

Annapolis, Md., May 31, 1962.

The House met at 1:06 o'clock P. M.

Prayer was offered by Hon. Carlton Sickles.

Present at roll call were the following members:

Messrs.—

Speaker, Combs, Fowler, Boyer, Joiner, Brockmeyer, Larrimore, McNulty, Melvin, Dowell, Hance, Linton, Mitchell, Boone, MacDaniel, Maguire, Staten, Tyler, Harrison, Latham, Lowe, Butler, Long, Quinn, Bennett, Matthews, Merryweather, Burkley, Harris, Mackie, Garbelman, Machen, Nichols, Sasscer, Sickles, Eaton, Risley, Hickman, Pilchard, Polk, Collins, Houck, Payne, Smelser, Davis, Getz, Hess, Moore, Blades, Wise, Bullock, Dembowski, Kosakowski, Nowakowski, Silk, Walters, Antonelli, Behounek, Hedrick, Panuska, Urban, Acker, Brooks, Brown, Curran, McNeal, O'Malley, Abramson, Dixon, Friedman, Imber, Rombro, Welcome, Bacharach, Cardin, Mandel, Resnick, Silver, Stark, Baumann, Baynes, Bittner, Corrigan, McGuirk, Myers, Cohill, Geiger, Grumbacher, Mason, McElwee, White, R. T., Barbee, Browning, Cook, E. P., Hostetler, Lee, Woodwood, Conlon, Cook, N. S., Driscoll, Reed, Walsh, Hale, Magin, Clark, Caldwell, Cannon, Hanna, White, E. H., Bray, Buckel, Savage. Total—112

The Journal of May 30, 1962 was read and approved.

ORDER

Please excuse Delegate Frances Holub, Second District, Baltimore City, from today's session because of illness.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Annapolis, Md., May 31, 1962.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

I have viewed the events of the past few days with mounting alarm and saddening of heart. The people of Maryland, I know, are concerned about what has been done here at this special session.

On May 24, the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County ruled that the Maryland House of Delegates was malapportioned and that Section 5 of Article III of the Maryland Constitution, which established that apportionment, was null and void. The effect of the court's decision should have been obvious. A constitutional void was created, and a clear responsibility for prompt action fell upon both the executive and the legislative branches of our State Government.

I, as Chief Executive of the State, moved as quickly as possible. I called the General Assembly into extraordinary session and laid before its members two bills designated to reapportion fairly the House of Delegates.

These bills have been emasculated by amendments. As amended, they bear little resemblance to this Administration's proposals and they should not be enacted in their present form.

The hour is late, but there is still time for the General Assembly to meet its responsibilities.

I want to make my position unequivocally clear. House Bills 1 and 2 as amended should not be enacted.