

EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE
TO
THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Mr. President

Mr. Speaker

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly:

You are here for specified purposes.

The law does not limit you to consideration of those measures which necessitated this convening or made it desirable.

I hope that your consciences will.

Officers of both your Houses and those others of you with whom I have had the opportunity to discuss the business-at-hand are in general agreement that only necessary legislation, previously announced and publicized, should have the benefit of your thought, your discussions and your actions on this occasion.

Please remember that the 90-day, Regular Session of 1959 is little more than half a year away.

Most of us have been long enough together in this Government to have developed a mutuality of frankness.

It is in frankness, then, that I recognize the temptation inherent in a gathering such as this, in a time such as this, for the making of a little political hay.

I urge that you put the temptation behind you and turn promptly to the serious task of the day.

From the experience of many years, I can assure you now that the many Marylanders who will appreciate the quick, orderly and effective dispatch of legislative business will far outnumber the few who might note with favor the use in these chambers of words of vindictiveness or phrases of self-aggrandizement.

You are here primarily to authorize the Department of Employment Security to enter into agreement with the Federal Government for extending by 50 per cent the period over which unemployment compensation is to be paid to insured beneficiaries.

I am confident that the need for and the principle involved in this law are widely accepted. I am sure your committees can explain the details