

Davis, Meyer, W. W., Thommen, Ankeney, Bloom, Berkson, Hicks,
 Huyett, Newcomer, Clark, Hyde, King, Lofstrand, Reeves, Rush, Cook, Fey,
 Geppert, Reed, See, Whitworth, Barnes, Hahn, Six, Smith, Carr, Messick,
 Nock, Potts, White, Coddington, McIntire, Myers, J. C. Total—120

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

The Secretary of State appeared and delivered the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MD., November 10, 1950.

Hon. 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 in Extraordinary Session at Annapolis, Maryland, on Friday, November 10th, at 10.00 o'clock A. M., Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. PRESTON LANE, JR.,

Governor.

Which was read and ordered journalized.

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 the sales tax soap, soap powders, cleansing 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