

Maryland, Friday, November 10th, at 10:00 A. M., Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. PRESTON LANE, JR.,

Governor.

Which was read.

ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR WM. PRESTON LANE, JR., TO THE SPECIAL
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOVEMBER 10, 1950

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate and Mr. Speaker
and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

Pursuant to authority vested in me by Section 16 of Article 2 of the Constitution, I have convened the Legislature in Extraordinary Session for the purpose of fulfilling pledges I made to recommend to the General Assembly a reduction in the sales tax.

The pledge to do this was adopted in the Democratic Platform. The Republican Platform is in substantial agreement with this pledge.

In its detail that pledge in the Democratic Platform is: "We pledge our party to exempt all sales up to 50 cents and all food, including meals wherever sold or eaten. We pledge also to exempt from sales tax soap, soap powders, cleaning fluids and detergents when purchased for home use and baby oils and baby powders."

Bills embodying these recommendations have been prepared for your consideration and action.

The opportunity to accomplish tax relief as indicated is occasioned by increase in tax receipts and estimated revenues for the balance of the current fiscal year principally from sales and use taxes.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has given me a revised estimate of surplus as of June 30, 1951, after giving effect to warranted adjustments as follows:

1951 Adjustments

Estimated Surplus June 30, 1951 (Revised)	\$1,545,425.27
Comptroller's Balance Sheet, September 30, 1950.	
Plus: Estimated Increase in 1951 fiscal year	
Revenue over original estimates:	

Sales and Use Tax	\$4,500,000.00
Income Tax	1,316,500.00
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	700,000.00
All Other	250,000.00

6,766,500.00