

Courts in Baltimore City. Under existing law, the Comptroller has the authority to fix the compensation of all employees in the offices of the several Clerks and it seems to me that this Bill should be vetoed inasmuch as it departs from a long established and uniform practice. I am confident that an application for any justified raise in pay will receive careful consideration by the Comptroller.

### CONSTRUCTION FIRMS

#### HOUSE BILL No. 229

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Construction Firms or Companies", said new section to be known as Section 291A and to follow immediately after Section 291 of said Article as said Section 291 was amended by Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1941, providing that contractors must post a bond for completion in Anne Arundel County.

The provisions of this Bill are, in my opinion, both unwise and unnecessary. The owner of property has means available for his protection in cases of this kind without aid of public authorities, and I have therefore vetoed this Bill.

### COURTS

#### HOUSE BILL No. 131

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 23 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Judgments", relating to judgments rendered in Montgomery and Frederick Counties.

Section 23 of Article 26 of the Code, designed to be amended by this Bill, was amended by House Bill No. 672 (Ch. 621), which I have already approved. Therefore, I have vetoed this Bill.

### CRABS

#### SENATE BILL No. 106

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 111A of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-title "Crabs", relating to the taking of crabs in this State.

This Bill would permit the use of hand drawn net scrapes in the waters of the State.