

of its provisions. I am sure there will be little or no cause herein for dispute or discord.

I might note in passing that the enactment and performance of this temporary legislation could and should serve a two-fold purpose—first, to cope with the current conditions of unemployment; second, to provide the opportunity and the reason for a closer and more searching look at our Unemployment Compensation Law in its normal working, and to compare it with results under the temporary provisions now proposed.

It well might arouse us to the realization that the present 26 weeks limit on compensation payments is unrealistic, not only in occasional times of economic adjustment, but—for some recipients—in years of a normal economy or even in those of prosperity.

I strongly urge that those of you who will be returning to the Regular Session in January keep this matter and the workings of the temporary law under close scrutiny in the interim, with a view to introducing and supporting such necessary corrective legislation as may be indicated by the experience.

From the time that the calling of this Session became a likelihood, Baltimore City authorities and members of the Greater Baltimore Committee have discussed publicly the probability that legislation would be introduced to authorize the Municipality to submit to the City's voters a loan proposal to finance the City's share of the Charles Center renewal project for downtown Baltimore.

Similar authority is to be sought in connection with the proposed Civic Center, which is even older, in public discussion.

Surely, there are no bombshells here.

For any who may be opposed to the projects themselves or to the loan proposals at this time, there will be plenty of time for expressions of opposition between now and the General Election when the people of Baltimore will make their decision.

We all know that the heart of Baltimore, like the business areas of other old cities, needs a dramatic operation.

This is it. It deserves the support and encouragement of all of us. The presently proposed proximity of the Civic Center to the area of the Charles Center Renewal enhances the desirability of the total project.

I am advised that previous suggestion that Baltimore County might need some emergency legislation has been withdrawn.

The task before you is clear.

I trust you will lose no time in applying yourselves to its performance.

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

*Governor.*

*Which was read and ordered journalized.*