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William Donald Schaefer sworn in as Comptroller



Comptroller William Donald Schaefer takes the oath of office as Maryland's 32nd Comptroller from Governor Parris Glendenning on January 25 at the Maryland State House.

Will serve as Maryland's 32nd Comptroller

As friends, political allies and his new co-workers, William Donald Schaefer took the oath of office as the 32nd Maryland State Comptroller during ceremonies in the House of Delegates Chamber of the Maryland State House in Annapolis January 25, 1999.

An overflow crowd gathered the inside the State House lobby, watching the ceremony on television monitors. Inside the chamber, hundreds of other guests arrived to watch the historic event. Prior to the ceremony they were treated to a string ensemble.

For excerpts from Comptroller Schaefer's swearing-in speech, see the Comptroller's Column on page 6.

The swearing-in began at approximately 4 p.m. as Gov. Parris Glendenning delivered the oath of office to Comptroller Schaefer. Following his swearing-in, Comptroller Schaefer outlined to the audience his vision for the Comptroller's Office. The Morgan State University choir completed the ceremony by singing musical selections including a medley of "Maryland, My Maryland" and "America the Beautiful."

After the ceremony, Comptroller Schaefer was greeted by hundreds of friends and well-wishers at a reception in the State House lobby.

Comptroller Schaefer takes over the position from Robert L. Swann, who was sworn in as comptroller on July 14, following the death of Louis L. Goldstein.

In assuming the office, Mr. Schaefer pledged to continue the high level of service offered by the Comptroller's Office to business and individual taxpayers and to take advantage of his renewed opportunity to help the people of Maryland. He said he would work with the General Assembly to simplify the personal income tax form to eliminate the double computation for local income tax. He is preparing to offer suggestions to correct the situation for next year.

Mr. Schaefer noted that, during the transition period, he looked for ways to provide even greater service to businesses and to encourage economic development. "Over the next several months, we'll be detailing initiatives to create a business advocacy panel to advise us on issues concerning regulations, legislation, and all tax issues of concern to business and a problem resolution program to resolve specific problems for business taxpayers."

Highlights of Comptroller Schaefer's public service

• 1955 - 1967 •

Served on the Baltimore City Council

• 1967 - 1971 •

Baltimore City Council President

• 1971 - 1987 •

Baltimore City Mayor

• 1987 - 1995 •

Maryland Governor

• January 25, 1999 •

Sworn in as Maryland's 32nd Comptroller

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