

availability of plans and specifications for these projects, emphasize my conviction that the Bill must be vetoed.

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.

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Senate Bill No. 466—Shellfish Parasites

AN ACT to add a new Section 697A to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Oysters and Clams", to follow immediately after Section 697 thereof, authorizing the Tidewater Fisheries Commission by regulation to prevent the introduction, infection, or spread of any shellfish parasite, pest, disease, or other detrimental organism into or within waters of this State, and relating generally to terms and exercise of this power.

April 30, 1959.

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

Dear Mr. President:

As is necessary under Article II, Section 17 of the Constitution of Maryland in all cases where I have exercised my constitutional right of veto, I am returning to you Senate Bill No. 466, vetoed by me today.

During the last few years, seafood producing States to the north of Maryland have encountered a great deal of difficulty as a result of a disease of unknown origin that has been plaguing the oyster industry. Many members of the Maryland Legislature expressed concern over the difficulty being encountered by the States of Delaware, New Jersey, and others, and during the recent session of the General Assembly, some of these legislators appropriately took steps to prevent the importation of diseased oysters into our State with the hope that by doing so, Maryland's oyster supply would not be placed in jeopardy.

Senate Bill No. 466 and House Bill No. 812 are the results of this effort. Both of these bills are designed to give the Department of Tidewater Fisheries the authority to regulate and control diseased oysters of every description and to place an embargo upon their importation into this State. These two bills are a duplication of effort.

House Bill No. 812 was signed by me on April 28, 1959, and is now Chapter 709 of the 1959 Laws of Maryland. As a result of the action taken by me on House Bill No. 812, it is unnecessary to place my signature on Senate Bill No. 466. Consequently I am vetoing the same.

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

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