

A meeting of the Hall of Records Commission was held at the Hall of Records on April 9, 1958. Judge Brune called the meeting to order at 2:50 P. M. Other members present were Dr. Weigle, Governor McKeldin, Senator Radcliffe and Mr. Tawes.

The following members of the Hall of Records staff who had received tentative appointments subsequent to the last meeting of the Commission were approved as permanent employees: Martha M. France, Senior Account Clerk, Lois G. Clark, Junior Archivist, Jackson S. Saunders, Public Records Examiner, George W. Straubinger, Senior Archivist, and Dorothy Harris, Senior Clerk.

The Archivist advised the Commission that Senate Bill No. 88, whose purpose was the transfer of responsibility for the *Maryland Manual* from the office of the Secretary of State to the Hall of Records Commission, had failed of passage. It was pointed out that for the last ten years the *Manual* had been compiled by the Hall of Records staff but issued and paid for by the Secretary of State. This arrangement was administratively difficult, especially since we could never know in advance whether we would be asked by an incoming Governor or Secretary of State to continue this task. As a result, each new *Manual* has been a new crash program. It was agreed by the Commission that we should make a new effort to accomplish this purpose at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

The Commission then gave its attention to the revised edition of the *Maryland Guide* which is being prepared by the Hall of Records staff. An effort to contract for publication of our manuscript had failed because the first publisher insisted that its rights to the book had not lapsed. The Archivist was authorized to present the whole problem to the Attorney General and to seek his opinion as to the property rights involved before proceeding further.

Final plans of the Record Center to be operated by the Records Management Division in the new Annapolis State Office Building were explained by the Archivist. He also advised the Commission that much needed space for the Hall of Records would be made available in our building if the Commissioner of the Land Office were also to move to the new building. The Commission agreed with the Archivist that this would be a desirable solution to our space problem if adequate quarters and equipment for the Land Office could be provided.

The meeting adjourned *sine die* at 3:50 P. M. .