

Messrs. Tolle and Luber escorted the Speaker *pro tem* to the rostrum.

Under House Rule No. 49 the Chief Clerk administered the oath of office to the Speaker *pro tem*.

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Secretary of State appeared and delivered the following message:

Being,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MD., December 27, 1946.

Hon. John S. White,
Speaker of the House,
State House,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am pleased to advise that I have appointed the following as Members of the House of Delegates and have forwarded their commissions to them:

Mrs. Lena L. Moore, Havre de Grace, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Leo M. Moore. Commission issued as of February 25, 1946.

John F. McNulty, Linthicum, vice John B. Rickert, resigned. Commission issued as of May 24, 1946.

Ralph W. Lowman, Brooklyn, vice W. Benton Shipley, resigned. Commission issued as of May 24, 1946.

Ralph George Shure, Takoma Park, vice James W. Gill, resigned. Commission issued as of August 5, 1946.

Rudolph A. Carrico, La Plata, vice James E. Mathews, deceased. Commission issued as of December 12, 1946.

James C. Morton, Annapolis, vice Albert W. Woodfield, deceased. Commission issued as of December 16, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT R. O'CONNOR, *Governor.*