

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MD., December 17, 1949

The Honorable C. Ferdinand Sybert,
Speaker of the House,
State House,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I beg to transmit herewith copy of my message to the General Assembly of Maryland meeting in Extraordinary Session at Annapolis, Maryland, Saturday, December 17th at 11:00 A. M., Nineteen Hundred and Forty Nine.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. PRESTON LANE, JR.,

Governor.

Which was read and ordered journalized.

MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR WM. PRESTON LANE, JR., TO
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, DECEMBER 17, 1949.

Under the authority vested in me by the Constitution, I have called your Honorable Body into extraordinary session to consider the reenactment of the \$50,000,000 school loan bill passed by the 1949 General Assembly.

This measure, as you know, was held to be invalid by the Court of Appeals because of an error in the journal entry of the Senate recording its passage by that body.

Its invalidation has created a situation in the financing of the school-construction program in various sections of the State which would entail serious delays in the building of essential classroom space if the measure was not acted upon until the regular session of the General Assembly some six weeks hence.

The need for classroom space in certain areas of the State is so acute that even a few weeks' further delay in making funds available for the construction program might prevent completion of necessary additional building beyond the opening of the 1950-1951 school year, and for this reason I considered it my duty to convene a special session of the General Assembly.

Although, had the courts held the \$50,000,000 loan act to be valid, funds from the proceeds of the bonds would not have become