state sales tax on automobiles, or increased taxes on gasoline.

The stalled transportation funding situation casts a pall over the future development of northern Virginia. The issue is no longer one merely of funding for maintenance, future needs, and regional coordination of transportation projects. Now the issue for businesses and many residents is quality of life. Residents question the future desirability of a suburban lifestyle with gasoline prices rising and the members of the Virginia State House bickering over long overdue funding.

It would be easy to blame the legislature for not working out a compromise funding solution on transportation. The governor could equally be held accountable for not brokering a compromise solution. However, the budget impasse is symptomatic of a deeper issue. While Virginia is a well run state that attracts new businesses it is hampered by its devotion to tradition, especially "pay as you go" on fiscal matters. The transportation issue crystallizes the underlying tension of an outdated economic policy more suitable for an agricultural economy than one with the service demands of a growing urban population based on increasing employment in the information technology industry. Political maneuvering will continue, but as a one term government Tim Kaine can only do so much. When the General Assembly finally addresses the issue of the crumbling infrastructure, most bridges are over 40 years old, it should take a long term perspective. Transportation is not going to go away as an issue. There will continue to be special sessions with debates over raising taxes until there is dedicated funding for the transportation needs of Hampton Roads, northern Virginia, and the regional Metro system. The government will always play a role, but the members of the General Assembly must strike compromises to overcome their rural/urban differences.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
William "Bill" Bolling (R)

William "Bill" Bolling of Hanover County beat Leslie Byrne of Northern Virginia in a close race in 2005. Bolling, a business man was first elected to the senate in 1995 in an expensive race that defeated incumbent Elmo Cross, a Democrat. From 1992-1995 he served as chairman of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors

Bolling announced on March 14, 2008 that he would run for re-election as lieutenant Government. This announcement was coordinated with Attorney General Bob McDonnell's statement that he would seek the office of governor in 2009.



ATTORNEY GENERAL
Robert F. McDonnell (R)

Robert F. McDonnell gave up his seat in the 84th House District to run for Attorney General. He served in the House of Delegates for 14 years beginning in 1991. Previously he had been a prosecutor in the Commonwealth Attorney's office in Virginia Beach. A retired army Lt. Colonel he has served on active and reserve duty for twenty-one years.

As Attorney General his office reviewed the controversial 2007 transportation package that included the unpopular "abusive driver fees" which applied only to Virginia drivers and established a regional transportation authority in northern Virginia. McDonnell's office declared the legislation to be constitutional. Subsequently, a lower court ruled that the transportation authority part of the bill was unconstitutional. In the Virginia Supreme Court the law was ruled unconstitutional because the General Assembly had delegated the power to tax to nonelected members of a regional authority.

In March 2007 McDonnell indicated that he would run for governor in 2009. Although he has not made an official announcement he has already been endorsed by numerous party members. At this point he is the only Republican candidate for governor.

CONGRESSIONAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

U.S. Senator **John W. Warner (R)** 225 Russell Bldg, Washington, D.C. 20510-4601; 202-224-2023; FAX 202-224-6295; senator@warner.senate.gov; Richmond 804-739-0247; Norfolk 757-441-3079; Abingdon 276-628-8158; Roanoke 540-857-2676, 2677.

U.S. Senator **James Webb (D)** 144 Russell Senate Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20520-4603; 202-224-4024; FAX 202-228-6363; <http://webb.senate.gov/contact/>; Arlington 703-807-0581, Virginia Beach 757-518-1674, Roanoke 540-772-4236, Norton 276-679-4925, Richmond 804-771-2221.

9th Congressional District, **Frederick C. "Rick" Boucher (D)** 2187 Rayburn Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515; 202-225-3861; FAX 202-225-0442; ninthnet@mail.house.gov; Abingdon 276-628-1145; Big Stone Gap 276-523-5450; Pulaski 540-980-4310.



Senator Phillip P. Puckett (D)

Virginia State Senate
Member Since 1998
State Senate District 38
Bland County (All); Buchanan County (All); Dickenson County (All); Pulaski County (Part); Russell County (All); Smyth County (Part); Tazewell County (All); Wise County (Part); Wythe County (Part)

Personal Information

Born: Lebanon, VA, August 10, 1947

Religion: Baptist

Education:

University of Tennessee (B.S.)
Virginia Technical University (M.S.)

Occupation/Profession:

Loan Officer, First Bank and Trust Company, 2003-present
Insurance Agent, Lebanon Insurance Agency, Incorporated, 1974-2002
Teacher/Principal, Russell G. School System, 1969-1974
Vice President, Business Development, First Bank & Trust Company

Elected State Office:

Senator, Virginia State Senate, District 38, 1998-present

Membership and Affiliation:

****NOT LISTED****

Committee Assignments:

Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
Local Government
Privileges and Elections
Transportation

Sponsored Legislation (Bills in bold print passed):

- **SB 398 Security of Public Deposits Act; eligible collateral & amends definition of public depository.**
- **SB 399 Investment of Public Funds Act; authorized through Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service.**
- SB 400 Deputy sheriffs; certain retired under disability retirement.
- SB 401 Income tax exemption for launch services and payload.
- SB 402 Law Officers' Retirement System; supplemental allowance paid until Social Security retirement age.
- **SB 403 Pharmacy benefits; claims and payments submitted electronically.**

- SB 404 Substance abuse screening; person become ineligible for public assistance if using illegal drugs.
- **SB 405 Controlled substances; nonresident pharmacies reporting and approval requirements.**
- SB 406 Prescription drug benefits; penalty for conviction of certain drug-related crimes.
- SB 407 Tractor-trailer combinations; local ordinances prohibiting use of certain highways.
- SB 408 Literary Fund; distributions.
- SB 409 Conservator of the peace, special; disqualification for appointment.
- SB 410 State Police dogs; provision of care.
- SB 411 Motor fuels tax; funding for transportation-related alternatives.
- SB 412 Fire Programs Fund; increases rate of assessment.
- **SB 413 Mining operations; permit fees to be submitted from applicants that discharge waters.**
- SB 414 Nonemergency medical transportation; creates new DMV permit for providers.
- **SB 415 Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act; officers of Buchanan County may serve as directors.**
- SB 416 Insurance agent license examinations; demographic data.
- SB 417 Sickness and Disability Program; open-enrollment period.
- SB 418 Real Estate Board; waiver of broker education requirements.
- SB 419 Cable television services; provision by localities in certain planning districts.
- SB 420 Telephone utilities; cable service for those locally operated .
- SB 421 Bland County; State to convey an easement across certain property therein along Route 665.
- **SB 422 License plates, special; issuance to supporters of Appalachian Trail.**
- **SB 423 DEQ; authority to issue and enforce permits, etc. related to air and water pollution.**
- **SB 586 Gas and Oil Act; notification of interested parties.**
- SB 587 Local Government Manager Retention Program; retirement benefits for chief local executive employee.
- **SB 588 Payday Loan Act; requires SCC to contract with one or more parties to develop, etc. database.**
- SB 677 Criminal jurors; disqualifications.
- SB 678 Drug Treatment Court Act; authorized drug treatment court for Tazewell County.
- **SB 740 Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; established.**
- **SB 797 Mortgage lenders or servicers; notice and additional time before foreclosure on high-risk loans.**

Campaign Expenditures

2007 ELECTION	CANDIDATE	SPENT	VOTE	VOTE%	STATISTICS
Member Senate of Virginia (038)	Phillip P. Puckett	\$251,701	28,869	99.34%	Precincts Reporting: 103 of 103 (100%) Voter Turnout: 29,060 of 110,206 total voters (26.36%)
	Write In		191	0.65%	

Campaign Contributions to Phillip P. Puckett

Occupational Donors	Amount		
Coal Mining/Processing	\$46,100	Homebuilders	\$4,800
Hospitals/Health Systems	\$13,800	Oil Companies/Refineries	\$4,375
Banks	\$12,975	Chemicals/Plastics	\$4,285
Attorneys/Law Firms	\$11,550	Lending Companies/Consumer Credit	\$4,000
Auto Dealers	\$11,296	Paper/Packaging	\$4,000
Electric Utilities	\$10,625	Highway Contractors	\$3,750
Natural Gas	\$9,250	Private Highway Companies	\$3,750
Tobacco Companies/Farmers	\$9,000	Railroads	\$3,500
Beverages - Alcohol Distributors/Brokers	\$7,500	Lobbyists	\$3,250
Telecommunications - Telephone Carrier	\$5,500	Dentists	\$3,000
General Contractors	\$5,400	Outdoor Advertising/Billboards	\$3,000
Insurance Agents	\$4,950	Pharmacists	\$3,000



Delegate Anne B. Crockett-Stark (R)

Virginia House of Delegates 2008

Preferred Name: Annie B.

Member Since 2006

Virginia House District 6

Counties of Bland, Giles (part), Pulaski (part), Tazewell (part), and Wythe (part)

Personal Information

Born: Wytheville, VA, December 12, 1942

Religion: Lutheran

Education:

Radford University (B.S.)

Radford University (M.S.)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Elected State Office: Wytheville Town Council (1978-82)

V.M.L. State Board (chairman of Town Section, 1980-82)

Wythe County Board of Supervisors (1999-2005; chairman, 2003)

VACO State Board of Directors (chairman, 2003-05)

Occupation/Profession:

Educator (retired), Guidance counselor (retired)

Membership & Affiliation:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Lay Minister)

Alpha Delta Kappa (former chairman)

Wythe County Historical Society

Wythe County Genealogical Society

Wythe County Jamestown 2007 Commission (co-chair)

Wilderness Road DAR

Chautauqua Festival (co-founder)

Wythe/Bland Chamber of Commerce

Quota Club International Now Links (former chair)

Wall of Honor Committee

Order of Eastern Star

Committee Assignments:

Health Welfare and Institutions

Counties Cities and Towns

Science and Technology

Sponsored Legislation (Bills in bold print passed):

- HB 514 Fossil fuel combustion products permit; requirements for applicant.
- HB 561 Educational facility staff; training of administration of drugs.
- HB 562 Criminal Justice Services Board; increases membership of Committee on Training.
- HB 563 Criminal Justice Services Board; increases membership.
- HB 564 Fire Prevention Code; fees for inspection, exceptions.
- HB 565 State song; designates 'Carry Me Back to Old Virginia,' by James A. Bland to be adopted.
- HB 566 Literary Fund; distributions.
- **HB 567 Sexual offenses; those convicted prohibited entry onto school property.**
- HB 568 Tractor-trailer combinations; local ordinances prohibiting use of certain highways.
- HB 569 Registered nurse, professional; local school boards to employ.
- HB 570 Nurses, licensed; local school boards to employ.
- HB 571 Highway systems; revenue-sharing funds for certain counties.
- **HB 1449 Higher educational institutions; crisis and emergency management plans.**
- HB 1564 Regional Industrial Facility Authority; provides that Wythe County may withdraw therefrom.
- HB 1565 Multicounty/City Transportation District; created.
- HB 1566 Speed limits; grants counties certain powers with regard to setting.

Campaign Expenditures

2007 ELECTION	CANDIDATE	SPENT	VOTE	VOTE %	STATISTICS
Member House of Delegates (006)	Anne B. Crockett-Stark	\$81,409	9,319	55.64%	Precincts Reporting: 34 of 34 (100%) Voter Turnout: 16,748 of 44,842 total voters (37.34%)
	W. F. "Bill" Thomas, Jr.	\$91,110	7,412	44.25%	
	Write In		17	0.10%	

Campaign Contributions to Anne B. Crockett-Stark

Occupational Donors	Amount		
Republican - Leadership/Candidate Committee	\$9,274	TV - Cable	\$1,500
Attorneys/Law Firms	\$7,980	Retired	\$1,401
Coal Mining/Processing	\$6,000	Occupation Unknown	\$1,300
Republican - State/Local Committees	\$5,850	Lobbyists	\$1,250
Dentists	\$4,000	Tobacco Companies/Farmers	\$1,250
Realtors	\$3,895	Telecommunications - Telephone Carrier	\$1,100
Beverages - Alcohol Distributors/Brokers	\$3,000	Rental/Property Management	\$1,000
Hospitals/Health Systems	\$2,550	Public School Teachers/Staff	\$870
Beverages - Soft Drinks	\$2,286	Commercial Real Estate	\$750
Electric Utilities	\$2,250	Natural Gas	\$750
Physicians	\$2,081	Retail Sales - General	\$750
Banks	\$1,500	Nurses	\$700