We concur in your proposal for the appointment of a joint committee of five members and have appointed upon the part of the Senate, Senators Bennett and Bowling.

We also desire to inform you that the Senate is organized, the Honorable James J. Lindsay having been elected President and C. Andrew Shaab having been elected Secretary of the Senate.

## By order:

C. Andrew Shaab,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Senate Bill No. 1—By Senator Lindsay (President):

A Bill entitled "An Act to add a new sub-section to Section 6 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title 'Baltimore City', subtitle 'General Powers', sub-heading 'Taxes', as said section and Charter was amended by Chapter 548 of the Laws of Maryland, 1945, authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to have and exercise within the limits of Baltimore City the power to tax to the same extent as the State has or could exercise said power within the limits of said City, and to provide the procedure for the exercise of said power."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2—By Senator Lindsay (President):

A Bill entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-sections (c) (3) and (c) (5) of Section 7 of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title 'Unemployment Compensation', sub-title 'Contributions' (as said sub-sections were amended by Chapters 270 and 768 of the Acts of 1945), eliminating the provisions excluding certain employers from the benefits of the Merit Rating provisions, and providing for a re-determination of the contribution rate of certain employers on and after October 1, 1945, and providing that this Act shall not operate to discharge any liability or obligation due or existing on September 30, 1945."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.