

The alternatives now available to the General Assembly are three:

1. Enact fair and equitable reapportionment bills along the lines of the bills I submitted;
2. Enact the stop gap bill without crippling amendments and allow the General Assembly that meets next January to enact a proper constitutional amendment;
3. Fail to act and abdicate its responsibilities.

I expect and pray that every member of the General Assembly will measure up to his responsibility.

Sincerely,

J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor

*Read and ordered journalized.*

#### BILLS RETURNED FROM SENATE

House Bill No. 1—By the Speaker:

Subject: "GENERAL ASSEMBLY", sub-title "APPORTIONMENT",  
REVISING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

*Amended in the Senate.*

Amendments to House Bill No. 1

By the Committee:

Amendment No. 1—In lines 8 to 14, inclusive, of the title of the third reading file bill, strike out the following: "making an emergency appropriation to the Board of Public Works from the General Fund Surplus of the State treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, to be used in whole or in part by the Board of Public Works to pay a portion of the cost of special primary elections for this purpose,".

*Which amendment was read and rejected.*

Amendment No. 2—In lines 16 to 19, inclusive, of the title of the third reading file bill, strike out the following: "and to an emergency appropriation from the State treasury for the payment of a portion of the cost of special elections under this act."

*Which amendment was read and rejected.*

Amendment No. 3—In line 2 of Section 42 on page 1 of the third reading file bill, immediately following the word "Delegates", insert the following: "(subject to the exception provided in sub-section (c-1) of this section)".

*Which amendment was read and rejected.*

Amendment No. 4—Following line 78 of Section 42 (c) on page 4 of the third reading file bill, insert the following new sub-section:

"(c-1) Notwithstanding the application of the formula in sub-