

Tawes Elected by Southern Governors

SEA ISLAND, Ga. —(UPI) — The Southern Governors Conference Wednesday elected 71-year-old Maryland Gov. J. Millard Tawes as chairman for 1966.



The conference named Tawes over Georgia Gov. Carl E. Sanders, one of the region's youngest and most dynamic chief executives, who had been considered strongly for the post. Sanders was elected vice chairman.

The governors completely bypassed all controversial subjects in their final resolutions. There had been some interest

among a few governors in a proposal to rebuke the Congress for passage of the 1965 Voter Registration Act, but the topic was ignored by the resolutions committee.

Tawes has been Maryland's governor since 1959 and is a former Superior Court clerk and state banking commissioner. His term expires in January, 1967.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk briefed the governors Tuesday night on the world situation in a discussion that ranged from the wars in Viet Nam and the Kashmir to the latest developments in the Dominican Republic.

Texas Gov. John Connally, speaking as chairman of confer-

ence, said later he was impressed by the "toughmindedness" of U.S. policy.

"We were led to believe that this nation is on top of the various situations in the world," Connally said.

"I was particularly impressed by the toughminded-

ness of the secretary in his approach to the various world problems. He gave us considerable detail on the situation in South Viet Nam, the India-Pakistan hostilities, our work through the U.N. and a number of other related areas.

"I thought his discussion was extremely frank and candid. He explained a number of

things and went into the background of why we are doing what we are doing over the world. I thought it was one of the best briefings I had ever heard on the whole world situation."

Rusk said the "unfinished business of the ordinary peoples of the world, including those behind the Iron Curtain," is a quest for a durable peace.