

However, when the parties attempted to prepare the written agreement, they found that they were seriously divided on several important points which previously had not been clearly defined. These points were not mentioned during the time that I participated in the discussions between the parties.

Tonight I met with the parties in an unsuccessful attempt to help them resolve their differences.

In my opinion, no useful purpose can be served by my continuing to participate in these negotiations. A certain amount of inflexibility amounting to something approaching lack of good faith has been exhibited on both sides. I sense there is no real desire to settle the strike at present.

Until the parties see fit to approach the problem in a more constructive and reasonable manner, I must refrain from further participation in the dispute.

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## COMMENTS ON END OF LEGISLATURE

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Most people seem to agree that this has been one of the most productive sessions of the Maryland Legislature for a long time. There has been some speculation as to why this came about. Some say it was a Democratic Legislature showing unusual leadership. Some say that the Governor had a little bit to do with it. The truth is probably somewhere in the middle of those two statements.

But one thing is manifestly true. Without the outstanding leadership of the Democratic Legislature these programs could not be accomplished. I commend them most highly for their statesmanship. I think that the tax revision program, the Constitutional Convention, the programs that allowed the executive branch to reclaim its rightful role in the designation of toll facilities, and many other programs with respect to credit in other matters that have been passed by this Legislature show significant gains for the State. And I'm very pleased that we were able to do this.

I look forward to working with this group in the coming sessions, and I see no reason to feel that there's any possibility of disruptive action occurring at the next session.