

county commissioners. The office of Governor has not been reapportioned and retains a special sense of responsibility to those subdivisions with lesser legislative representation. State and local executive communication and cooperation can compensate for lesser representation. This trip was the first step in this direction. This trip was symbolic of my faith in Frederick, my confidence in county government, my commitment to have the State *serve* rather than subordinate county interests.

Frederick is a beautiful and bountiful county. The State stands ready to conserve your fertile farmlands, to preserve your historical landmarks, to promote your commercial potential but only as you desire. You have given this county its character and you have earned the right to direct its destiny. We seek only to enhance and to fulfill those opportunities you define, those objectives you designate, those priorities you determine. We appreciate your unique character and are committed to press for progress so that Frederick's future will not be postponed. Frederick's prosperity need not depend or wait upon her neighbors. Frederick's potential can be fulfilled by the present generation and Frederick's promise can be enjoyed today!

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## NEWS CONFERENCE

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### OPENING STATEMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

Yesterday, I sent a letter to Senator John McClellan opposing certain amendments to the law enforcement act which were proposed by the Justice Department. These amendments would have the effect of routing aid for police protection and public safety directly from the Federal government to the cities.

I point out in my letter that Maryland, through monies made available from the recent tax reform, was able to send about \$15.8 million to the subdivisions last year, mainly to Baltimore City. And in addition to that, nearly \$2 million was taken from certain road funds for a particular police equipment purchase.

I think this proves that in the State of Maryland we, the State, are meeting our obligation to the City in this respect, and that it would disrupt our planning to have the Federal government deciding in which of our municipalities money should be sent without consulting us to see what we had done at the State level.