

for an even deeper sense of financial responsibility on our part if we are to keep the State on a sound financial footing. I, therefore, respectfully request your continued cooperation in this regard and urge that you scrutinize more carefully than ever the proposed outlays so that the sound fiscal position of the State may not be endangered. I should like to caution you again, as I did last year, against the excessive use of the State's credit to finance private and local-public projects. Such uses of the State's credit to support these non-State-owned capital assets are frowned upon by the experts who establish our credit rating, and they have strongly advised against the practice.

CONCLUSION

The program which I have outlined here today for your consideration does not purport to cover the entire field of legislation on which you will be called upon to take action at this session. I am well aware of the many other important issues we face, and my position on these matters will be made known to you from time to time as they arise during the progress of the session. The program I have presented, may I say, represents my best judgment of a sound and sensible plan under which our great State can continue an orderly, healthy growth and expansion. The budget which I am submitting attempts to combine prudent fiscal management of State affairs with sound investment in the future health, happiness and prosperity of the people of Maryland. I am commending the program to you for your consideration in the firm belief that when it is adopted we can face the people who entrusted us with office, proud in the knowledge that we have honestly and conscientiously discharged a public trust.

ADDRESS, OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SPECIAL SESSION

November 6, 1964

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

I have convened the General Assembly in special session today to ask you to review and reconsider the action that was taken at the regular session earlier this year to finance a new program of public education and other services provided by the State Government. It