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In the Senate, Mr. Etherton was responsible for managing public policy and budget issues before the Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, including; acquisition policy, funding for technology base and research and development programs, industrial base policy and selected defense trade issues. Serving as the principal Republican committee staff member on Acquisition Policy and Reform since 1985, he played a major role in the development and enactment of such legislation as the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994. Jon also managed the Senate staff portion of the House-Senate conference on the Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996 (also known as the Clinger-Cohen Act). He also initiated and managed a plan to prepare for the Inspector General's reports on spare parts pricing in March 1998.

Prior to working for the Senate Armed Services Committee, Jon was legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Roger Jepsen (R-Iowa) from 1981 to 1985, serving as an advisor on national defense, foreign policy, veterans' affairs and intelligence issues. In this position, he provided staff support for the 1981-82 hearings by the Joint Economic Committee assessing trends in the national defense industrial base.

Mr. Etherton received a Bachelor of Arts degree in German and history from Ohio State University and has pursued graduate study in philosophy at the University of Maryland.