

VETOS

VETO MESSAGES FOR THE FORTY-TWO BILLS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1953 AND VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR*

SENATE BILL NO. 164

May 6, 1953

Honorable George W. Della
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

I am returning herewith Senate Bill No. 164 without my approval. The bill provides that, effective August 1, 1954, reduced tolls shall be charged residents of Cecil and Harford Counties on the Susquehanna River Bridge. However, after introduction, the bill which related solely to passenger vehicles was amended to provide special rates for two axle trucks. The Attorney General advises that the discrimination in favor of one particular type of truck over other trucks that use the bridge probably renders the bill unconstitutional.

I am desirous of having reduced commutation rates for passenger cars owned by residents of Cecil and Harford Counties put into effect as soon as possible. I am therefore requesting the State Roads Commission to take all steps possible to secure the reduction of rates for passengers as prescribed in the bill at the earliest possible date, but as indicated above, must veto the bill in its present form.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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*All forty-two bills were vetoed by the Governor following the adjournment of the General Assembly. Under Section 17 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Maryland, they must be referred to the House in which they originated immediately after that House shall have organized at the next regular or special session of the General Assembly, and may then be reconsidered in the same manner as bills vetoed during a session. Of the forty-two vetoed bills, seventeen originated in the Senate and twenty-five originated in the House.