

number shall fall due and become payable at stated periods to be determined by ordinance of the Mayor and Aldermen.

The State Law Department has ruled that these provisions are not specifically sufficient to comply with Sections 35 and 36 of the Code and that as a result, the validity of any bonds issued under this authority would be questionable.

Realizing the effect that this may have upon the marketability of the bonds and because of the serious legal question involved, I have decided to veto House Bill No. 344.

Chapter 716 (Senate Bill 197). This Bill seeks to vest the Frederick County Road Board with extensive powers concerning the regulation of weights of trucks, the regulation of speed and prescribed penalties for violation of these regulations.

The Attorney-General points out in his opinion that the broad powers granted by this Bill to a local Board for regulation of motor traffic is unnecessary because of the fact that the State-wide law contains full regulations relating to the width and weight of motor vehicles. The opinion also points out that the grant of such powers to local authorities would tend to create confusion because different speed limits might be prescribed in one area that are totally different from those in an adjoining County.

In addition, the Frederick County Road Board, through its Engineer, asks that this Bill be vetoed, basing the request on the following reasons:

1. That the Bill was passed during the last hours of the Legislative session and will handicap and retard the workability of the County system with no benefits .

2. That the operation of the law will be detrimental to Frederick County.

3. That from an engineering standpoint the methods prescribed are unsound and impracticable.

Under all the circumstances, I feel compelled to veto this measure.

#### GASOLINE TAX FUND.

Chapter 731 (Senate Bill 443). This Bill authorizes and requires the State Roads Commission to pay the Mayor and Council of Crisfield and the President and Commissioners of Princess Anne a certain sum of money from the Lateral Road Gasoline Tax Fund.

The State Roads Commission opposes the approval of this Bill and points out that if its terms were fulfilled there would be a reduction in the amount of money available for the maintenance of the public roads in Somerset County. In other words, according to the State Roads Commission the allocation of