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STATEMENT BY REP. GERALD R. FORD, JR.  
January 19, 1959  
On President's Budget Message

The balanced budget which the President submitted today is a sound program for the coming year. It calls for responsible government action to resist inflation by insisting that Uncle Sam follow a pay-as-you-go policy. We must do this now, when the business climate and employment possibilities are on the definite upturn. The President should be commended for his fight against inflation and his realization that deficit spending inevitably reduces the value of the dollar.

I am particularly impressed that the budget has not been balanced at the expense of essentials. It recommends a sound program for improving our defense posture and for moving ahead with our space and research activities. It outlines a realistic approach to our national needs in a responsible manner.

In summary, the budget proposals will enable our Nation to move forward in economic and social progress at home, while fulfilling our responsibilities abroad.

I think the budget clearly shows that our domestic and national security requirements in the Space Age can be met within our income if we stick to the principle of putting first things first.

