

declared the portions of Chapter 142 of the Laws of Maryland of 1967 (Fiscal Reform) relating to State aid to subdivisions invalid as supplementary appropriations violative of Section 52(8) of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland; and

Whereas, The several subdivisions of the State have developed budgets and established revenue requirements in reliance on the portions of said act declared invalid; and

Whereas, The decision of the Court, without corrective legislation, will cause serious problems to the subdivisions in their fiscal operations; and

Whereas, Because of the importance and difficulty of the problems raised by said decision, it is my belief that it will best serve the interests of the State of Maryland and of its citizens to call a Special and Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of Maryland to consider and deal with said problems,

Now, Therefore, I, Spiro T. Agnew, Governor of the State of Maryland, under the authority of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby solemnly proclaim and call a Special and Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, to commence at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, June 22, in the State Capitol in the City of Annapolis, Maryland.

Given Under My Hand and The Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 15th Day of June, In the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

(Seal)

STANLEY BLAIR,

Secretary of State

Which was read.

ELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

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

The Honorable James A. Pine nominated the Honorable Mary L. Nock, temporary presiding officer, which nomination was seconded by the Honorable Harry R. Hughes. There being no further nominations, the Honorable Mary L. Nock was unanimously elected temporary presiding officer.

The Senators from Caroline County and Carroll County were appointed to escort the President Pro Tem to the Chair.

The Secretary then administered the oath of office to the President, Pro Tem.

The next order of business was the election of a permanent presiding officer.