

gram to construct more boat launching ramps, better docking facilities and more public fishing piers.

There is a strong and growing movement, supported at Federal and State levels, to protect, preserve and enhance America's historic buildings and shrines. Not only is this highly desirable from a cultural and aesthetic point of view, it frequently makes good economic sense because many historic sites have proved to be excellent tourist attractions. The State has provided \$18,000 for the restoration of the Frigate Constellation which, I believe, is one of the very few Registered National Historic Landmarks that is not on land. Once restoration work is completed in the spring, the Constellation should prove a tremendous asset to Baltimore's tourist development efforts.

Before concluding, I would like to stress that one of the primary aims of modern government is to advance the economic well-being of all citizens. This is precisely why Maryland embarked on a program of economic development — a program that involves industrial development, tourist development and economic research. Ours is a broad program that has as its objective the realization of Maryland's highest economic potential consistent with the day-to-day living needs of our citizens and the realities of our resources.

We are keenly aware how essential it is to preserve and enhance the amenities that make living here so pleasant, and Maryland such a pleasing place to visit. We recognize that our many tourist attractions, such as historic sites, our bay, rivers, lakes and streams, our open spaces, as well as such complementary facilities as hotels, resorts and restaurants serve to make Maryland appealing not only to tourists but to business and industry as well. Without them, Maryland would be in a far less favored position than it is.

As I travel about our State I am constantly encouraged by what some of the political subdivisions are doing to improve their economy through tourism. In Southern Maryland, the Tri-County Council is hard at work on a tourist development program. On the Eastern Shore a group of interested citizens has formed Delmarva Hospitality Incorporated with the aim of attracting more visitors. Since I have been living in Annapolis, I have been greatly impressed by the enthusiastic work of such organizations as Historic Annapolis, Inc., and the Annapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Certainly, the City of Baltimore is now in a position to launch an all-out campaign to attract tourists and most especially the lucrative big business of the tourist industry — conventions!