

tion of information can public support be attained. I am, therefore, proposing that the Public Relations Department of the Commission be strengthened and that a Public Relations Officer, capable of adequately disseminating information to which the public is entitled, be appointed.

There have been introduced in the General Assembly amendments to the State Roads Commission law which, if passed, will bring to fulfillment the principles and objectives I have enumerated. This, then, is the plan I offer for the re-organization of the State Roads Commission. In my best opinion, it is a sound, workable plan that will provide the State with the highways it needs at the lowest possible cost. I respectfully request, therefore, that you give it your full support.

STATE OF THE STATE
AND
ABBREVIATED BUDGET MESSAGE

February 3, 1960

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

Our State Constitution decrees that your Governor from time to time shall inform the Legislature of the condition of the State and recommend to its members such measures as he may judge necessary and expedient. It also requires that he submit to you annually a budget, together with any explanation of it he may desire to make. In this message to you today, I am fulfilling these two obligations.

I shall undertake, first of all, to give you my conception of the condition of the State and how it affects our responsibilities as public officials chosen to carry on the government of the people. In this connection, I shall recommend certain action I think we should take to make this government more effective and more efficient. Afterward, I shall attempt to summarize for you the fiscal program I am recommending for the coming budget year, offering you an explanation of the policies, principles and reasoning which shaped that program.

I shall begin by saying that the State of our State is good. Indeed, according to the experts, we face in the year before us a period of unprecedented prosperity and unparalleled economic expansion. The