

contribute to the development of a comprehensive educational system which fulfills individual needs and fosters economic development throughout Maryland.

A thriving economy depends on the extension of vital utilities . . . water and sewer lines, solid refuse disposal and, most important of all, a balanced transportation system. Leisure time and mental health, two ascendant twentieth century challenges, require increasing governmental attention. Each of these distinct problems can be most effectively resolved through planning. Health, education, economic development, transportation, recreation, all are ultimately related, all demand some measure of governmental action, and all can be most efficiently and economically served through planning.

Each of these factors will receive administration attention in the future. For the aspirations and ambitions which I have, and I believe you share with me, for the development of our State and the fulfillment of its citizens can be achieved.

As John F. Kennedy said in his inaugural address: "All of this will not be finished in the first one hundred days. Nor will it be finished in the first one thousand days, nor in the life of this Administration . . . But let us begin."

Ladies and gentlemen, our first one hundred days have been a commendable beginning. And while I accept the reality and the inevitability of our late President's words, I sincerely believe that if the first hundred days are a forecast of the future and not merely a reflection of the past, the State of Maryland may progress through *planning*, and *policy*, and *program*, further by far than we dare predict.

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OPENING STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

Ladies and gentlemen, before we get down to any specific questions, as you very well know we met this morning with the leadership in the General Assembly, Attorney General Burch and Comptroller Goldstein, and we discussed the problem that has been caused by the recent Court of Appeals' per curiam opinion which indicates that the appropriations section of the tax bill is mechanically defective and needs correction by legislative action.