

## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND

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

*Whereas*, the Circuit Court for Baltimore City on October 31, 1963, ruled that the Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore were malapportioned and contrary to the Constitution of the State of Maryland; and

*Whereas*, The United States Supreme Court on February 17, 1964, ruled that Congressional Districts must be equal, or nearly equal, in population; and

*Whereas*, The United States District Court for Maryland on February 3, 1964, indicated that it was its opinion that the Congressional Districts of Maryland were malapportioned and therefore unconstitutional; and

*Whereas*, The existence of malapportionment, both as to the Legislative Districts of Baltimore City and the Congressional Districts of the State of Maryland, creates an emergency deserving the attention of the General Assembly; and

*Whereas*, Certain other matters of public interest, including appropriate legislative measures for equality of public accommodations, merit the consideration of the General Assembly,

*Now, therefore*, I, J. Millard Tawes, Governor of the State of Maryland, by virtue of the authority conferred upon and invested in me by the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby call a special and extraordinary session of the General Assembly of Maryland, to begin at 10 A. M., Wednesday, March 11, 1964, in 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 Sixty-four.

By the Governor:

J. MILLARD TAWES,

LLOYD L. SIMPKINS,

*Secretary of State.*

*Which was read.*

The first order of business was the election of a temporary presiding officer.

The Hon. John-Clarence North nominated the Hon. Mary L. Nock, temporary presiding officer, which nomination was seconded by the Hon. Harry Hughes. There being no further nominations, the Hon. Mary L. Nock was unanimously elected temporary presiding officer.

The Senators from Caroline County and Carroll County were appointed to escort the President Pro Tem to the Chair.

The Secretary then administered the oath of office to the President, Pro Tem.