

3.

(a) The presiding officer shall require a roll call of the Members of the Joint Session. A quorum consists of ninety-three (93) members.

(b) If a quorum is present, the presiding officer shall so announce, and he shall announce that the Joint Session is in session.

*Read and adopted.*

4.

(a) The presiding officer shall invite the Governor of Maryland to address the Joint Session, and he shall arrange suitable escorts for the Governor when entering and leaving the Chamber.

(b) The presiding officer shall declare a vacancy in the office of Governor of Maryland, and he shall announce the intention of the Joint Session to proceed to the election of a Governor.

*Read and adopted.*

5.

(a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, acting jointly and with the concurrence of the Members of the Joint Session, shall appoint a permanent Chairman of the Joint Session. The permanent Chairman, hereafter referred to as "Chairman," shall assume his office immediately.

*Read and adopted.*

Amendment to Rule No. 5 offered from the floor:

By Delegate McCarty:

In line 2 of Section 5 on page 2 of the Rules, strike out beginning with the words "The President" in line 2 down to and including the words "Joint Session" in line 4, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The permanent chairman shall be a member of the Senate or the House of Delegates and may be nominated by any member of these bodies. He shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast on the question of his election".

*Read and rejected.*

6.

(a) The Chairman shall appoint a Committee on Rules, from the membership of the two Houses of the General Assembly.

(b) The Chairman shall excuse the Committee on Rules to enable it to meet and make its recommendations to the Joint Session.

(c) The Joint Session shall adopt a set of Rules to control and regulate its procedures and deliberations.

(d) The adoption of Rules, whether proposed by the Committee on Rules or by a Member, requires a majority vote of those Members present and voting, a quorum being present. Copies of any proposal to adopt a Rule shall be made available to every Member.