

District 15—Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot Counties:

Robert P. Dean

Harry R. Hughes

District 16—Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties:

Frederick C. Malkus, Jr.

Mary L. Nock

Forty-two Senators having answered to their names, the Secretary announced that the Senate of Maryland, December 16th, 1969 Special Session, is now ready for business.

On motion of Senator Hughes, it was ordered that Senator Manning be excused from today's session on account of illness.

The Honorable J. Joseph Curran, Jr. nominated the Honorable Mary L. Nock as temporary presiding officer, which nomination was seconded by the Honorable Frederick C. Malkus, Jr. There being no further nominations, the Honorable Mary L. Nock was unanimously elected temporary presiding officer.

The Senator from Dorchester County and the Senator from Howard County were appointed to escort the President Pro Tem to the Chair.

The Secretary then administered the oath of office to the President Pro Tem.

The next order of business was the election of a permanent presiding officer.

The Honorable Roy N. Staten nominated the Honorable William S. James for President, which was seconded by the Honorable James F. Clark.

On motion of the Honorable William Hodges, seconded by the Honorable Harry Hughes, the nominations were closed.

The roll was then called, which resulted as follows:

Affirmative

Senators—

Mrs. President, Pro Tem, Anderson, Azrael, Bailey, Bertier, Bertorelli, Bishop, Brubaker, Byron, Clark, Connolly, Cook, Conroy, Crawford, Curran, Dean, Emanuel, Finney, Friedler, Gore, Hall, Hart, Hodges, Hoyer, Hughes, H., Lapidés, Malkus, Mitchell, McCourt, McGuirk, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Steffey, Steinberg, Stone, Welcome, Wineland. Total—42

Negative—None

The Honorable William S. James was elected President of the Senate unanimously, the Honorable William S. James was declared duly elected President of the Senate.

The Senator from District 15 and the Senator from District 6-C were appointed to escort the President to the Chair.

The temporary presiding officer administered the oath of office to the President of the Senate, the Honorable William S. James.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

The Secretary of State appeared and delivered a message from the Executive.