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BODY:

From John G. Gary Jr.'s folding chair near the State House, Gov. Parris N. Glendening's inauguration speech sounded mighty good.

The message of inclusion and service to all was welcomed by Mr. Gary, a Republican county executive who must deal with a Democrat-controlled state government.

Mr. Glendening, trying to heal the wounds of a close, divisive race with Republican Ellen R. Sauerbrey, inspired many local observers when he called for change directed by "all of us, throughout the state, working together."

"The things that he said were encouraging," said Mr. Gary, who watched the inaugural address from a misty Lawyers Mall. "Obviously, his speech was focused on bringing everyone together. He knows it was a very divided election."

Mr. Gary has remained a staunch supporter of Mrs. Sauerbrey throughout her unsuccessful legal challenge of the Nov. 8 election results. But he said yesterday it is time to move forward under the new governor.

"This was certainly one of the more unique and moving speeches that I (ever) heard," he said.

The 25-minute speech was part of one of the most lavish inaugural celebrations in Maryland history as the former Prince George's County executive took over as chief executive from William Donald Schaefer.

Mr. Glendening, 52, praised the last three governors and made clear his intention to promote educational and business opportunities.

That _ and no mention of the huge capital programs Mr. Schaefer was famous for _ pleased the 1,500 people gathered in front of the State House.

"I think the tone and tenor of his remarks indicates he was listening during the election," said state Sen. John C. Astle, D-Annapolis.

During that election, which he won by the slimmest of margins, Mr. Glendening was criticized as likely to raise taxes, while his opponent touted a 24 percent income tax cut by 1999.

Now Mr. Glendening has started to talk about cutting taxes, and promised not to raise them.

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Details could come tomorrow, when he delivers his budget proposal to the General Assembly.

"This was the vision speech ... I look forward to seeing the flesh on the bone," said state Sen. John A. Cade, R-Severna Park.

Mr. Cade, Senate minority leader and a key player on the budget committee, agreed that the new governor is trying to bridge the election gap that divided Democrats and Republicans.

"I give him credit for trying," the senator said.

A "parade of counties" and a State House reception finished the festivities in Annapolis yesterday, followed by an evening ball in Upper Marlboro.

The parade, which Mr. Glendening watched from a reviewing stand opposite Maryland Avenue, rounded State Circle with the Annapolis High School Band near the front.

"We're nervous," assistant drum major Reed Voorhees said before the march began.

The 2,000-person parade included bands from every county in the state, plus the 1st U.S. Army Band from Fort George G. Meade, the Naval Academy Band and the Coast Guard Marching Company.

Catherine Beall of Annapolis came out especially to watch grandson Johnathon Beall march with the Parkside High School band from Salisbury.

"It's fascinating to see bands from all over the state together," she said, watching the groups prepare at the Naval Academy's Halsey Field House. The 80-piece Parkside band played "This is My Country."

While the celebration continued inside and outside the State House, the last of the Schaefer administration workers moved out quietly.

Lainy Lebow-Sachs, one of the governor's chief aides since his days as mayor of Baltimore, stood outside the Governor's Mansion under a Mickey Mouse umbrella, fighting back tears.

"It's hard," she said.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Schaefer threw a breakfast for the new administration, and said he enjoyed seeing Mr. Glendening's teen-age son Raymond and his friends running around the mansion. "I guess I was happy he felt immediately at home," Mr. Schaefer said.

Mr. Glendening's inauguration marked an end to 40 years of public service for Mr. Schaefer.

As he left the State House, he told reporters he surprised himself at how well he was taking his departure.

"I thought I would be weepy. But I recognized that I've had my time in the sun," Mr. Schaefer said.

The former governor said he had been preparing himself for the inauguration since election day. "I didn't want to hang on. I began to feel I had to let go."

Mr. Schaefer was coy about his plans, saying he's had many offers but refusing to elaborate. There have been reports the former governor will teach a course in government at the University of the Maryland.

Mr. Schaefer also hinted that he would write a newspaper column.

Hilda Mae Snoops, the governor's longtime companion, went unseen at all the State House events.

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Present for the swearing in ceremony, Mr. Schaefer did not go to the inaugural address. As crowds gathered to listen to his successor, he walking through the mansion a final time before being driven away.

Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, 42, also was sworn in by Chief Judge Robert Murphy of the Court of Appeals.

She paused to remember her father, Robert F. Kennedy, who she said "taught us all to make peaceful the life of this world."

For the new lieutenant governor, the inaugural was a homecoming. Her mother, Ethel Kennedy, plus brothers and sisters, were in attendance.

In the crowd outside was her brother, Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass. He was there not only wishing well to his big sister, but also to cousin Mark Shriver, who was elected a delegate from Montgomery County.

'You've got as many Kennedys elected in Maryland as we do in Massachusetts," he said. "I'm starting to get worried. I may have to move here."

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