

of an administration building and alterations and additions to other buildings. There is also money to improve the plants of the Patuxent Institution, the State's teachers colleges, headquarters of the Maryland State Police and various other projects.

In my best judgment, this budget which I am submitting for your consideration lays down a sound and ractical program for financing the government of our growing and progressive State. Provisions have been made for the expansion and improvement of certain services and programs to meet the needs which have been crated by this growth and progress. Once again, I have attempted to bring into balance the financial resources of the State and the requirements of its citizens for governmental services. I have attempted conscientiously to eliminate waste, duplication of services and extravagances of all kinds, but at the same time I have guarded against the impairment of any services which in my judgement are essential to the well-being of the people of Maryland.

A point I would reiterate is that we could have escaped a tax modification in this budget, and probably in the budget for next year, had it not appeared advisable to extend further financial assistance to Baltimore City and the twenty-three counties.

May I say, finally, that I am grateful to you for providing me this opportunity to speak to you on financial matters affecting our State. I look forward eagerly to working with you during the remainder of this session, confident that our collaboration will be fruitful for the State of Maryland and its citizens whom we serve.

STATE OF THE STATE
AND
ABBREVIATED BUDGET MESSAGE

February 7, 1962

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

In November, 1958, the people of this state assigned to each of us an important mission, directing us by their ballots to take charge of the agencies and institutions which they, as a free people, have set up to govern themselves.