

Ombudsman

Statement from Lieutenant Governor Lowell Thomas, Jr.:

"As the person named by the Governor to supervise the drafting and submission of a bill creating the Office of Ombudsman, I am pleased with the Senate's action today in passing Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1, a good versio of an Ombudsman bill.

"Some critics misread the role of Ombudsman; some are apparently looking for a superman, or a super cop, to ride herd on all branches and facets of government. That is not the id ea at all.

"The role of an Ombudsman is: 'To investigate the administrative acts of this agencies' when complaints are brought to his attention and to unravel some of the red tape impeding services to the people. The bill passed by the Senate today provides for just that.."