

*Business Tax Reform* — A readjustment of business taxes to eliminate certain nuisance-type taxes and achieve greater equity at no overall increase in tax revenue. The specific proposals are being developed by the joint legislative-executive committee headed by Senator Harry R. Hughes.

*Capital Punishment* — Legislation to abolish the death penalty for all first offenses in capital cases; increase from 15 years to 20 years the mandatory time a person must serve before consideration for parole in life imprisonment cases; empower the courts to assess the death penalty in cases where a second capital offense has been committed while serving, after escape, or on parole from a previous capital offense.

*Civil Disorders* — Legislation to authorize the Governor to declare a state of emergency and promulgate reasonable rules, regulations and orders for areas designated.

*Regional Detention Centers* — Legislation to authorize establishment of such centers as a replacement for outmoded county jails; allow the State to match on a 50-50 basis funds for construction and staffing; and assign the State the same responsibility for inspection that it now has for jails.

*Highway Safety* — A comprehensive program that will include legislation to require chemical tests in arrests for drunken driving (the implied consent bill); re-examination of all drivers every four years; improvement of traffic court operations, practices and procedures; and other measures.

*Drug Control* — Legislation to regulate and control the manufacture, distribution, delivery and possession of depressants, stimulants and other drugs which have a potential for abuse.

*Task Force Recommendations* — A package of proposals to improve efficiency and economy in the State government, originating from studies of the Governor's Task Force on Modern Management.

*Legislative Council* — The Governor also will actively support, as part of the overall administration program, a number of measures from the Legislative Council. Included among these will be the bill providing for State acquisition of Friendship Airport from Baltimore City. Details are now being worked out by a committee including representatives of the Legislature, the Governor and the Mayor of Baltimore.