

We here in Maryland already have made significant contributions in many areas of State government. We have coordinated economic development and highway building programs so as to provide the maximum economic benefits to our people. We are participating in federal re-training programs for those unemployed because of technological changes in industry. The results of such cooperative ventures are only now beginning to be seen. What we have seen, however, should inspire us to follow this course to a brighter future. Let us not be afraid to experiment, let us not be afraid to risk failure, let us not be afraid to explore fully the courses open to us in the future for fear of criticism from those who do not agree. For when we cease to experiment, when we become satisfied with conditions as they are, when we become content with the status quo, then we do not merely cease to advance, we begin to fall behind. Our country and this State were built by men who did not bask in past glories. We in Maryland cannot continue to reflect the image of our past unless we constantly strive to build upon our heritage. It is for this reason then, that I stand before you today both humble and proud, recognizing our obligation both to the past and to the future.

I am fully aware of the problems that this State faces as it moves into the future and I am fully cognizant of the great weight of responsibility that has once again been placed upon my shoulders. I ask you today to share that burden with me, to join with me in building on our heritage so that when the time arrives for others to assume our burdens, we can turn over to them a Maryland that is proud, vibrant and a leader among her sister states.

ABBREVIATED BUDGET MESSAGE

January 22, 1963

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have asked you to convene in joint session today so that I, discharging my duties as Chief Executive, may present to you my recommendations for financing our State government during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1963. Bills to implement this plan have been introduced in your two bodies, and the customary budget documents will be placed into your hands today. I ask you to study these bills