

Twenty-nine Senators having answered to their names, the Secretary announced that a majority of all members elected being present, the Senate of Maryland, 1964 Special Session, is now ready for the transaction of business.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND
 Convening the General Assembly of Maryland in
 Extraordinary Session at Annapolis, Maryland

Whereas, under the provisions of Chapter 17 of the Laws of 1964 the State tax on ordinary income was increased to 4 percent, effective January 1, 1965, to provide additional funds for a revised educational program and other State services; and

Whereas, the Act provided for a possible rebate of a portion of said tax, which provision was held unconstitutional by the Court; and

Whereas, I, as Governor of the State of Maryland, have taken the position that the 4 percent tax should be reduced if anticipated State revenues indicate that the said rate is not needed; and

Whereas, the Board of Revenue Estimates on Friday, October 30, 1964, submitted a statement of revised revenue estimates indicating that these programs can be financed without the higher tax rate at this time; and

Whereas, I desire to convene the General Assembly in Extraordinary Session to afford the members an opportunity to repeal or modify the aforesaid tax and consider the making of an emergency appropriation in lieu thereof,

Now, Therefore, I, J. MILLARD TAWES, Governor of the State of Maryland, by virtue of the authority conferred upon and vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Maryland, do hereby call a Special and Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly, to begin at 10 A.M. on *Friday, November 6th, 1964*, in 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 2nd Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-four.

By the Governor:

J. MILLARD TAWES,

LLOYD L. SIMPKINS,

Which was read.

Secretary of State.

ELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

The first order of business will be the election of a temporary presiding officer.

The Hon. John-Clarence North nominated the Hon. Mary L. Nock, temporary presiding officer, which nomination was seconded by the Hon. Harry R. Hughes. There being no further nominations, the Hon. Mary L. Nock was unanimously elected temporary presiding officer.