

processing as the region's principal industry. In short, the Eastern Shore is gradually expanding its industrial potential. Today, manufacturing, second to agriculture in economic importance, provides employment for about one-fifth to one-fourth of all employed persons. The Bay Bridge linking the two "shores" has speeded up the process, with its full impact still in the future. The Bridge each year brings thousands of people to the Shore—tourists as well as motorists just passing through. These are people who had never seen the region before and were only vaguely aware of its existence.

Easton and the other cities and towns of the Shore counties are eager to acquire new industry. The fact that there are metal working plants in the area is evidence that most types of manufacturing can be fitted into the Shore economy. Geography and climate are among our best assets here on the Eastern Shore. The area is a paradise for fishermen and for those who like to hunt wildfowl or enjoy boating and fishing. People like to live here and take advantage of the many unusual recreational advantages. And industry likes to locate where people enjoy living. These are assets we can and must use to develop the full economic potentiality of the region.

Our Eastern Shore, so steeped in history and tradition, retains most of its past historic charm, but it also is participating in some of the nation's most progressive scientific projects. A case in point is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's research station on Wallops Island. This has focused international attention on the Eastern Shore. The Eastern Shore, then, is no longer an isolated region, cut off from the mainland of the State and from the rest of the country. It is a vigorous, progressive up-and-coming area, doing a thriving and active business now and able and willing to do more.

If its many resources are properly handled, a prosperous future for Talbot County and the Eastern Shore is a certainty.

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I would like to discuss with you this evening some of the measures your State government has taken to assure a healthy and orderly development of Maryland in the years ahead of us.