

the bill in meetings in Cumberland and Hagerstown and Pittsburgh and Charleston and Lexington and Atlanta — not in Washington, D. C. But to get to the quote. These were the closing words in that 1960 address: "I believe that the time is ripe for the launching of some forceful interstate action in regard to the pressing problems of the Appalachian region, and I am most hopeful that this Conference today will be the seedbed out of which will grow a new awareness of our obligations to the mountain areas of our states." Now four years later, that wish has been fulfilled. This bill which you have before you has grown from that seedbed. I cannot urge you too strongly to take the steps needed to make this seedling live and flourish for the lasting benefit of Appalachia.

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## ADDRESS, LIONS CLUB

### KITZMILLER

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President White, Mr. Hutson, members of the Kitzmiller Lions Club and their ladies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

It is a thrilling and inspiring experience always to travel in the mountains of Western Maryland, and so I was most gratified when Lewis Hutson sent me the invitation to attend this meeting of the Kitzmiller Lions Club.

In counting my blessings, as I do from time to time, I always consider my great and good fortune in having been born a Marylander. And you Marylanders who live here are doubly blest in being able to spend your days in such magnificent surroundings. Certainly the mountains and the valleys of Garrett County are unexcelled anywhere that I know for their sheer beauty. With such an endowment by nature, it is most regrettable that, as a result mainly of history and geography, the region has experienced some difficulty in keeping with the remainder of the State economically. But I know, as you do, that this conditions can be corrected, and it is the corrective measures which have been taken, and the corrective measures that are planned, that I wish to discuss with you this evening.

We are witnessing, right here in these environs, one of the most dramatic efforts ever made to improve the lot of people who have been victimized by economic circumstances over which they had little