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The General Assembly's passage of the Reorganization Bill will prove gratifying to the people of South Carolina. I congratulate the Senate and the House of Representatives on their statesmanlike action. The approval of this legislation marks a milestone of progress in our joint efforts to bring good government to our State.

I am happy to be able to say that this far-reaching legislation was not hastily enacted. It was discussed and analyzed by the people all over South Carolina. It was most thoroughly considered and debated by both Houses of the Legislature. Every possible aspect of the Bill was brought under public scrutiny. It was weighed and found good.

The able men who have put the seal of approval upon the reorganization of the State Government have built an enduring monument to themselves. The consolidations, abolishments, and revisions to be effected in the governmental structure will attest to the General Assembly's wisdom. The results of this legislation will be evident in the shape of increased, more efficient, and more economical State services.

The enactment of the Reorganization Bill is an historic forward step but the task of reorganizing the Executive and Administrative Branch of the Government has only started. This task will require the exercise of vision and statesmanship on the part of those to whom it will be entrusted.

The cordial spirit of cooperation between the Legislative and Executive branches of our government augurs well for the future. The demands of the people for progressive government will be met.