

“Confidence and Faith”. The day after election I made a statement in which I named as the three greatest assets of Maryland its bountiful land, its alert and vigorous population and its unequalled heritage of freedom and tolerance. We Marylanders are fortunate in the rich endowments of our State. As Governor, this knowledge will strengthen me in facing the tasks ahead. The opportunities for growth and development which lie before us are unlimited.

With faith and confidence in our State and its people, and with the help of Almighty God, we can look forward to an ever more bountiful and prosperous life for all our people.

Thank you

ABBREVIATED BUDGET MESSAGE

January 27, 1959

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have asked the two Houses to assemble in joint session here today so that I may present to you the budgetary program for the State for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

You will have before you the budget documents which we have prepared, consisting of the Budget Book and a Personnel Supplement. You will also receive the complete printed Budget Message containing in detail spending proposals for the several departments and agencies of State government, together with information relating to estimated revenues, proposed funds for public improvements and other important financial data.

I would suggest to each of you that you read this printed message carefully and refer to it frequently in your work on the budget during the months ahead.

You will observe that my plan for balancing State expenditures with State resources requires neither the imposition of new taxes nor an increase in the rates of existing ones.

When I began work on the budget only a few days after I was elected Governor, I set out with two main purposes. First of all, I was determined that the services the State government now is providing