

of the Teachers in Allegany County, in case the State-wide bill (House Bill 391) failed to pass.

Inasmuch as I am affirming the State-wide measure, it would be superfluous to approve Chapter 343.

Chapter 525 (House Bill 317). This bill known as the Movie Tax Bill of Allegany County, would drastically change the prevailing system whereby tax receipts are distributed among various organizations and public and social agencies. Numerous requests have been received by me from Parent Teachers Associations, civic organizations and officials of all parts of Allegany County, requesting the veto of the measure. They give it as their considered judgment that it would be most harmful to these various organizations, which are doing a splendid work for the under-privileged and handicapped if these funds were to be withdrawn.

Under the circumstances, I shall veto the measure.

ARMORY BOARD.

Chapter 358 (House Bill 551). The State Law Department recommends the veto of Chapter 358 (House Bill 551), creating an Armory Board. The legal officers of the State advise me as follows:

"No term is fixed for the members, the Board is given power to borrow money, issue bonds, hold property and lease it to the State, improve existing armories, without any limitation. In other words, this Board is given drastic and independent powers, which might involve the State's credit and launch it into fields not contemplated or approved by the Legislature."

Accordingly, I am compelled to veto the measure.

ASSESSMENTS.

Chapter 347 (Senate Bill 456). This measure undertakes to prevent any reassessment of property located in Worcester County for taxation purposes until the year 1941.

The State Tax Commission vigorously opposes this measure. This State Board has gone on record formally as opposing local measures which run counter to State-wide plans for periodical reassessment.

Inasmuch as the State Tax Commission is charged with the primary responsibility for making assessments equitable and fair throughout the State, both to the property holder and to the general public, I cannot ignore the recommendations of this official body.

Accordingly, I shall veto this measure.