

lege and that your streets will be safe to walk by night.

It is a law so unoriginal that its concept is that of the government of the United States and our most progressive sister states.

It is a law that is fair replacing a law that was unfair; a law that is progressive replacing a law that was regressive; a law that is so sensitive that it provides a distinction between what is owned as a result of past labors and what is earned in terms of current financial ability to share in the tax burden. It is a law that is more a matter of redistribution of this tax burden than one of increased cost to taxpayers.

While fiscal reform has been legislated to achieve greater equity and necessary revenue so that the state and local governments may provide, improve and expand essential services. The executive branch shall direct and concentrate its efforts to assure that for every tax dollar expended a dollar's value in service, program or facility is received.

It is a popular thing to talk about saving money in government and we know many in public life today who exploit this theme to the fullest. But many of these self-proclaimed protectors of the public purse fail to recognize that spending is good when it is invested in progress and evil only when wastefully dispensed. In Annapolis today there is leadership determined to invest in the war against pollution, crime, ignorance and frustration but just as equally dedicated to save money in aggressively combating waste, duplication, inefficiency and bureaucracy. I have established the Task Force on Modern Management to examine the worth of every program, the importance of every State employee, the significance of every State-operated facility and to justify the reason for every dollar spent by your State government. And if this task force performs in the manner of those in New York, Ohio and Washington State, where millions upon millions of dollars have been saved, the citizens of Maryland are going to get more for their money than ever before.

However, all the dollars saved or dollars invested would diminish in value, all the economic equity achieved appear hollow and insignificant if Maryland's long-overdue social reform had failed to be commensurate with its fiscal reform. But this was not the case, for human rights legislation was enacted which rectified old wrongs and assured future progress. The unconscionable anti-miscegenation law was rescinded while expanded access to public facilities and equal access to new housing have been guaranteed to all Maryland's citizens regardless