

Serving as Executive Director to the Committee will be Dr. Jean E. Spencer, who is Assistant Director of the Governor's Task Force on Modern Management and who served as staff director of the original Curlett Commission, which recommended staff changes in the Governor's Office implemented by me immediately after my inauguration last year. Preliminary information developed by the Task Force on Modern Management over the past year will be made available to the Committee as a basis for its study.

No. 2. One of the major bills passed by the 1968 session of the Maryland General Assembly was the measure sponsored by this administration for a comprehensive water pollution control program.

Now, corollary to that effort, it is my pleasure to sponsor a conference on effective conservation and development of the Chesapeake Bay that will bring together some of the best minds of private industry and of the State government. The conference will be held at the Wye Institute on the Eastern Shore September 12-13. It will be chaired by Harry E. Ellermen, head of the Ocean Research and Engineering Center of Westinghouse Corporation, and I am sure it will produce some fruitful recommendations on the future use of Maryland's most valuable natural resource. Programs for the conference and a news release containing more detailed information will be distributed to you.

I am pleased to announce that Maryland has been awarded a grant from the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare in the amount of \$151,536 for an institutional training program under the Manpower Development Training Act for two programs for Spanish-Americans residing in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. The two programs will be re-training programs for a selected number of qualified persons. The first program is a Clerk-Typist Program lasting 24 weeks; the second is a program in Auto Mechanics of 30 weeks duration. Both programs begin September 9, 1968.

The State has been negotiating with both Federal agencies since the first of the year to obtain necessary funds to assist underemployed Spanish-American residents in both counties. Official confirmation was received today. The State's share will amount to \$6,981. The programs will be executed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education and of the Maryland State Department of Employment Security.

I'm ready for your questions.