

people. Let us look at these challenging times of ours, with the incisive realism that Christopher Fry looked at his . . . when he wrote:

Dark and cold we may be, but this
Is no winter now. The frozen misery
Of centuries breaks, cracks, begins to move,
The thunder is the thunder of the floes,
The thaw, the flood, the upstart Spring.
Thank God our time is now when wrong
Comes up to face us everywhere,
Never to leave us till we take
The longest stride of soul men ever took.

And I, as the new Governor of this new alliance of people—principle—progress, greet this new and promising day, with the hope that when we convene again, we will have pursued the path to excellence together and will have traveled a good part of the way.

BUDGET MESSAGE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

We are facing a complex mixture of colossal problems and magnificent opportunities. The problem, obviously, is to remove the problems without impairing the opportunities. Our ideals and objectives must be held at a high level, perhaps always just beyond our reach. However, a budget, by its very nature, is the meeting place of lofty ideals and harsh realities. Intrinsic to it is the conflict created by the necessity of assigning priorities to our goals. We must progress, solve problems in the interest of our citizens; but at the same time must recognize that sound financial policy is a prerequisite of good government. Consistent with our objectives, we must keep the burden on the taxpayer as light as possible. This can only be achieved by producing a dollar's value for every tax dollar spent.

There has been some discussion of the role played by the new administration in the formulation of this budget. While my predecessor has my sincere appreciation because he has cooperated fully in every respect, the practical limitations of time and lack of staff have made it