General Assembly of Maryland

Dates of Interest 1987 Session 1987 session

January 14	General Assembly convenes (noon). Swearing in of members (Wednesday)
20	Election of Treasurer (noon) Certification of election results for Governor/Lt. Governor (Tuesday)
21	Inauguration of Governor and Lt. Governor (noon, Wednesday)
23	Governor delivers State of the State Address and Budget Bill introduced (Friday) Final date for submission of Executive Orders reorganizing the Executive Branch of State Government (Friday) Either House may disapprove by resolution within 50 days of introduction
27	**HOUSE AND SENATE BILL REQUEST GUARANTEE DATE** — 14th Day (Tuesday)
28	State of the Judiciary (Wednesday)
February 2	Final date for Governor to introduce capital budget bill — 20th Day (Monday)
5	**HOUSE AND SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION COURTESY DATE** — 23rd Day (Thursday)
22	"Green Bag" appointments submitted by Governor — 40th Day (Actually delivered Friday, February 20)
27	45th Day — Bill Introduction Deadline — Bills introduced after this date referred to Rules Committee (Senate Rule 38(d), House Rule 32(b)) (Friday)
March 9	55th Day (Monday) —Final day for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules —Budget Bill reported to House floor by House Appropriations Committee —House moves Budget Bill in 1987
20	Budget Bill reported to Senate Budget and Taxation Committee (Friday)
24	Committee Reporting Courtesy Date — 70th Day. Each Chamber's Committees to report their own bills by this date (Tuesday)
30	Opposite Chamber Bill Courtesy Date — 76th Day (Monday) —Each Chamber to send to other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably —Opposite Chamber bills received after this date subject to referral to Rules Committees
April 6	Budget Bill to be passed by both Chambers by this date — 83rd Day (Monday)
13	**ADJOURNMENT "SINE DIE"** (Monday)
May 13	Final date for an extended Session (Wednesday)

Balto. CRC appoints Allen, Watts examiners

The Baltimore Community Relations Commission has announced the recent appointment of Jurists Milton B. Allen and Robert B. Watts as Hearing Examiners.

Allen and Watts, former Associate Judges, Circuit Court of Baltimore City, will serve as Hearing Examiners in cases involving Appeals and Public Hearings.

Judges Allen and Watts are both graduates of the University of Maryland School of Law. Judge Allen has an illustrious background in the legal profession, covering a span of over 40 years.

He served as Deputy State's Attorney for the City of Baltimore from November, 1970 to 1971, and was elected State's Attorney for the City of Baltimore and served a four year term.

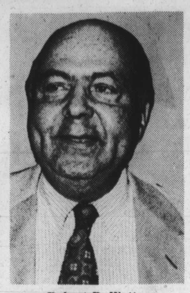
Judge Allen is currently associated with the law firm of Wartzman, Rombro, Omansky, Blibaum and Simons, P.A.

Judge Robert B. Watts also has an extensive and illustrious legal background. His prior positions include serving as Assistant Chief Enforcement Attorney, Office of Price Administration; Substitute Police Magistrate, First Black Municipal Court Judge; Judge, Circuit Court of Baltimore City and elected to a 15 year term in 1970.

He is currently associated with the law firm of Piper-Marbury, Russell & Thompson.

John B. Ferron, Commission Director, states, "The addition of these two distinguished jurists to the Commission will greatly enhance the Commission's efforts to carry out its mandate and expedite the timely resolution of its many cases."

Milton B. Allen



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Grandparents Prenatal Class

The Union Memorial Hospital, 201 East University Parkway, will hold a free grandparents prenatal class on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1987 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the hospital's Memorial Auditorium.

The class is for those persons who are going to be grandparents in the next few years. Topics for discussion will include the grandparents' role and benefits to grandchildren, the latest trends in childbirth, infant care in the 1980's and how to be an effective grandparent.

The discussions will be led by Union Memorial physicians and staff, and there will also be a question and answer session.

Free parking will be available at the hospital's parking plaza at 34th and Calvert Streets. Preregistration is required. Call 554-2268 for registration or more information.

HOLIDAY PARTY TIME

How to help reduce drunk driving accidents

This year, half of all Maryland traffic fatalities have been alcohol related.

In an effort to reduce the risks of drunk driving, AAA Maryland urges party guests and hosts to take these preventive measures during the holidays:

BEFORE THE PARTY:

— Serve food to slow down the effects of alcohol.

— Use non-carbonated bases for alcoholic beverages to slow down alcohol absorption rates.

— Have non-alcoholic beverages available.

— Do not force alcoholic beverages on guests.

AFTER THE PARTY:

— Stop serving alcohol to guests about an hour before the party ends.

— Guests who have had too much to drink should not be allowed to drive. Have them stay overnight or taken home.

— If necessary, take away the guest's car keys.

If you are on the road, be aware of visual cues that warn you a driver may be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Be alert for drivers doing the following:

VISUAL CUES:

— Turning abruptly, illegally or with a wide radius.

— Straddling center line or lane marker.

— Weaving, swerving or drifting.

— Driving into opposing or crossing traffic.

— Driving off designated roadway.

— Stopping without cause or inappropriately.

— Slow speed, more than 10 mph below limit.

— Following too closely; braking erratically.

— Accelerating or slowing down rapidly.

— Slow response to traffic signals, or inconsistent signals by driver.

— Driving at night without headlights.

If you need to pass a driver doing some of these things, do so as quickly as possible. Then stop and call your local or state police. Report the vehicle's make, model, color, tag number and location.

By reporting an erratic driver, you may save your life, his or others. You may give the gift of life this holiday.

Cable group drafts guidelines

The National Cable Television Association's Office of Cable Signal Theft (OCST) has drafted a uniform state law which can be used by states or their political subdivisions as a model for passing new legislation or amending existing laws to prohibit theft of cable service and satellite cable programming.

The model law was written with the assistance of two Washington, D.C., law firms - Pierson, Ball and Dowd; and Fleischman and Walsh - and includes two major sections, Title I dealing with cable signal theft and Title II covering theft of satellite signals.

Each title includes definitions, prohibited activities, presumptions, criminal penalties and civil remedies.

Forty-three states have theft of service statutes which are cable specific, while seven other states and the District of Columbia do not have such laws, according to OCST.

OCST director Jeremy Stern said: "Many state laws have not kept pace with new types of signal piracy, particularly commercial theft. Consequently, OCST drafted a model law to cover all areas of cable and satellite signal theft."

Stern noted that a "dual enforcement" mechanism is needed, so that cable operators can seek assistance from either state or federal authorities. In instances where federal authorities do not have the resources to prosecute a case, operators can turn to state authorities or vice versa.

Relevant federal statutes contained in the Cable Communications Policy Act or 1984 do not preempt state laws.

The maximum criminal punishment provided in the Uniform State Law for individual offenders is six months in prison and/or a $1,000 fine. For those individuals or enterprises shown to be operating for illegal commercial gain, maximum criminal punishment is one year in prison and/or a $25,000 fine. Penalities increase for second and subsequent offenses. Civil cause of action has also been included, so that cable operators and other aggrieved parties can sue in civil court to recover damages and obtain injunctions.

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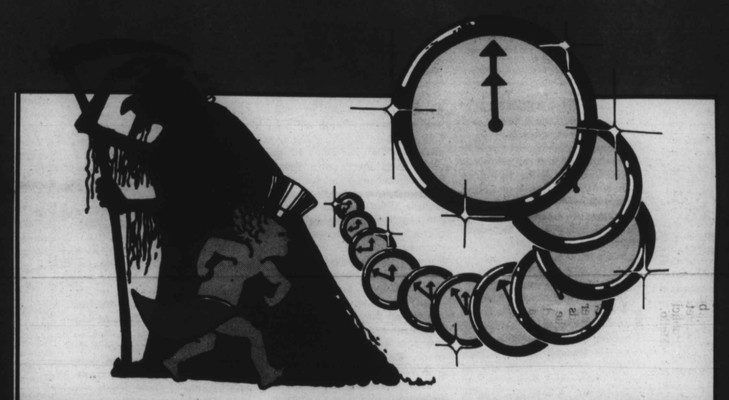

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