

Washington County—Hon. George E. Snyder  
 Wicomico County—Hon. Mary L. Nock  
 Worcester County—Hon. John L. Sanford, Jr.

Twenty-nine Senators having answered to their names, the Secretary announced that a majority of all members elected being present, the Senate of Maryland, 1965 Special Session, is now ready for the transaction of business.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

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

#### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND

Convening the General Assembly of Maryland in  
 Extraordinary Session at Annapolis, Maryland

*Whereas*, The Supreme Court of the United States in the case of The Maryland Committee for Fair Representation et al., v. J. Millard Tawes, Governor, et al., has directed that the Maryland Courts take affirmative action in reapportioning the General Assembly of Maryland if the Legislature fails to enact a constitutionally valid State legislative apportionment scheme prior to the 1966 election of members of the Maryland Legislature; and

*Whereas*, It is incumbent upon the members of the General Assembly of Maryland to seek compliance with the aforesaid mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States; and

*Whereas*, Because of the importance and complexity of the problem of reapportionment, it is my belief that the members of the General Assembly should be afforded an opportunity to consider it in a Special Session, rather than in a Regular Session, since this will enable the members to devote themselves to the problem unfettered by the multitudinous legislation which must be considered in the Regular Session,

*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 noon on Monday, October 11th, 1965, 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 24th Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Five.

(SEAL)

By the Governor:

J. MILLARD TAWES

LLOYD L. SIMPKINS  
 Secretary of State.

*Which was read.*