

available until after the first of next year, I believe it in order that consideration be given to a plan for making sufficient money immediately available to carry forward the work now in progress and planned for an early start.

The situation in which certain areas of the State find themselves is of such a critical nature with respect to the need for additional classroom construction that I believe every possible means should be adopted to speed the work on the necessary buildings.

Therefore, I recommended and will submit for your consideration a proposal that legislative authority be written into the \$50,000,000 loan bill to permit up to \$4,000,000 to be advanced from cash in the Treasury on applications for loan funds, with provisions that this money be returned to the Treasury upon the issuance of the authorized bonds.

If this proposal is adopted, it will not be necessary for the areas in immediate need of funds from the \$50,000,000 loan to wait for them for another sixty to ninety days until the bonds are advertised, sold and the cash payment is made for them by the purchasers.

While the extraordinary session was called for the purpose of dealing with this urgent problem, three other matters of an emergency nature have been brought forward for consideration, and on them I recommend that the General Assembly take favorable action.

Because it also relates to education, I will deal first with the proposed reenactment 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 extended over a period of fifteen years and three months. The only change necessary in the measure proposed for reenactment 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 Works.

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