

changed the present provisions of the Constitution, we have provided that the Governor shall in his estimates make provision for the State debt, for salaries payable by the Constitution and laws of the State, for a free public school system, as provided by law, and for such other purposes as are set forth in the Constitution. The amendment also prevents the Legislature from amending the Budget Bill so as to affect the State debt; from reducing the salaries of public officers during their term of office, the rule of the present Constitution, or from altering the estimates for the free school system as submitted by the Governor.

Finally, the constitutional amendment which we have proposed provides for the contingency that the Legislature does not act upon the Budget Bill during its regular session, by authorizing the Governor to extend that session. In case he does so, the amendment provides that the Legislature may not consider during the extended session any other matter than the Budget Bill. We have also specifically provided that the amendment proposed shall not be construed as preventing the Governor from calling extraordinary sessions of the Legislature, as now provided in the Constitution, nor as preventing the Legislature at such extraordinary sessions from considering emergency appropriations.

Our thought in drafting the proposed amendment has been:

First—To impose upon the Governor the sole responsibility, within the limits of the Constitution and the provisions of existing law, of presenting to the Legislature a complete and comprehensive statement of the needs and resources of the State based upon:

- (a) Estimates made by those applying for State moneys;
- (b) Evidence brought out at public hearings on those estimates; and
- (c) Administrative revision by the Governor of all estimates, except those for the Legislature and the judiciary, and for purposes for which provision has been made by the Constitution or existing law.

Second—To make it impossible for the Legislature so to change the plans proposed by the Governor as to produce a deficit; but

Third—To permit the Legislature to make provision for any purpose not included in the Governor's plan on the condi-