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HONORABLE NANCY KOPP, Treasurer;  
SHEILA C. MCDONALD, Secretary, Board of Public  
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Department of Transportation  
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MICHELE THALHEIMER, BPW Administrator,  
Department of General Services; and,  
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appendix there are two reports of emergency procurement.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Could we get to --

COMPTROLLER SCHAEFER: Nine.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Yeah. Number nine.

MS. MCDONALD: Yes, number nine.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Dr. Papenfuse, could you approach. I'm sure you really want to do that. You may want to think twice about this.

What do you do for a living? How long have you been employed by the State of Maryland?

MR. PAPENFUSE: Oh, since 1973.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: And what exactly do you do every day?

MR. PAPENFUSE: Well I very much enjoy --

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Just the short version.

MR. PAPENFUSE: Short version? We try to preserve and take care of your most important historical records and make them accessible. And we have a great deal of fun doing that. We're very grateful for this day.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: You also give great tours.

MR. PAPENFUSE: Well thank you.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Do you have anything good to say -- could you?

COMPTROLLER SCHAEFER: Well, I've been here a long time so I know he's done a super job. And he's most accommodating when you need something. When you want something history as far as the State of Maryland go to him and ask him, he gives you the proper direction. Good lecturer. But I don't think you ought name anything after him. And --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: I used to think you had to be dead before you got something named after you and then I --

MR. PAPENFUSE: So did I, Governor.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: -- saw all the William Donald Schaefer spoons in the house.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: So you join excellent company.

MR. PAPENFUSE: I agree with you whole heartedly. If I may I introduce Delegate Sophocleus -

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Sure.

MR. PAPENFUSE: -- the --

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Ted, how are you doing?

DELEGATE SOPHOCLEUS: Fine, Governor, how are you.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Delegate.

DELEGATE SOPHOCLEUS: Governor and Governor. I don't know if I should call you Miss Madam Treasurer or what.

It's my pleasure to be here today. As President of the Speaker Society I've had a lot of opportunity to work with Ed -- before that even. And as you well know as you go before the House of Delegates or anywhere else if you need any information you go to Ed. If it wasn't for him there would be no archives as far as I'm concerned. I think the least honor you can bestow on him, I guess, for all his work and service is the naming of that building because I

think he deserves it. He's helped us design every plaque, every citation, every thing that -- from as far back as I can remember. I don't go back as far as most but I go back far enough.

So it's my honor and privilege to be here today to speak for the Speakers Society and the House of Delegates, if you will, and recommend that that building be named after Ed.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Well I talked to Chip and it's either a raise or the building and he said do the building.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, I had a question.

SECRETARY RUTHERFORD: But Governor we don't have the budget to change the name on the front of the building. Let's --

TREASURER KOPP: But I'm sure you'll volunteer to be out there --

SECRETARY RUTHERFORD: It won't look good.

DELEGATE SOPHOCLEUS: Someone told me it was going to be a big neon sign with an arrow. I don't know.

(Laughter.)

MR. PAPENFUSE: Governor --

TREASURER KOPP: I'd just like to say I --

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: We have to praise you first.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. I've been in Annapolis almost as long as Dr. Papenfuse. One year less I think. And I just want to say that in my mind Ed Papenfuse is the archives of the State of Maryland. But it is also a wonderful building that he helped create. A wonderful and wonderfully functional building also. And one that is welcoming to the citizens as well as absolutely critical for storage and good keeping of our important State documents.

But among the other things that Dr. Papenfuse does is to help teach the citizens, the legislators, the children of the State of Maryland about their wonderful State and it's history. And I know on a

number of occasions you have come to address the legislature and new legislators sit there and say, "Oh, no I don't want to hear a history lecture. This is just going to be too much." And by the time Ed Papenfuse is finished they are on their feet cheering.

I remember your talk about the Treaty of Paris which was fascinating and about all the important events that have taken place in this State House. And those are lessons that not only do we absorb but we go out and try to express to all of our fellow citizens in this community. It is a very important legacy. And that's why I, for one, thought it was so important that we acknowledge this way before any thought is given of any retirement or any shaking of hands in farewell, anything like that. We want to say it right now, how much we recognize Dr. Ed Papenfuse has added to the history of the State of Maryland as well as the community.

And I just want to thank you, Ed, for everything.

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MR. PAPENFUSE: Thank you.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Would you like to be heard?

DELEGATE SOPHOCLEUS: If I might add Pauline Menes and Hattie Harrison also agree and they've been here longer than anybody.

MR. PAPENFUSE: I don't know really how to say thank you. I'm enormously grateful for this honor. It is an honor that must be shared and it must be shared with the Board and it must be shared with the Hall of Records Commission which has been extraordinarily supportive. I think it must be shared just as today I hope you all are sharing this with your administrative assistants on Administrative Assistants Day. It has to be shared with the staff. I would very much like the staff that's here to stand.

(Laughter.)

MR. PAPENFUSE: And I'd like to point out that there are some staff that are not here. I'd like to point out that Chris Allan who was my Deputy for many years. Chris is here.

(Laughter.)

MR. PAPENFUSE: If I may, may I ask him to come to the podium?

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Certainly.

MR. PAPENFUSE: Please. This is a man who when I asked him to do so spent every day at the job site at the new building. He saw to it that that building was brought in under contract. He saw to it that we had only one major change order. I would say that if there's anybody who really deserves recognition for this building it's this man.

So I would like to --

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: We might be able to use you on other projects.

(Applause.)

MR. ALLAN: I think that there is no more fitting tribute that you can bestow on Dr. Papenfuse. He has enriched the lives of thousands of people who are both from Maryland and live in Maryland. The building represents all that is best about this State at all levels of it's government and it's citizens.

And I think the support for the archival program that we feel responsible for over the last 30 years has been just terrific. And you in taking this action are recognizing a dedicated public servant, a gifted educator, superb public administrator. And it's been my great privilege to work for him for 25 years.

So I say it's a wonderful honor for you to bring.

GOVERNOR EHRLICH: Thank you.

MR. PAPPENFUSE: I'd also like to recognize my current Deputy who's responsible for a lot of this today and who kept it a secret right up to the very end, Tim Baker, who I think some of you already know. Who's done a remarkable job of bringing his administrative talents to the archives at a time when as you all know our budget has been cut way back. But we've been able to through contracts and through an ability to provide services for fee to keep ourselves afloat as Mr. Secretary knows.

So I'm very grateful for to this staff. I'm grateful to my secretary who's here today, Kathy Beard,

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who kept this as a secret from me. Mimi Calver. I can go on forever with people.

I would like to just end, that would be a good idea I think at this point, to point out that today is a very special day. Today is the 21st of April and on the 21st of April 1649 the Maryland Legislature passed the Act of Toleration. It is a significant, most significant piece of legislation ever passed in the United States by a legislature. It was an effort to bring together and make people work together who had such divergent views that they were killing each other. It was an extraordinary experiment. We backed away from it for a few years, but we came back to it in 1776.

So today let us remember the Act of Toleration for 1649. And may that also help guide you in the rest of your proceedings today as you --

(Laughter.)

(Applause.)

(Brief recess.)