

the way, that will provide many millions of man-hours of employment, while at the same time assuring for the people of the State a carefully planned series of public buildings, hospitals, schools, utilities, roads and bridges that will be of lasting benefit.

The past six and one-half years have witnessed a complete transformation in Maryland's fiscal affairs. Budgets have been continually in balance, despite the greatly increased amounts allowed for education, health, salaries of State employees and other very necessary purposes. Your Honorable Body has been a party to this change-about, which, as you know full well, has been brought about without neglecting a single important phase of the State's operations.

Intelligent care in allocating funds, efficiency in Administration and economy in husbanding resources, all have contributed to place Maryland in an enviable financial position. Let us maintain that desirable situation.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

HERBERT R. O'CONNOR,

Governor.

Which was read.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

House Bill No. 1—By Mr. White (Speaker):

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', sub-title '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 Ways and Means.

House Bill No. 2—By Mr. White (Speaker):

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-sec-