

Because it also relates to education, I will deal first with the proposed re-enactment of the measure passed by the 1949 General Assembly creating an issue of \$350,000 in bonds for construction at the Maryland School for the Blind.

This bill is technically deficient in that it fails to provide for the retirement of the debt created within the fifteen-year limit established by the Constitution, but as it stands, would have this retirement extend over a period of fifteen years and three months. The only change necessary in the measure proposed for re-enactment is a rearrangement of dates to bring it within the allotted constitutional period of fifteen years.

The third proposal which I recommend for consideration during this extraordinary session of the General Assembly is the appropriation, from surplus in the Treasury, of the sum of \$300,000 to supplement the funds of the Department of Public Welfare.

This \$300,000 which is to be matched by local sub-divisions, is for the purpose of extending emergency aid to unemployed employables hitherto denied assistance by the regulations of the Department of Public Welfare.

The amount of this emergency appropriation is calculated on data compiled by the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of Employment Security, and is based on the experience of other States which have adopted the policy of extending aid to employables who have exhausted their unemployment compensation benefits, and are in need.

In these States, the experience has been that not more than 10 per cent of the total welfare expenditure has been needed to meet the demands in this category. In Maryland, the gross welfare expenditure is approximately \$15,000,000. On the base of experience elsewhere, this would indicate a need of approximately \$1,500,000 for a full year for this purpose.

I am assured by the Director of the Department of Public Welfare that the \$300,000 which I recommend be appropriated, when supplemented by local funds, will be ample to meet the situation as it exists in Maryland.

It may be well that the problem for which this emergency appropriation is made will require extended study by the regular session of the General Assembly which will meet in these halls six weeks hence.

The fourth matter which I commend to your favorable consideration is the re-enactment of the State's search-and-seizure statute.

I do this on the advice of the Attorney General, who assures me that if the present statute is held invalid in legal proceedings now pending, a chaotic situation will result in the courts of the State.

This statute is under the same sort of cloud as the \$50,000,000 school loan measure, which was invalidated.