

the staff in the correctional institutions. With the strong support of the General Assembly, the State employees pension system was restructured to assure its further actuarial integrity, one of the Governor's early goals.

In addition, environmental regulatory activities were consolidated under the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, resolving a ten-year interagency dispute. A State program for siting hazardous waste disposal facilities was created, making Maryland one of only a handful of states to enact such legislation. The Northeast Waste Disposal Authority was also created, with the potential for achieving regional cooperation in the critical area of solid waste disposal. An agreement was reached among the State, Federal, and local authorities on a program to clean up the Patuxent River, ending a decade-long dispute which had endangered the entire project. The Patuxent River plan is regarded as a model as Maryland and neighboring states begin implementing plans to restore the Chesapeake Bay, the State's greatest natural resource.

Governor Hughes was born in Easton, Maryland, on November 13, 1926. He lived in Denton and was educated in the public schools of Caroline County. As a young man he explored the possibilities of a career in professional baseball after pitching on high school and college teams. Upon graduating from college he played a summer of professional baseball with the farm team of the New York Yankees in Easton and the Federalsburg independent team.

Enlisting at age 17, Governor Hughes served a year-and-a-half with the U.S. Navy Air Corps in World War II, after which he entered the University of Maryland, receiving a B.S. degree in 1949.

Prior to entering the University of Maryland he had attended Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and Mount Saint Mary's College in Western Maryland. After receiving his undergraduate degree he entered the George Washington University School of Law and received his LL.B. degree in 1952. He was admitted to the practice of law in Maryland the same year and started practicing law in Denton in 1952.

Mr. Hughes was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1954 and served one term (1955-1958) in that body, representing Caroline County. In 1958 he was elected to the Senate, where he served three terms (1959-1970), first representing Caroline County and then, after reapportionment, the Upper Shore counties.

During his term in the Senate, Mr. Hughes held a number of leadership positions, including chairman of the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters, majority floor leader, chairman of the Committee on Finance, and chairman of the Commission to Study the State's Role in Financing Public Education.

In 1971, Mr. Hughes was appointed to head the newly created Department of Transportation, serving in that post until May 1977.

In the general election of 1978, he was elected to his first term, receiving the largest majority of the vote recorded by a Maryland gubernatorial candidate in this century.

Governor Hughes is married to the former Patricia Donoho. They have two daughters, Ann, a special education teacher in Baltimore County public schools, and Elizabeth, a practicing attorney in Baltimore.