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2008 Virginia General Assembly

- House of Delegates
 - 2004
 - 61 Republicans, 37 Democrats, 2 Independents
 - 2007
 - 57 Republicans, 40 Democrats, 3 Independents
 - 2008
 - 53 Republicans, 45 Democrats, 2 Independents

2008 Virginia General Assembly

- 2008 House Leadership
 - Speaker - Bill Howell (R-Fredericksburg)
 - Majority Leader - Morgan Griffith (R-Salem)
 - Rep Caucus Chair - Terry Kilgore (R-Scott)
 - Minority Leader - Ward Armstrong (D-Henry County) (Replaces Frank Hall of Richmond)
 - Dem Caucus Chair - Brian Moran (D-Alexandria)

• House Transportation Committee

13 Republicans 9 Democrats

- **Chair** - Joe May (R-Loudoun)
- Chris Saxman (R-Staunton)
- Bill Carrico (R-Grayson)
- John Cosgrove (R-Chesapeake)
- Tom Gear (R-Hampton)
- Glenn Oder (R-Newport News)
- Thomas Davis Rust (R-Herndon)
- Tim Hugo (R-Fairfax)
- Ed Scott (R-Culpeper)
- Bill Fralin (R-Roanoke)
- **Bob Tata (R-Va. Beach)**
- **Jeff Frederick (R-Prince William)**
- **Manoli Loupassi (R-Richmond)**
- Dwight Jones (D-Richmond City)
- Jeion Ward (D-Hampton)
- Adam Ebbin (D-Arlington)
- Mayme BaCote (D-Newport News)
- David Marsden (D-Fairfax)
- Shannon Valentine (D-Lynchburg)
- **Bob Brink (D-Arlington)**
- **David Toscano (D-Charlottesville)**
- **Paul Nichols (D-Prince William)**

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Senate of Virginia

- 2004 - 24 Republicans, 16 Democrats
- 2007 - 23 Republicans, 17 Democrats
- 2008 - 21 Democrats, 19 Republicans
- Senate Leadership
 - President pro tempore - Charles Colgan
 - Majority Leader - Dick Saslaw (D-Fairfax Co.)
 - Majority Caucus Chair - Mary Margaret Whipple (D-Arlington)
 - Minority Leader - Tommy Norment

Senate Transportation Committee

8 Democrats, 7 Republicans

- Chair - Yvonne Miller (D-Norfolk)
- Edd Houck (D-Spotsylvania)
- Henry Marsh (D-Richmond City)
- Philip Puckett (D-Tazewell)
- Creigh Deeds (D-Bath)
- Patsy Ticer (D-Alexandria)
- Chap Peterson (D-Fairfax)
- John C. Miller (D-Newport News)
- Steve Newman (R-Lynchburg)
- John Watkins (R-Chesterfield)
- Frank Wagner (R-Virginia Beach)
- Harry Blevins (R-Chesapeake)
- Ryan McDougale (R-Hanover)
- Ken Cuccinelli (R-Fairfax)
- Ralph Smith (R-Roanoke)

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2008 Virginia General Assembly

- **Bad Trucking Bills Defeated**
 - **Local Enforcement of Truck Weight Laws**
 - Several bills introduced to allow certain or all localities to weigh trucks and keep fines for non-highway maintenance purposes
 - **Fees on Trucks**
 - Would have imposed a new highway user fee on trucks

2008 Virginia General Assembly

- Bad Trucking Bills Defeated (cont.)
 - Local Imposition of Truck Bans
 - Would have allowed local governing bodies sole discretion to ban trucks on local roads
 - Drug Testing of Commercial Drivers
 - Require all commercial drivers to undergo drug/alcohol test following any accident
 - Require DMV to establish a new random drug testing program for commercial drivers in addition to current requirements under federal law

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2008 Virginia General Assembly

- Good Bills Passed
 - Tolls on Interstate Highways
 - Requires General Assembly approval before tolls can be imposed on I-81 under the PPTA
 - Va-NC Interstate Toll Road Compact
 - Repeals authorization for Virginia to enter into a compact with NC to impose tolls on I-95 in both states.

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2008 Virginia General Assembly

- Good Bills Passed (cont.)
 - Failing a DOT Drug Test & Unemployment Compensation Benefits
 - Disqualifies anyone discharged as result of failing a DOT-qualified drug test from receiving unemployment compensation benefits.

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2008 Virginia General Assembly

- Carry Over Bills/Studies
 - Vehicle Overweight & Overload Permits
 - Requires a study of the fees charged for these permits to determine if fees offset additional maintenance costs associated with vehicles operating under these permits.
 - Study is to develop recommendations for a new fee schedule to be presented to the 2009 General Assembly.

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2008 Virginia General Assembly

- Carry Over Bills/Studies
 - Vehicle Safety Inspections
 - Requires inspections every 24 months instead of every 12 months and increases the maximum allowable fee for all vehicles, except trucks and trailers.
 - Text Messaging While Driving
 - Need to protect continued use of current, in-cab technologies

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2008 Transportation Special Session

- Governor's Plan
 - Increase Motor vehicle sales (titling) tax - from 3% to 4%
 - Increase vehicle registration fee by \$10 for all vehicles
 - Increase Regional sales tax in Hampton Roads and NoVa from 5% to 6%
 - Increase the statewide grantor's tax, paid by the seller of property, from 10¢ to 35¢ per \$100.

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2008 Transportation Special Session

- Senate Plan - Majority Leader Dick Saslaw
 - Increase fuels tax rate by \$0.06 per gallon in increments of \$0.01 per gallon in each of the next six fiscal years
 - Increasing state sales tax by .25 percent
 - Increasing vehicle titling tax by .50%
 - Regional Taxes in Hampton Roads & NoVA

2008 Transportation Special Session

- Senate Plan - Sen. Stolle (R-Va. Beach)
 - Tolls on all interstate highways for maintenance to free up \$500 million a year to maintain state highways.
 - Redirect a portion of the future growth in tax revenues generated from ports in Hampton Roads for local transportation projects.

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2008 Transportation Special Session

- VTA Goals
 - Trucking treated fairly
 - Protect Vehicles Sales (Titling) Tax Exemption for Vehicles over 26,000 lbs.
- Saslaw's Plan Passed Senate and Sent to House of Delegates where it failed on House floor.

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2008 - 2009 Issues & Initiatives

- Weight Extension for APUs and other Idling Reduction Technologies
- Restrictions on Discretionary Idling of Diesel Engines
 - Include reasonable exemptions to accommodate operational and driver safety and health protections.
- Tax Incentives to Encourage Purchase of Idling & Emission Reduction Equipment & Technologies & Diesel Engine Retrofits

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2008 - 2009 Issues & Initiatives

- Reporting of Positive Drug and/or Alcohol Tests to DMV and Driver Disqualifications
- Local Authority to Weigh Trucks and Keep Fine Revenue
- Overweight/Overload Permit Fees
- Hazardous Materials Transportation Fee??
- Reverse Signal Operations Regulations
- New Stormwater Runoff Permit Regulations