



# Maryland Student Legislature

## Opening Ceremonies

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*(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall be in the center chair of the dais, and the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR shall be seated on the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S right. In order from the right to left, the SECRETARY OF STATE, the ATTORNEY GENERAL and the COMPTROLLER shall be seated in the front at the Clerk's Desk.)*

**SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY:** The body shall come to order. *(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall rap the gavel.)*

**SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY:** The Secretary of State shall announce the number in attendance by delegation and the total number in attendance.

**SECRETARY OF STATE:** *(Announces the number in attendance by delegation alphabetically and announces the total in attendance.)*

**SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY:** At this time members shall rise as Governor \_\_\_\_\_ [last name] enters. *(GOVERNOR enters and proceeds to the dais. The GOVERNOR shall shake hands with the members of the Council of State shaking hands with the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY last and then remain standing to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S left.)*

**SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY:** Members shall remain standing as \_\_\_\_\_ [name] from \_\_\_\_\_ [host college or university] offers the invocation. *(At this time the person offering the invocation should rise and come to the dais, the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY should step to the right. The following language shall be used unless the person offering the invocation provides other wording.)*

**INDIVIDUAL OFFERING INVOCATION:** Please rise and bow with me. O, God, make us able to learn today and to better our understanding of the world around us. Grant that we enjoy our time together and store away memories to last us through the rest of our lives. Bless us all this day, we humbly ask. Amen.

*(Members should remain standing.)*

**SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY:** Members shall remain standing as \_\_\_\_\_ [name] from \_\_\_\_\_ [host college or university] shall lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*(At this time the person offering the pledge should come to the dais, the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY should step to the right. Pledge of Allegiance.)*

**SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY:** Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ [persons who offered the invocation and pledge of allegiance].

**SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY:** Members shall now be seated. *(Members shall now take their seats. GOVERNOR shall remain standing.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: We shall now hear remarks from Governor\_\_\_\_\_ [last name].

*(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY takes their seat. The GOVERNOR addresses the body. Following the GOVERNOR'S address the GOVERNOR shall return control of the chair to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY and shall take the seat on the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S left.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Thank you Honorable Governor for those remarks. We shall now hear remarks from Attorney General\_\_\_\_\_ [last name].

*(The ATTORNEY GENERAL come to the dais shake hands with the members of the Council of State shaking hands with the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY last. The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY takes their seat. The ATTORNEY GENERAL addresses the body. The ATTORNEY GENERAL shall offer remarks, reviews the events agenda, and make any necessary instructions for the body. The ATTORNEY GENERAL shall recognize the members of the State Government, session instructors, and any other Maryland Student Legislature leaders.)*

*(Following the ATTORNEY GENERAL'S remarks the ATTORNEY GENERAL shall return control of the chair to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY and then shall return to their seat at the Clerk's Desk.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Thank you, Honorable Attorney General. At this time, I would like to announce the following individuals who will serve as Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committees for the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ legislative year.

*(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall read the names of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each Standing Legislative Committee.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: The Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen will be required to attend the Committee Leadership Workshop being presented at [time]. At this time, I would also like to recognize the members of the Board of Directors, MSL Alumni, and Distinguished Guests in attendance.

*(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall introduce any MSL DIRECTORS, MSL ALUMNI and DISTINGUISHED GUESTS in attendance.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: The body shall rise as the Governor exits.

*(The GOVERNOR shall exit.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: We will now recess for the purpose of attending the workshops. Please refer to the schedule in your event packet, and we will reconvene as a group at \_\_\_\_\_ [time] for \_\_\_\_\_. *(SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall rap the gavel.)*