

My primary purpose in calling the special session of course was to ask you to consider legislation to guarantee the equality of public accommodations within the State. In your judgment, as the legislative representatives of the people, you saw fit to reject this legislation.

When the decision was made to convene you in extraordinary session, the storm which has devastated our seashore and our tidewater area had not yet struck. And so, when you met here this morning we were confronted with an unforeseen emergency.

In accepting my proposal for a \$1,000,000 disaster appropriation, you acted with dispatch to relieve this emergency.

All of us, I know, share a feeling of deep sympathy for the people who have lost so much in this catastrophe. What we have done here in this extra session, we all hope, will provide the spark for continued action to assist these people in the rebuilding of their homes and the rehabilitation of their properties.

In the local legislation you approved, Baltimore City and the counties affected by such legislation will be aided in their efforts to provide better governmental services for the people.

Let me commend you especially for the orderly manner in which you conducted this special session.

Again, with sincere thanks, and with kindest personal regards to all of you, I am,

Sincerely,

J. MILLARD TAWES, *Governor*

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 o'clock P. M., on motion of Senator Pine, duly seconded, the Senate adjourned sine die.