

tendent is a thoroughly competent and efficient man, I have decided to veto this bill.

Chapter 294, House Bill 333. This bill relates to the collection of taxes in Garrett County, the auditing of the Treasurer's books, proceedings with regard to delinquent taxes, etc. Many of the provisions of the bill are covered by the existing law. I am advised that there is no occasion or demand for other provisions.

OBSOLETE AND USELESS LAWS.

Bills were introduced in the Legislature, providing for the repeal of the laws recommended for repeal by the Committee on Obsolete, Superfluous or Useless Laws, created by the Legislature of 1927. As a result, thirty-two of these repealing bills which passed the Legislature, are being approved by me, and this will eliminate approximately fifty obsolete or useless statutes.

I think, however, that it is best only to approve these repealing bills when it is clear that the laws repealed are, in fact, obsolete or useless, and I am vetoing the following bills, because there is a possibility that they may repeal provisions of law, which, under some circumstances, it might be desirable to have on the statute books.

(Chapter 240, House Bill 439)

This bill repeals Section 101, of Article 43, of the Code, title "Health," requiring the floors of shirt factories to be sprinkled every morning with water. This section is a duplicate of Section 299 of Article 27 of the Code, but I think it best that the same should not be repealed, because it is a health regulation, and ought to appear in Article 43, which contains all the general health laws.

(Chapter 333, House Bill 443)

This bill repeals Sections 304 to 309, of Article 23 of the Code, relating to telephone rates. The reason for the repeal is that these provisions have been superseded by the Public Service Commission law. This is doubtless true, but I cannot be sure that some situation might not exist in the future in which these laws would be needed.