

1 County, and we thank them also. (Applause)

2 THE PRESIDENT: It is a real privilege to
3 welcome today and to recognize the presence in the chamber
4 of so many distinguished guests, I do not have a complete
5 list of the names of those present.

6 Chief Judge Robert Murphy of the Intermediate
7 Court of Appeals; Deputy Attorney General Robert F. Sweeney;
8 Senator Blair Lee, the Majority Leader of the House of
9 Delegates; Senator Edward Hall, Minority Leader in the
10 Senate; Senator Edward Conroy.

11 Unavoidably, the Governor could not be present.
12 He has sent me a message and he has asked me in addition
13 to express his sincere regrets that prior commitments in
14 Baltimore made it impossible for him to be present this
15 morning.

16 The Clerk will read this message from the
17 Governor.

18 MR. QUILLEN: "To the Delegates of the Consti-
19 tutional Convention of Maryland:

20 "Upon the convocation of this Convention, I
21 expressed my hope that you would draft a document designed