

## Appropriations:

Actual 1951 Fiscal Year.....	\$80,340,699.00	
Less: Estimated Reversions.....	500,000.00	
		79,840,699.00

Estimated Surplus June 30, 1952, before proposed  
Tax Reduction ..... \$ 7,709,055.02

Less: Estimated Loss from proposed Sales Tax Reduc-  
tion 1952 Fiscal Year..... 7,000,000.00

Estimated General Fund Surplus June 30, 1952..... \$ 709,055.02

Recommendations for further tax reductions are not made because the new administration will be faced with requests for additional appropriations which will include not only requests for the expansion of existing services but also the possibility of substantial appropriations for civilian defense. It would not only be unwise but a disservice on my part not to give heed to their possibilities.

The above are the reasons for calling you into Extraordinary Session. Other bills may be introduced, and I will be glad to give you the benefit of my judgment about them if you so desire.

It so happens that this occasion will mark the end of a four-year term of service together, and I therefore take this opportunity to congratulate and thank you for the service you have rendered to the people of this State. I realize that the problems you have faced have been difficult and the decisions you have been called upon to make have been trying.

The rapid passage of time and course of events have not given me the chance to enumerate nor evaluate specifically the worth of your service.

I am confident that in due course others will adequately do that for you.

For my own part, I offer you my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done, for your cooperation with me during the difficult period we have faced together.

I shall forever cherish the memory of your cooperation with me, and your courageous attitude in the public service.

I trust your work here now may be speedily accomplished, and when you have concluded your labors, Mrs. Lane and I would be glad to have any of our friends drop in to see us at the Executive Mansion.

*Read and ordered journalized.*