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EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

Annapolis, Maryland, October 11, 1965.

State of Maryland, To Wit:

This being the day appointed by the Governor for a Special Session of the General Assembly the House of Delegates assembled at 12 o'clock noon.

Prayer was offered by the Hon. C. Hayes Duvall of Anne Arundel County.

Proclamation by the Governor of Maryland.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND

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

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States in the case of The Maryland Committee for Fair Representation et al., v. J. Millard Tawes, Governor, et al., has directed that the Maryland Courts take affirmative action in reapportioning the General Assembly of Maryland if the Legislature fails to enact a constitutionally valid State legislative apportionment scheme prior to the 1966 election of members of the Maryland Legislature; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the members of the General Assembly of Maryland to seek compliance with the aforesaid mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Because of the importance and complexity of the problem of reapportionment, it is my belief that the members of the General Assembly should be afforded an opportunity to consider it in a Special Session, rather than in a Regular Session, since this will enable the members to devote themselves to the problem unfettered by the multitudinous legislation which must be considered in the Regular Session,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. MILLARD TAWES, Governor of the State of Maryland, by virtue of the authority conferred upon and vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Maryland, do hereby call a Special and Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly, to begin at noon on Monday, October 11th, 1965, 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,