

further ordered, that the President is hereby authorized and empowered to fill any vacancy or vacancies that may exist in said committees by reason of death, resignation or any other manner.

Read and adopted by roll call as follows:

Affirmative

Senators—

Mr. President, 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, Nock, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Steffey, Steinberg, Stone, Welcome, Wineland. Total—42

Negative—None

ORDER

By Senator Hughes:

Ordered by the Senate of Maryland, That the Rules of the Senate as in effect at the end of the Regular Session of the General Assembly of 1969 are adopted for the Special Session of December 16, 1969, except for one amendment thereto as follows:

During the Special Session of December 16, 1969, all bills and resolutions introduced into the Senate shall be referred initially to the Committee on Rules.

Read and adopted by roll call as follows:

Affirmative

Senators—

Mr. President, 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, Nock, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Steffey, Steinberg, Stone, Welcome, Wineland. Total—42

Negative—None

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

House of Delegates

Annapolis, Md., December 16, 1969.

By the Speaker:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Delegates, pursuant to the Governor's proclamation, has met in Special Session and having organized by the election of the Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe, Speaker and, under the Rules of the House, Mr. James P. Mause, Chief Clerk is now ready to proceed with the business of the session.

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a joint committee of five members, three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the Governor and inform him that