

GOV. TIMOTHY M. KAIN

2006



◀ Jan. 14
Kaine takes office at the Colonial Capitol in Williamsburg as Virginia's 70th governor.

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Jan. 20
He proposes taxes and fees to raise \$3.7 billion for transit over four years.

March 27
Kaine convenes a special session on transportation.

Sept. 28
Lawmakers go home after failing to reach a funding fix for transportation.

Oct. 26
Kaine announces that beginning Jan. 1, smoking will be banned in most state buildings and state-owned vehicles.



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▲ Nov. 7 Jim Webb (above right) defeats Sen. George Allen; Virginians approve ban on same-sex marriage.

2007

Jan. 10
Kaine again urges lawmakers to enact a long-term roads fix, resurrecting his \$850 million plan to increase taxes and fees.

Feb. 17
Kaine becomes the first governor outside of Illinois to endorse Barack Obama for president. Obama addresses Virginia Democrats' Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

Feb. 24
The legislature approves a resolution that expresses "profound regret" for the state's role in slavery.

March 26
Kaine announces an agreement with Republicans on a \$3 billion roads fix, including borrowing, taxes, bad-driver fees and regional transportation authorities.

April 4
The legislature approves the transportation package, but the House of Delegates defeats Kaine's bid for a smoking ban in restaurants.

April 16
Seung-Hui Cho kills 32 students and faculty at Virginia Tech before killing himself. Kaine, on a trade mission, heads back from Japan.



▲ April 17 President George W. Bush and Kaine address a memorial service at Virginia Tech.

May 12
Kaine tries again, proposing taxes and fees to raise about \$1 billion annually for roads and rails.

June 23
Kaine convenes a special session on transportation funding.

July 28
Reports surface in Washington and in Virginia that Obama is screening Kaine as a potential vice president.

Aug. 23
Obama announces Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware as his running mate.

April 30
Kaine signs an emergency executive order to bar mentally ill people who have been adjudged dangerous from purchasing firearms in Virginia.

May 3
Queen Elizabeth II addresses the General Assembly as part of the 400th anniversary commemoration of the Jamestown settlement.

July 1
Bad-driver fees take effect.

Aug. 2
A Henrico County General District Court judge says the fees are unconstitutional because they apply only to drivers from Virginia.

Aug. 30
The Virginia Tech panel delivers a blistering assessment of mental-health and campus security issues. Kaine, saying "signals were missed," promises a thorough review.

Nov. 6
Democrats win control of the state Senate. Republicans keep the House of Delegates.

Dec. 14
Kaine proposes investing \$42 million more in mental-health care and tightening involuntary commitment laws.

Dec. 17
Kaine says his two-year, \$77 billion budget features "conservative, targeted investments for improvement without raising taxes." Republican legislators say it's based on overly optimistic revenue projections.



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Nov. 4
Obama becomes the first Democratic presidential candidate to carry Virginia in 44 years. Democrats win a U.S. Senate seat and take a majority in the state's U.S. House delegation.

Nov. 5
Standing at the new Civil Rights Memorial at the state Capitol, Kaine declares: "Ol' Virginny is dead."

Dec. 17
Kaine's proposal to close a \$2.9 billion shortfall for fiscal 2008-10 includes 531 layoffs and doubling the state's cigarette tax.

2008

Jan. 7
Kaine proposes a statewide ban on smoking in bars and restaurants.

Jan. 9
Kaine urges legislators to scrap bad-driver fees, saying the idea "has flunked with our voters."

Feb. 9
Obama (pictured with Kaine) and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton address Virginia Democrats' Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

Feb. 12
Obama trounces Clinton in Virginia's Democratic primary.

Feb. 28
The Supreme Court of Virginia declares part of the transportation fix unconstitutional, saying an unelected regional panel may not collect taxes.

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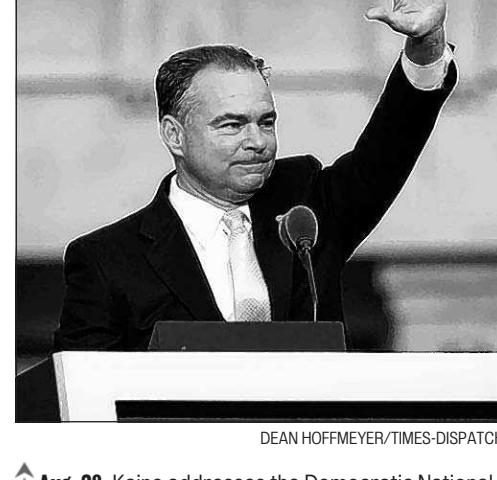
▲ Feb. 9 Obama (left) and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton address Virginia Democrats' Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

May 12
House Republicans kill Kaine's plan; lawmakers recess gridlocked.

July 10
The special session reconvenes and collapses with no solution.

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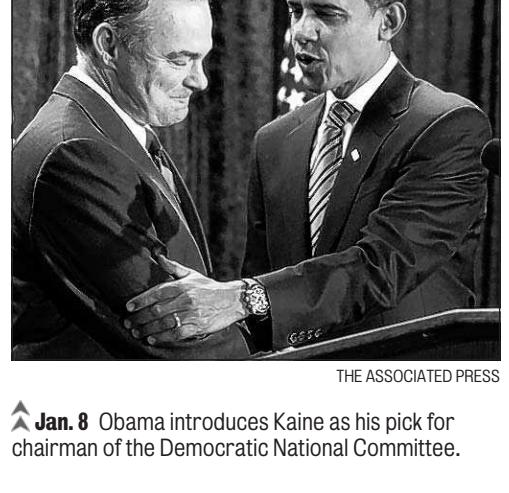
▲ Aug. 28 Kaine addresses the Democratic National Convention in Denver hours before Obama accepts the nomination.

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2009



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▲ Jan. 8 Obama introduces Kaine as his pick for chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Jan. 20 Kaine, sitting with other governors, watches Obama take the oath of office at the U.S. Capitol.

Feb. 3
The Senate Finance Committee rejects Kaine's bid to double the cigarette tax.

Feb. 19
Lawmakers pass a bill to ban smoking in most bars and restaurants.

Feb. 28
Kaine says federal stimulus funds saved 7,100 state jobs.

April 8
House Republicans reject Kaine's proposal that would enable Virginia to qualify for \$125 million in stimulus funds for expanded unemployment benefits.

June 23
Kaine's office says the Democratic National Committee will reimburse the state for the expenses of his security detail when it travels with him on DNC business.

Sept. 8
Kaine says 593 state workers will lose their jobs in the latest round of recession-driven spending cuts.



▲ Nov. 3
Republicans Bob McDonnell (above), Bill Bolling and Ken Cuccinelli sweep elections for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

Dec. 1
The state's restaurant smoking ban takes effect.

Dec. 18
Kaine's plan to close a projected \$4.2 billion shortfall for fiscal 2010-12 includes 664 layoffs. He proposes scrapping the local car tax and replacing it with an increase of 1 percentage point in the state income tax.

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