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Great honor and privilege to speak to you  
Especially at invitation of Governor Barnett

Courage

Strong leadership

Fits action to words

District Director Internal Revenue

Population growth

Income tax returns

Council of State Governments report

Tax increase

Escheat law

Investment of state funds

Improvement of state sales tax collection process

Teacher salaries, increase plans

Proves the vitality of state governments

Myth of state government failure

Lack of courage

Archaic

Rurally dominated and therefore bad

We do have our shortcomings

But we are on the move

1902 state share	11%	1960	18%
\$2 per capita		\$155 per capita	\$338

Yet we released property tax to local government

Yet we released income tax to federal government

True, Federal government receipts much greater

But nat. defense, foreign affairs & int. account for 76%

Services to American equal only \$131 per capita

\$27B State to \$18B Federal State and local \$60B

More school teachers than total federal civilian employees

But what about federal aid?

Big -- 1960 \$5.8B

State aid to local government \$8.5B

But federal government has courage and capacity to raise taxes

State debt \$17B

Federal debt \$284B

Federal revenue sources near point of diminishing returns

And states have large tax auth.

Inc. rev. 60% 1954/60

Miss. 7th in nation in st. and local taxes per \$100 personal income

States are still the great repositories of power

If they continue to grow, to meet the challenges of a complex

society, the federal union of sovereign states will not perish