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DINNER TIME for the "stars" of the baby animal exhibit now at the Civic Center is an exciting time. At left, the owner of Baltimore's exotic pet shop "Bunny's Jungle," 8039 Liberty Rd., Henry Lewis, who has a booth in the exhibit, shows the way to feed his friend. At right, James Addison, of New York, feeds the llama. Featured in the "Wonderful World of Animal Babies" Saturday and Sunday are a lion cub, baby chimp, stumptain macaque, piglet, calf, goat, tarantula, Black Widow spider, Gila Monster, puppies, kittens, cavies and others.

George Phelps, longtime Naval Academy employee

By ELOISE RICHARDSON

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Funeral services for George Phelps Sr., well-known and well-respected citizen of this area, were held at the Asbury United Methodist Church on Monday Jan. 27.

Mr. Phelps died Thursday, at the Anne Arundel General Hospital after a lingering illness.

He was remembered as a good father by the Rev. Hilton Parker who delivered the eulogy.

Mr. Phelps was famous as a master of the culinary arts and had served in a supervisory capacity in the Midshipmen's Commissary Department of the U. S. Naval Academy.

At the time of his retirement in 1964, he had worked at the academy for 45 years.

During this period, he was given the Meritorious Civilian Service Award in recognition of faithful service (in 1945).

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In 1957, he was cited by the Secretary of the Navy for loyal service.

His culinary arts reputation won public commendation. A newspaper published one of his special recipes for the preparation of sea food.

Mr. Phelps took special interest in the education of the youth. As a member of the Education Committee of the local Ancient City Lodge No. 76 of Elks, he took the lead in working with students of Bates High School.

He encouraged them to participate in the oratorical contests for opportunity to further their education through scholarships.

He was a trustee and Past Exalted Ruler of his lodge, and was also an active member of the American Legion Post, Cooke-Pinkney No. 141. He was a Navy veteran.

Devoted to his church of which his mother served as organist at one time, he was an usher until his illness.

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He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Hebron Phelps; two sons, Charles Phelps, Baltimore; and George Phelps Jr., a deputy of Anne Arundel County and of Annapolis;

Also, two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Hayes, an Anne Arundel County teacher; and Mrs. Nan Manuel, A and T College professor of Greensboro, N.C.;

And, two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Delores Phelps, Baltimore, and Mrs. Marion Phelps, Annapolis; son-in-law, Carl Manuel, Greensboro, N.C.; seven grandchildren, and a brother, William Phelps, Annapolis.

Henry Taylor buried Monday

Funeral services were held Monday for Henry Taylor, 83, 909 N. Carrollton Ave. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

He died on Thursday at his home after a prolonged illness. The Rev. Willie Holland, pastor, officiated.

Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mr. Taylor was an employee in the Edmondson Village Tommy Tucker Store for fifteen years, until his retirement.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Grace Gibbs, Mrs. Augustine Isabell, and one niece, Mrs. Cora Gladden.

Mrs. Emma Adams, 74, of Turner Station

Mrs. Emma Adams, 74, a long time Baltimore resident, died Wednesday at Johns Hopkins Hospital of pneumonia. She was rushed to the hospital Sunday suffering from complications caused by the Hong Kong flu.

Mrs. Adams lived at 125 Balnew St.

She and her husband, Irving Adams Sr., a Turner Station businessman, had just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary, Jan. 17.

A native of New Canton, Va., Mrs. Adams had lived in Baltimore 52 years. She was active in the Christ of King Catholic Church and devoted much of her life to her children and grandchildren.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Adams is survived by a daughter, Miss Margaret Adams, two sons, Clarence, and William; and seven grandchildren, Addison, Michael, Avon, Arnold, Alvin, Arva, Joy, and Claretta Adams, all of Baltimore. Other survivors include a sister, Miss Annie Smith, and a brother, John Smith.

Mrs. Carrie Fleming, Fulton Baptist leader

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Fleming, 70, 2125 McCulloh St. were held Wednesday at Fulton Baptist Church where she was a longtime member.

She was a deaconess and treasurer of the churen missionary guild.

Interment was in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Survivors are her husband, Otis, and six children.

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TOWNES-ALSTON — Charles R., 22, 2302 Ocala, laborer; Martha J., 20, 2313 Reisterstown.
BOOTS-SINCLAIR — James E., 40, 1614 N. Bentalou, laborer; Bessie L., 44, 2007 Walbrook Ave.
EPPS-GILMORE — Hodges Jr., 21, 2500 N. Lafayette, automobile worker; Lois, 18, 2500 N. Lafayette.
DAVENPORT-CONTEE — Louis, 28, 4016 Fairfax, truckdriver; Barbara S., 20, 4007 Fernhill.
HILL-JOHNSON — Melvin, 20, 1718 N. Calvert, laborer; Lucy May, 19.
LAWRENCE-ROGERS — Alphonso, 26, 1515 W. Fayette, laborer; Beatrice, 26.
HODGE-SIMMONS — Henry D., 27, 2741 Biggs, steelworker; Edith, 28, 1139 N. Gilmor.
JOHNSON-WHITE — Daniel Lu., 37, 2619 Longwood, freight handler; Ruth Madeline, clerk; Shirley Ave.
CLAXTON-LEWIS — Maurice, 20, 831 George, U.S. Army; Linda Lou, 20, 2906 W. Lexington.
McCOY-ROBINSON — Alfred, 36, 3400 Cordelia, technician; Ruth E., 34, 2425 Eutaw.
HERNDON-STALEY — Carlos, 22, 3736 Tonwalds, stockman; Joyce L., 19, 1828 Warwick.
THOMPSON-ARMSTRONG — Harvey J., 28, 1618 Maiden, self-employed; Del-Rio E., 25, 4903 St. Georges.
CARTER-LOGAN — Sylvester S. Jr., 20, 738 Granby, baker; Sylvia M., 18, 901 Waldemar.
ALSTON-COLEMAN — Jerome, 27, New York City, clerk; Diane K., 23, 2213 Druid Hill.
CARTER-DANIELS — William H., 19, 3209 Pennsylvania, painter; Catherine Y., 23, 2548 McCulloh.
BROWN-THOMPSON — Eddie, 34, 1812 Port St. stevedor; Elizabeth, 36, 912 N. Carlton.
JOSEPH-SMITH — Carl, 21, 1138 Orleans, welder; Christine M., 19, 1338 Jones.
ESTER-COUNCIL — James W., 27, 2711 Garrison, laborer; Sallie J., 22, 2002 Carlton.
CHALMERS-REDD — Ernest, 49, 1700 Druid Hill, maintenance man; Ethel, 47, 1819 Harlem.
ROYSTER-BALLY — Thomas Lee, 21, 1511 E. North, hospital worker; Joyce A., 20, 908 N. Arlington.
JAKES-WILLIAMS — Gilbert, 20, 3303 Bridges, metal man; Stephanie J., 19, 2013 Gwynns.
WRIGHT-COLE — James Jr., 29, 113 N. Bentalou, caster; Dorothy, 21, 2301 Etna.
SILVA-HOYLES — Stewart F. Jr., 21, 318 M. Moor, assembler; Gene, 20, 109 Mt. Holly.
ALEXANDER-TRAVERS — Vernon E., 21, 2011 Rockwiller; Brenda L., 21, 4507 Laurel.
WOODING JR.-SMITH — Walter J., 20, 2812 Brighton, clerk; Carolyn Y., 20, 4133 Woodhaven.

Deaths of the week

Grafton L. Moore, 116 Myrtle
Susie A. Tynes, 1639 Edmondson
Harry L. Dieterman, 1700 E. Cross
Roosevelt Bacon, 2304 Poplar Grove
Preston L. Addison, 3918 Carlisle
Theresa Griffin, 723 George
William Wa.Smith, 611 N. Augusta
Sadie Brevard, 317 E. Lafayette
William Sanders, 2218 Mylnon
Mary Cherry, 1335 Shields
Charles Scruggs, 2010 Round
N. W. Burleigh, 928 S. Hanover
James McGinley, 430 S. Carey
Robert Wilson Sr., 727 W. Fairmount
Harlett L. Porter, 2025 W. North
Gertrude Allen, 1501 E. Oliver
Paul D. Kelly, 934 W. Fayette
Eugene Garnes, 1302 Edmondson
Hilda L. Gregg, Glenarm, Md.
Willie Green, 3111 Mt. Holly
Florence Southerland, 2330 E. Eager
David R. Riddick, 1407 Edmondson
Clarence S. Perry, 3707 Gelston
Willie M. Hall, 3303 Auchentoroly Ter.
Lee Miller Jr., 1016 Leadenhall
Allen Oliver, 700 W. Edgewood
Norman Towns, 307 Mt. Holly
Mildred McClelland, 30 W. Harrison
Lillie Hayman, 807 Druid Hill
Robert Johnson, 1023 N. Preston
Mattie A. Smith, 827 Harlem
Blanche Bradley, 711 W. Mulberry
William Green, 1108 Monroe
Johnnie Jeffress, 1005 Homestead
Jim Green, 2600 Loyola Northway
Lawrence N. Hall, 2010 W. Cold Spring
John Quickley, 4006 Rokeby
Frank Martin, 423 E. Biddle
Clara A. Thomason, 3435 Llewelyn
Rev. Isaac Williams, 1402 Forest Pk.
Young Kink, 2447 The Alameda
Edward Tilbery, 1711 Harford
Johnson Robertson, 1001 N. Wolfe
Ruth Miller, 861 Greenmilne
Raymond Lewis, 711 E. Preston
Doris P. Morris, 1915 E. North
Myrtle Fleming, 2135 McCulloh
Daniel Hawkins, 909 W. Lanvale
Joseph E. Lewis, 2101 Carroll
Richard Campbell, 1317 N. Harford
Henry Taylor, 909 N. Carrollton
Mary Thomas, 833 Saratoro
James Stewart, 3012 Gramley
Emma Gerrett, 1 Grove Avenue
Kenny Garrett, Laurel, Md.
Mrs. E. Brown, 3414 Woodbrook
Rose Copeland, 1374 N. Carey
Milton Trenton, 3527 W. Mosher
Flossie B. Smith, 1298 W. North
Mary E. Hobe, 1814 Biggs
Estella Jones, 1002 Sarah Ann
Mary Ella Tate, 821 Appleton
Roosevelt Grant, 19 N. Stricker
Willie Lee Ford, 1705 Darley
Garland Jones, 723 Roundview
Ernest Jones, 830 Johnson
Evelyn Johnson, 344 Herring Ct.
David Hamilton Jr., 1807 W. Fayette
Thomas Walker, 2023 E. Preston
Marcella Phillips, 1908 Park
Viola Jackson, 811 Beechwood
Jessie Wilson, 230 N. Silver Ct.
Cherry Jackson, Bronx, N.Y.
Sarah Parham, 206 E. 22nd
Virginia Brown, 1340 Mosher
Gordon Waynesboro, 1301 N. Bakelaw
Nellie Jones, 111 N. Wolfe
Michael Johnson, 1314 Gorsuch

James Stewart

Funeral services were held for James Stewart, 61, of 3012 Grantley Rd. in the chapel at the George G. Kelson Funeral Home on Tuesday.

He died on January 24, (Friday) at Sinai Hospital, suddenly after a long illness.

The Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church, officiated. Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

For sixteen years, Mr. Stewart was an employee of Consolidated Freight Way.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Stewart, a brother, George Stewart; and a sister, Miss Ernestine Stewart, both of Baltimore.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE

Md. Assembly due to get 3 civil rights measures

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — General Assembly members were advised this week of a package of three civil rights bills coming from the Maryland Commission on Human Rights.

Roscoe R. Dix, executive director, listed them as follows:

1. A broader application of the state's public accommodations law to include "any business establishment which is open to, solicits or accepts the patronage of the general public, or is licensed by the state to conduct business or offer services to the general public."

This would include any retail store, service establishment, barber shop, beauty parlor, garage or public conveyance operated on land, water or in the air, as well as stations, terminals and airports.

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Also included, but not limited to, are any ambulance, hospital, clinic, any resort or tourist attraction, beach, swimming pool, tourist lodge, trailer park marina, park, recreation or picnic area serving the general public, any tavern, bar saloon or cocktail lounge.

The bill would not apply to a private club not open to the public.

2. A bill to prohibit discriminatory practices with respect to housing, including the sale, rental and mortgage lending institutions.

Covered would be all housing designed for occupancy by one or more families.

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3. A bill to give enforcement powers to the Commission on Human Rights, including jurisdiction in state employment.

The measure would also authorize the Commission to initiate complaints of discrimination, to hear such complaints and that the case in support of a complaint be presented by the attorney general.

Further there is included a proposal to allow for the suspension of the executive appointees of any board or department who refuse to comply with a Commission order on discrimination in

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Gov. Mandel gives boost to Morgan State expansion

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Marvin Mandel has given impetus to the move to expand Morgan State College into a university.

The governor announced Tuesday he has asked Dr. G. Russell Tatum, chairman, Advisory Council on Higher Education, for a report on the proposal of Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan president, concerning the future development of the college.

Gov. Mandel wrote Dr. Tatum:

"Since some of Dr. Jenkins' suggestions would have a bearing on the budget for fiscal 1971, I am requesting that you let me have the Council's report not later than Sept. 15, 1969."

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Gov. Mandel, who is known to have a keen interest in the development of state colleges, indicated in a letter to Dr. Jenkins his agreement on the expansion of Morgan.

He said: —

"I have examined with great interest the proposal which you submitted on Jan. 14 to the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges, concerning the future development of Morgan State College as a racially integrated, urban-oriented university.

"Your concept of a College of Urban Affairs is particularly interesting, in view of the obvious need to prepare young people to participate in the rejuvenation of Baltimore City.

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"It is my understanding that, pursuant to existing law, your proposal will go to the Maryland Council for Higher Education for study and recommendation.

"This referral is most desirable, since I am anxious to preserve the integrity of our tripartite structure of institutions of higher education."

The governor then advised Dr. Jenkins he had requested a report from the Council by Sept. 15.

Meanwhile, resolutions to expand Morgan into a university have been passed by the Baltimore City Council and the General Assembly's House of Delegates, expressing a favorable reaction by these lawmakers.

A joint Senate resolution on the same subject is now in a committee of the Assembly's upper chamber. Passage will also require approval by the House.

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Asked to comment on Gov. Mandel's resolution, Dr. Jenkins told the AFRO, "I am very pleased with the interest expressed by Gov. Mandel in my proposals . . . As the governor points out, this recommendation will be considered by the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges and the Maryland Council for Higher Education.

"The governor's request that he get a report from the Council by Sept. 15 assures that the recommendation will receive serious consideration at the highest state levels.

"This is not to say, of course, that Gov. Mandel at this point approves the recommendation.

"I am convinced, though, that the arguments for an urban-oriented university in Baltimore are so persuasive that all parties concerned will concur with my recommendation."

Cardinal Shehan seeks Mandel aid on Medicaid

ANNAPOLIS — Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, head of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese in Baltimore, visited Gov. Marvin Mandel here Tuesday afternoon to urge more Medicaid aid for the city's new Good Samaritan Hospital.

Cardinal Shehan came in his role as president of the hospital's board of trustees, and with him was Dr. John Harvey, director of the institution.

Both said after the conference with Gov. Mandel he had promised aid if possible in the Medicaid program.

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The governor, it will be recalled, has just ordered restored to Medicaid 2,200 persons cut by the former Agnew administration.

Good Samaritan Hospital, 5601 Lock Raven Blvd., is a non-profit institution for the chronically ill.

Dr. Harvey stressed to the AFRO that it is open to all races and creeds.

The hospital was opened on Nov. 18, and has 284 beds, Dr. Harvey said, of which 140 are now open.

He said there has been a great demand for Medicaid at the hospital, though a small percentage of the plan is in force there.

Mandel proposes cabinet system

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Marvin Mandel has under preparation legislation to reorganize Maryland's Executive Department and establish a cabinet system similar to that of the President's in Washington.

The proposal is a result of recommendations by the Governor's Executive Reorganization Committee, headed by John D. Carroll, president, McCormick in Baltimore.

Principally, the committee recommended that Maryland adopt a cabinet system for the state's 240 agencies organized under departments with the head of each department, the secretary, responsible directly to the governor.

The committee found that the existing organization of the Executive Department "neither accurately reflects nor adequately supports the major policies and objectives of the state."

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The suggested formal cabinet, called the Executive Council, would consist of:

The governor, the comptroller, attorney general, chairman of the State Board of Education, chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, chairman of the State Board of Colleges, chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges, the state treasurer, and the secretaries of each Executive Department.

The Executive Departments would be:

Program Evaluation and Research, Budget and Fiscal Planning, Personnel and General Services, Natural Resources, Health and Mental Hygiene, Public Safety and Correctional Services, Transportation, Licensing and Regulation, Education and Employment Services and Economic and Community Development.

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Each department would be headed by a secretary appointed by the governor.

Gov. Mandel, who was a member of the Curlett Committee, said in releasing the report:

"The years ahead present both dangers and opportunities to the state of Maryland. Reorganization of state government will enable us to minimize the dangers and capitalize on the opportunities.

"Only as we reorganize government will we be in a position to respond effectively to the challenges that lie ahead, and to meet the needs of all our citizens."

The committee was appointed July 10 of last year for the study by former Gov. Spiro T. Agnew.

Bill seeks split Assembly sessions

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to provide for a split General Assembly session and set up a committee to set legislative salaries has been introduced in the House of Delegates by Del. Gerald Curran (D. 3rd Baltimore).

It proposes the Assembly convene annually on March 15 for three months, to receive the budget and have bills introduced referred to committees.

After using the following three months for committee hearings, the Assembly would convene again in September for final action on bills and the budget.

Mr. Curran pointed out this system was first adopted by California in 1911, and is now used by four states.

Gov. Marvin Mandel, however, has let it be known he favors a return to 90-day sessions, rather than the current 70-day ones now lawful.

Bill would hike robbery penalties

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — A series of 8 bills, aimed at modifying Baltimore's robbery laws covering as many subjects, was placed before the House of Delegates Wednesday by Murray Abramson (D. 4th Balto.), chairman of the City Deegation.

The outmoded measures cover such things as duties of livery stable keepers, seats for female employees in certain establishments, hauling ice on Sundays, employment of females in amusement places, the sale of wood and the definition of a carload of manure.

The laws date back to the turn of the century.

The package is the first bill, and makes us unwilling to open our hearts to one another.

"For, if our hearts are closed to our colleagues and those whom we represent, they are not open to Thee.

"We pray for the President of this Senate, the Governor of the State as they administer the affairs for all the people.

"Give them we pray Thee, the wisdom, the courage, and the manhood to stand up and be counted for justice.

"We ask thy mercy in Jesus' name.

"Amen."

'Give them courage to stand up for justice,' Rev. Swann prays at Senate

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ANNAPOLIS — "Give them, we pray Thee, the wisdom, the courage and the manhood to stand up and be counted for justice. . ."

These were the words of the Rev. Melvin Chester Swann, minister of Baltimore's Waters AME Church, as he gave the opening prayer at the Tuesday afternoon session of the Senate.

Afterwards, the Rev. Mr. Swann went upstairs in the State House to chat with Gov. Marvin Mandel briefly about a Feb. 7th banquet in Washington at which the governor will be honored.

The affair will be given at the Washington Hilton Hotel under sponsorship of the AME Church's 2nd District, which embraced North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

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Full text of the Rev. Mr. Swann's prayer follows: —

"Our Father, we would pray thou wouldst take something from us.

"Take out of our hearts any bitterness that lies there, any resentment that departs our peace.

"Take away the stubborn pride that keeps us from apology and confessing fault, and makes us unwilling to open our hearts to one another.

"For, if our hearts are closed to our colleagues and those whom we represent, they are not open to Thee.

"We pray for the President of this Senate, the Governor of the State as they administer the affairs for all the people.

"Give them we pray Thee, the wisdom, the courage, and the manhood to stand up and be counted for justice.

"We ask thy mercy in Jesus' name.

"Amen."

Dr. Chissell on hospital study

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ANNAPOLIS — Dr. John T. Chissell, staff member of Baltimore's Provident Hospital, is on a statman committee named Wednesday by Gov. Marvin Mandel to resolve tubercular section problems between Mt. Wilson and Baltimore City Hospitals.

The governor noted earlier that the tubercular section at neither institution is more than 50 per cent filled, yet both are being operated separately.

What he wants determined by the committee is whether to close the tubercular section at Mt. Wilson or at City Hospitals, or what other course to follow more feasible than the present one.

Gov. Mandel requested a report from the committee by Feb. 28.

'THIS IS SERIOUS MATTER'

George Washington, Malkus delay Monday holiday bill

ANNAPOLIS — Having given earlier tentative approval to a bill to switch four legal holidays to annual observances on Mondays, the Senate held up passage Wednesday — all because of George Washington, father of this country, and Sen. Frederick C. Malkus Jr. (D. lower Eastern Shore).

The SB 90 provides that the third Monday in February be observed as Washington's birthday; the last Monday in May be called Memorial Day; the second Monday in October be Columbus Day, and the fourth Monday in October be observed as Veterans Day.

Lincoln's birthday observance is not moved in the bill from Feb. 12.

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Sen Malkus does not like the idea of moving Washington's Birthday from Feb. 22, and took considerable time of the Senate to say so when the bill came up for second reading Monday evening, and again as it faced passage Wednesday.

"This is a serious matter," he told his colleagues at one point. "I think Washington's birthday shouldn't be treated like this by this body. We are going too far in forgetting about our heritage, just to give people an extra holiday."

Wahsington, he said, was being discriminated against. He asked that the bill be put back on second reading so he could offer amendments to take Washington's birthday out of the measure.

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Sen. Royal Hart (D. Prince Georges), a sponsor of the bill, reminded it would put the state's holidays in line with a measure passed by Congress.

The Senate, however, conceded to the Malkus request.

While the bill provides workers four extra long weekends, it was lobbied by representatives of the state's three major race tracks, which are seen benefiting by its passage.

Bill would cut century-old laws

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ANNAPOLIS — Two bills to stiffen vastly penalties for convictions of armed robbery were introduced in the House of Delegates Tuesday by Del. Gilbert R. Giardano (D. Prince George's).

His HB 381 would set a minimum of five years through 20 for a first offense, and set a range of from 10 to 30 years for a second offender.

A companion HB 382 would set a minimum bail of $15,000 in cases of armed robbery.

Stiffer penalties urged for felons

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ANNAPOLIS — Two senators served notice here Wednesday that they would press for stiff prison terms for persons convicted as second, third or more offenders for felonies.

Sen. Fred L. Wineland (D. Prince George's) delivered a passionate speech on the Senate floor about crime on the streets and the dangers to the average citizen.

"It's time we do something," he said.

Sen. Carl L. Friedler (D. 5th Balto.) followed to tell his colleagues he is preparing to again introduce his mandatory offender bill, which passed the Senate at the last session but was killed in the House.

"It is aimed at the persistent felon," Sen. Friedler stated, "the man beyond society's help. It will put him in jail and keep him there."

Long joins election change move

Rep. Clarence D. Long introduced legislation Wednesday to abolish the Electoral College and provide for direct election of the President by the people — in the same way as congressmen and other elected officials are chosen.

Under the present system, the people do not vote directly for Presidential candidates, but for slates of electors pledged to cast their votes in the Electoral College for a candidate.

Direct election of the President, Rep. Long said, would be more democratic than the Electoral College method and — in times of national emergency — would eliminate delay and confusion such as has been caused when the choice of President had to be made by the House of Representatives.

The legislation — a Joint Congressional Resolution calling for Constitutional Amendment — originally was introduced in the Senate by Senator Birch Bayh (D. Ind.) on Jan. 15. Rep. Long and 3 other members of the House joined in cosponsoring this measure.

The resolution specifies that if no candidate received 40 percent or more of the popular vote, a run-off election would be held to choose between the two candidates with the most votes.

In order to amend the Constitution, a measure must first be passed by a two-thirds vote of the House and of the Senate, then ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of all the states.

Since this process is time-consuming, Rep. Long noted, it is important to get started now on electoral reform so that the people may vote directly for President in the 1972 elections.

Mathias bill asks privacy of employees

Sen. Charles McC. Mathias this week co-sponsored legislation to insure the privacy of U.S. government employees, by placing limits on certain types of questionnaires and tests employees are required to answer.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.), would, according to Sen. Mathias, make it unlawful for an executive department or agency to require:

1. Disclosure of race, religion, or national origin;

2. Attendance by an employee at meetings and assemblies not related to his job;

3. Reports about personal habits and outside activities not related to employment;

4. Employees to take certain psychological and lie-detector tests;

5. Political contributions or support or the mandatory purchase of U.S. savings bonds;

Criminal and civil penalties may be imposed against any government official who violates provisions of the proposed bill, Sen. Mathias said. In addition, he pointed out that the bill also establishes a board of Employees' Rights with power to impose disciplinary sanctions for such violations.

"This measure has been introduced in the last two Congresses, and testimony during hearings on it brought out abuses in the government-employee relationship which must be curtailed," Sen. Mathias said.

Shoplifting bill raises questions

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ANNAPOLIS — "We are going to sit on this bill for a while and see if we can't iron out some of the kinks."

Senator J. Joseph Curran Jr. (D. 3rd, Balto.), chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee, was commenting Thursday on S.B. 39, which would allow the arrest of suspected shop lifters on probable cause by a store proprietor.

A hearing on the bill was held earlier, at which time the Junior Bar Association raised questions as to the immunity from civil suits granted store proprietors or their agents in such cases.

Del. Troy Bralley (4th, Balto.) has termed the measure "a bad bill," and has vowed to fight it if it remains in its present form.

The bill is a legislative Council proposal.

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Registration for the spring semester at the College Park campus of the University of Maryland.

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