

session. What we are doing here is simply a fulfillment of the commitments we made when the legislation was passed.

As you all know, a Circuit Court Judge held that the proviso for tax credit, which we incorporated in the legislation, was an unconstitutional delegation of legislative responsibility and that therefore that section of the measure is null and void.

And so, in view of the favorable revenue prospects, and in keeping with the pledge we made to the people of the State, I have convened you here today in extraordinary session to remove the tax increase which was scheduled to take effect at the beginning of next year.

I am pleased, as I know all of you are, that a rising economy and continued prosperity has made it possible for us to do this. It is my hope and my prayer, as I know it is your hope and your prayer, that this prosperity will continue, and that when we come back here next January we will be able to pursue a vigorous and progressive program of State services without the necessity of imposing additional taxes.

In any event, we are proud of the improvements we have made in the educational system of our State. We know that what we have done will affect beneficially the lives of Marylanders of this generation and of generations to come.

We are also proud of the record we have established in the sound management of the finances of our State.

We will continue our program of progress, in education and in other fields, and we will do so without jeopardizing the strong financial condition of our State Government.

I wish now to express to all of you my deep appreciation for your attendance at this special session. You are here to serve the best interests of the people of Maryland. It will be a pleasure to me, and to my staff and my Administration, to cooperate with you in every way in the performance of this duty to the people of the State.

*Read and journalized.*

The Senate of Maryland was escorted back to its Chamber.

## RECESS

At 11:50 o'clock P.M. on motion of Mr. Hess, the House took a recess until 12:20 o'clock P.M.

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## AFTER RECESS

At 12:20 P.M., the House resumed its session.

Present at roll call were the following members.

### Messrs.—

Speaker, Fowler, Boyer, Joiner, Duvall, Benner, Dowell, Linton, Perrin, McCurdy, Bossle, MacDaniel, Maguire, McMillan, Medairy, Peters, Rush, Spurrier, Stone, Tyler, Harrison, Latham, Lowe (T.), Long (Chas.), Bennett, Matthews, Merryweather, Spicer, Burkheimer, Conroy, Dentz, Goodman, Hart, Koonce, Machen, Marshall, McDonough, Wineland, Hickman (C. M.), Risley, Hickman (R.), Pilchard, Polk, Collins, Houck, Payne, Virts, Blair, Hess, Scarff, Blades, Wise, Bullock, Kosakowski, Mrozinski, Silk,