WHEREAS, under the Constitution and laws of the State the funds to meet such added necessary expenses may not be made available until the budget for the next biennium has been adopted; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that the adoption of the budget for the next biennium might not come about until a time when certain departments and agencies of the State will have exhausted available funds for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, a special or extraordinary session of the Legislature may provide the funds necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the State departments and agencies until the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, for all of these reasons an occasion exists which justifies and requires a special or extraordinary session of the General Assembly of Maryland, and so makes it the duty of the Governor of Maryland to convene forthwith the General Assembly of the State in special or extraordinary session.

Now, therefore, I, Herbert R. O'Conor, Governor of Maryland, by virtue of the authority conferred and duly imposed upon me by the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby call a special or extraordinary session of the General Assembly of Maryland to consider and act upon the matters aforesaid; such special or extraordinary session to begin at 11 A. M. on Friday, the 27th day of December, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six, at the State Capitol, in the City of Annapolis, State of Maryland.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the City of Annapolis, this 19th day of December, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

HERBERT R. O'CONOR, Governor of Maryland.

(The Great Seal of Maryland.)

EDWARD G. CHANEY,

Secretary of State of Maryland.

Which was read.