

the Member shall be withdrawn and destroyed. The final vote of each Member shall be journalized.

(e) If any person receives in the election for Governor the votes of a majority of the Members present and voting in the Joint Session, a quorum being present, he shall be declared elected as Governor.

11.

(a) The Chairman of the Joint Session shall certify to the Office of the Secretary of State the name of the person elected to the office of Governor.

(b) The paper ballots cast in the election shall be conveyed to the office of the Secretary of State, with the request they be transmitted promptly to the Hall of Records for permanent keeping in the archives.

12.

The proceedings of the Joint Session, including a copy of the certification of the office of the Secretary of State, shall be included in the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Delegates for the current session of the General Assembly.

#### Amendment to the Rules

By: Senator Lapidés—Offered from the floor:

On page 3 of the mimeographed rules of the Joint Session, in Rule 9(e), and in line 2 thereof, immediately following the word "speeches" insert the following: " , any Member who has not made a nominating address or a seconding speech may speak for not more than two minutes, after which".

*Read and rejected.*

The report of the Rules Committee was then adopted by voice vote.

#### Rules—Appendix A

#### EXCERPTS FROM THE OPINION OF THE STATE LAW DEPARTMENT ON THE ELECTION OF A GOVERNOR BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND

(Daily Record, December 3, 1968)

"We will now summarize our views in brief responses to your questions.

"First: We believe that the House and Senate are required to meet together in a single assembly to elect a governor. We think that this was clearly the intent of the framers of the Constitution of 1851, and the authors of the Constitution of 1867. We also believe that this was the view of the 1959 General Assembly in adopting the amendments to Sections 6 and 7 of Article II in this year. Further, we find that a single assembly was convened on each of the three previous occasions when the General Assembly met to fill a vacancy in the office of Governor.