

make, reasonable allowances for diverse religious, social and educational beliefs, it cannot hope to fulfill its educational responsibilities to the State if it is deprived of its powers to perpetuate reasonable and equitable standards.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,
Governor.

Senate Bill No. 468—By Senator Bailey.

AN ACT to add new Section 54A to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 5. County Board of Education," to follow immediately after Section 54 thereof, to provide for the applicability of school laws, rules or regulations to schools in Charles, GARRETT and St. Mary's Counties conducted or operated by certain religious groups and to authorize the modification of such requirements by the local boards of education in these counties.

The President put the question: shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

The President announced the veto was sustained by roll call as follows:

Affirmative—None

Negative

Senators—

Mr. President, Anderson, Bailey, Bertier, Bertorelli, Bishop, Brubaker, Byron, Clark, Connolly, Conroy, Curran, Dean, Dorf, Emanuel, Finney, Friedler, Gore, Hall, Hart, Hodges, Hoyer, Hughes (G.), Hughes (H.), Lapidés, Lee, Malkus, Manning, Mitchell, McCourt, McGuirk, Nock, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Steffey, Steinberg, Stone, Welcome, Wineland. Total—43

May 4, 1967.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Section 17, Article II, of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today Senate Bill 482 and am returning it to you.

This bill would authorize additional State debt in the amount of \$20 million to aid in the construction and modernization of voluntary non-profit hospitals. The bill supplements a previous authorization of \$50 million passed in 1964.

Although there is no question about the desirability of better hospital facilities and services for Maryland citizens, there must be a recognition that the implementation of such needs must be fiscally sound. Bond authorizations approved by the 1967 General Assembly totaled \$284,046,700. Most of them were essential to provide necessary State services. Although this bill involves a comparatively small part of the total amount, it has some characteristics that distinguish it from most of the other authorizations.