

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

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

Thursday, March 8, 1956—10 A. M.

WHEREAS, at the recent 1956 session of the General Assembly among important measures enacted were two dealing with a State Port Authority and the Northeastern Expressway, both of which measures are urgently needed, but possible doubt has been raised as to the validity of said measures because of the provisions of Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution, limiting the type of legislation which may be enacted in a thirty day session of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it has been represented to me that there are various pressing financial problems in connection with urgently needed projects in certain of the political subdivisions, such as the need for a loan authorization for school construction in Baltimore City and Dorchester County; for a hospital in Prince George's County, and for a Civic Center in Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, none of these local measures could be presented for approval at the recent thirty day session of the General Assembly, and the necessary legislation for certain of the proposed projects, such as new school buildings in Baltimore City, cannot be delayed until the next regular session without serious danger of interrupting the entire school construction program for a considerable period of time; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons the Governor of Maryland has deemed it necessary and appropriate to convene a Special or Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of Maryland,

Now, therefore, I, Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor of the State of Maryland, by virtue of the authority conferred and duly vested in me by the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby call a Special or Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, to begin at 10 A. M. on March 8, 1956, at 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 5th Day of March, in the Year
of Our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and
Fifty-Six.

By The Governor

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

BLANCHARD RANDALL,

Secretary of State

Which was read and ordered journalized.

On motion of Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. George R. Hughes, the Hon. Perry O. Wilkinson was unanimously elected Speaker pro-tem.

Messrs. Combs and White escorted the Speaker pro-tem to the rostrum.