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The Hall of Records Commission met once during the fiscal year, September 21, 1965. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Dr. Richard D. Weigle, at the Hall of Records in Annapolis at 2 p.m. The retirement of Judge Frederick W. Brune, the former Chairman, from the Court of Appeals, made a new election of officers necessary. Immediately after the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the meeting was opened for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Chief Judge Stedman Prescott, Judge Brune's successor, was chosen Chairman, and Dr. Weigle was reelected Vice Chairman.

After the new Chairman had taken the chair, the Archivist submitted a list of staff members who had been employed since the previous meeting. They were all approved including two employees who had been appointed to newly-created positions, Archivist IV and Clerk-Typist II.

The Archivist reported on his efforts to retrieve from the Librarian of Congress certain early records of Maryland. In his negotiations he had been ably assisted by Congressman Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., of the Sixth District, but all efforts were in vain in view of the fact that the Librarian of Congress maintained, first, that these records were not fugitive Maryland Archives, and second, even if they were, he could not return them unless they were declared surplus. The Commission asked the Archivist to enlist the aid of the entire Maryland Delegation in this effort.

The Archivist advised the members of the Commission that at the 1963 session of the General Assembly, Mr. Medairy, Delegate from Baltimore County, had introduced two bills (Nos. 410 and 427) which provided for the abolition of the office of Land Commissioner and the transfer of the functions and records of that office to the Hall of Records. This action was taken without consultation with the Archivist and when the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary called him to ask whether he wished to be heard he declined since the matter had not previously come before the Commission. Both bills were lost in committee.