

BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND INSURANCE

- ▶ **Chair:** Patrick Hannah, Liberty Mutual Insurance
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Kristin Givens, State Farm
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Sedrick Spencer

This committee develops policies that promote consumer protection and insure the safety and solvency of insurers. It reviews and addresses matters related to the regulation of corporations and financial institutions and examines bank policies and corporate practices that affect the financial stability and economic development of the African-American community (examples include availability of small business loans, affordable mortgage loans, and community reinvestment).

EDUCATION

- ▶ **Chair:** Terry Whitney, College Board
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Corey Dabney, United Capital Holdings Company
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Terry Whitney/LaKeitha Anderson

This committee compares state educational policies and programs that affect African-American's access to quality education. It monitors the equal distribution of resources affecting the success of the African-American student in pursuit of higher education and in the achievement of excellence (examples include admission-retention, financial aid, and athletic scholarships). This committee also reviews and develops policies concerning the recruitment and retention of African-American students, tenure-track professors at state and federally funded institutions, as well as the financial health and viability of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/ HOMELAND SECURITY

- ▶ **Chair:** Cleo Washington, AT&T
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Duple Travillion, FedEx
- ▶ **Co-Chair:**
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Cleo Washington

This committee promotes preparedness and readiness to respond to natural and manmade disasters. The committee fosters collaboration and cooperation between officials at all levels of government, public and private relief agencies, and community-based organizations to ensure individuals and affected areas can quickly recover from the financial and economic consequences of catastrophic events. This committee develops solutions to make sure that victims of natural disasters are able to return and participate in rebuilding their communities.

ENERGY, AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION, AND ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ **Chair:** Paula Hoisington, Net Communications
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Ron Buford, Alabama Power
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Alison Ford, Duke Energy
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Tice White, Wal-Mart Stores
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Paula Hoisington

This committee monitors issues related to sources of alternative energy, domestic transportation of people and goods, and the protection of the environment. It reviews issues related to the research, exploration, development, production, utilization and regulation of US alternative energy resources and renewable sources. The committee considers matters concerning air, water and surface transportation (examples include state-federal partnerships,

federal-aid to highway and mass transit programs and state authority to regulate the transportation authority).

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- ▶ **Chair:** Nate Miles, Eli Lilly and Company
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Yolanda Cash Jackson
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Sandie Benen, GlaxoSmithKline
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** LaKeitha Anderson

This committee addresses issues pertaining to health care, health education, research, health employment, and the promotion of good health care policy with a view toward the specific indications for the African-American community.

GAMING, SPORTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT

- ▶ **Chair:** Mario Bailey, Becker & Poliakoff
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Melanie Shelby, Gray, Green, Shelby and Vaughn LLC
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Melissa Bishop-Murphy

This committee reviews and addresses all matters regarding gaming, sports and entertainment that affect people of color.

HOUSING

- ▶ **Chair:** William Cheeks, ABBA Associates
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Olivia Lang

This committee develops policies and solutions to the nation's housing problem. It examines state and federal policies and regulations that address homeownership, housing and mortgage lending discrimination, low-income housing, predatory lending practices, homelessness, land use planning, neighborhood revitalization, eminent domain, and related issues.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ▶ **Chair:** Representative Charlie Brown, Centene
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Ramón Looby
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Tami Brown

This committee considers policies which encourage foreign investment, such as trade agreements, and export-import promotion. It promotes participation of African-Americans in the global economy. This committee seeks to 1) develop and strengthen relationships with nations and people of color in Africa and throughout the world by focusing on the exchange of educational culture, material business, and financial resources and 2) develop broader foreign policy perspectives that will address human rights, economic development, health and environment, peace and democracy primarily as they relate to Africa and the African Diaspora.

LABOR, MILITARY, AND VETERAN AFFAIRS

- ▶ **Chair:** Joe Debbs, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Terry Whitney

This committee reviews and addresses issues and practices related to labor, military, and veterans affairs (examples include labor/management relations, affirmative action, minimum wage and standards, right to work, pay equity, employment security, family leave and child care.

It also monitors veteran rights as they relate to disability, health care and mental health and other concerns related to servicemen and veterans.

LAW, JUSTICE, AND ETHICS

- ▶ **Chair:** Atiba Madyun, Pfizer
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Cleo Washington, AT&T
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Melissa Bishop-Murphy

This committee addresses issues related to affirmative action; criminal justice, including mandatory sentencing laws, alternatives to incarceration and ex-offender re-entry services; state and federal initiatives to eradicate illegal drug trafficking; crime victims' assistance programs; and racial profiling. The committee monitors judicial and U.S. Attorney appointments and Public Defender programs, and studies the disparate treatment of African Americans in convictions and sentencing (including death penalty) and formulates policy to effect remediation.

The committee also monitors redistricting plans and enforcement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It addresses barriers to voting such as photo identification requirements and the disenfranchisement of former offenders.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

- ▶ **Chair:** Antonio Williams, Comcast
- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Stacey Meaders, Net Communications

- ▶ **Co-Chair:** Howie Hodges, Time Warner Cable
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Yolanda Cash Jackson

This committee reviews and addresses matters related to telecommunications (including infrastructure access, taxation and rate setting), science and technology that affect minorities. It assesses rules on deregulation and its impact on African American access. The committee devises policy and programs to promote the understanding and participation of African-Americans in the telecommunications industry.

This committee also develops and promotes the integration of technology in K-12 curricula; promotes an increase in the representation of African Americans in engineering and other technical professions; and assesses the impact of technology on voting rights and civic engagement.

YOUTH

- ▶ **Chair:** Olivia Lang, CVS Caremark
- ▶ **CRT Liaison:** Olivia Lang

This committee focuses on the development of policies and programs that address issues affecting the well-being and future of African American youth. It promotes programs to help young people better understand the legislative process and directs attention to the mentoring and development of African American youth.



The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) is a membership association representing over 650 Black state legislators from 45 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. NBCSL members represent upwards of 60 million Americans of all racial backgrounds. NBCSL tracks legislation at all levels of government and actively monitors state and federal policy initiatives to provide its members with important information. Each year, NBCSL members pass policy resolutions that directly impact federal and state policy. The organization focuses on U.S. domestic policy and is committed to policies that positively affect all Americans. Learn more at www.nbcsl.org.