

cents less than the old and that would gradually be diminished until the year 1981. As against it, I urged that a speedy uniform tax rate should extend over Baltimore city—of course, as an obstructionist standing against the welfare of my people. I urged this as the highest principle of justice, and this morning the sponsors of the other Bill proposed to reduce this difference in rate from ninety-five cents to seventy-four cents. Thank God for that much gotten from them; and to reduce the time when the tax rates would merge from the year 1981 to 1962. That is the proposal to me now. The first compromise which has been offered. I would like to have the opportunity of discussing the merits of these Bills and the amendments in this Senate or the Committee, but there seems to be nothing but a movement for delay, and I warn the Senate today, and I want to warn through the Senate and from my speech at this moment, the people of Baltimore, that annexation is approaching defeat by delay. I want to state these facts to the Senate. I want to further state what it is behind this movement, and as I have been struck I will strike back.

The *Baltimore Sun* is largely owned by two estates that comprehend one-fifteenth of all the land we will take in under any Annexation Bill. That is one fact for you to remember. The *Evening News* has its owners and managers in the Guilford development and the Roland Park interests that are behind that Bill. I want to draw attention to that fact. I want to state that the *American* has been the "greaser" for some years past of the city's administration and has been fattened with its public advertisements. I do not know more than that, but I want to state my side, and when I am charged with lies, when I am charged by the Press with obstructing this legislation intended for the city I represent, I propose to state the facts to the Senate and let them know that it is against my continued protest that these Bills are not today presented to the Senate of Maryland for an open discussion in this body.

By Mr. Allen:

In explaining my vote on Senate Bill No. 76, permit me to say that when this Bill was before the Senate some weeks ago, I voted for it, though reluctantly. I have always looked with caution upon any attempt to allow the executive branch to overlap the legislative branch of the State government. However, I then thought that good results would follow and voted for the Bill. I have waited for committee reports showing the sources of revenue and the demands for appropria-