

importing of United States brewing products into Canada, just as I frown upon all restrictive tariffs maintained by this Country and others.

However, American leadership toward the elimination of such trade barriers would not be helped by similar acts of short-sighted contrariness. Such contrariness on our part would, indeed, be an act of hindrance.

Tariff negotiations and adjustments are primary concerns of the Federal level of government.

The acquisition of new industries, on the other hand, is a responsibility of communities with the help of the States. The competition is stiff. Municipal and County governments in Maryland and their Chambers of Commerce have been commendably alert to their opportunities, and the State renders effective help whenever and wherever the occasion presents itself. We have maintained a well-balanced tax structure and various other successful inducements to industry.

Unhappily, the passing of Senate Bill 38 already has attracted some unfavorable attention to the State on a national scale, and the United States Chamber of Commerce is among those expressing the hope to me that the measure will not become a law.

Various trade magazines have taken cognizance of the situation and are awaiting news of this executive action.

Ours is one of the fastest growing States in the Union and Baltimore County is one of our most rapidly growing civil divisions. I feel that I would be seriously derelict in my duty if I failed to use the power of my office to head off this attempt to deprive it of a very substantial addition to its industrial plant.

I am confident that the members of the General Assembly, in the light of all the information now at hand, will see the situation as I do when it reconvenes, and that it will, by upholding my veto of Senate Bill 38, join with me in again serving notice on the world that Maryland is a State of progress, deserving of its healthy growth, and ready and anxious to welcome new industries to share in the bright future that is ours.

Sincerely,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor.

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#### Senate Bill No. 50—Employees' Retirement System

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11 (7) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1955 Supplement), title "Pensions", to authorize the Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System to reimburse and increase supplementary payments to retired employees, who, inadvertently, suffered a reduction of benefits as a result of a 1955 amendment. AND RELATING GENERALLY TO THE