

The Secretary of State appeared and delivered a message from the Executive:

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

December 17, 1969.

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:*

I want to express my thanks to each Member of this Special Session of the General Assembly.

During these two days you have enacted legislation that gives Maryland the fiscal flexibility needed to avoid an immediate commitment to a long-term plan of fixed expenses. By authorizing the State to utilize surplus funds for capital improvements, the General Assembly has enabled Maryland to respond effectively to the pressures of inflation and high interest rates. And Maryland's citizens will realize a substantial savings of tax dollars.

In addition, the General Assembly has acted responsibly by giving the State added flexibility through removal of the bond interest ceiling. This will enable Maryland to hopefully bide time against the fluctuations of the money market.

The extra effort and long hours that the Members of the Legislature devoted to this Special Session deserve a special word of recognition. The energy and thoughtfulness its members have demonstrated at a time of financial uncertainties merit the gratitude of all the citizens of Maryland.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marvin Mandel,

*Governor*

*Which was read.*

The Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message:

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

House of Delegates

Annapolis, Md., December 17, 1969.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

By Delegate Houck:

*Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose the appointment of a Joint Committee, two on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House, to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland, and inform him that the General Assembly will adjourn December 17, 1969, sine die, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and to inquire if he has any further communications to make to the General Assembly.