

have been concerned—as I know you have been—by the atmosphere which has prevailed in Washington during the past year. I am indeed grateful that Maryland has escaped the existence of such an atmosphere at the state level. Nevertheless, as a result of events in Washington, labor and management now find themselves operating under new legislation—the Landrum-Griffin Act. This Act, among other things, gives the states new powers to move into labor controversies in intrastate commerce which the National Labor Relations Board does not wish to review. Under the old Taft-Hartley Law, **this area was called a “no man’s land.”**

As a result of this new area of state jurisdiction and other recent changes in national labor relations, I believe that the time has come to conduct a comprehensive review of our existing state labor legislation, I believe that we should study our labor laws in order to ascertain what amendments or improvements should now be made. To accomplish this, I propose to appoint a committee to examine this entire field. I shall ask the committee to make recommendations to the General Assembly.

I would like to ask the officers of this organization to suggest to me, as soon as possible, names of individuals whom they believe would make a helpful contribution to this committee as representatives of organized labor. I would like to appoint this committee in the very near future, and propose that they bring in their recommendations as quickly as possible.

In closing, I want to repeat once more how grateful I am to have the opportunity to be here today, and to re-affirm what you already know—that organized labor in the State of Maryland can always count on fair and honorable treatment from this Administration.

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January 12, 1960

We have met here today to dedicate the third and final structure in the State’s office-building program in Baltimore . . . .

Events of the past two years have placed a spotlight on the Department of Employment Security and the great value it renders to the citizens of the State. Perhaps never before in the twenty-two year history of the payment of unemployment insurance benefits in