

effective administration at your disposal, you will be expected to bring some working knowledge to bear upon your official deliberations. You will be expected to have the background to make informed and intelligent decisions about complex technical problems such as the elimination of air and water pollution; the planning, construction and maintenance of rapid transit systems; the raising or lowering of the principal and interest rates of the State's indebtedness.

All that you have learned from books and from observation will be brought into play; nothing that you have learned will be wasted. So, as one of your future constituents, I urge you to take every opportunity to learn, to stimulate your mind, to attempt greater intellectual challenges. Remember that one day your state of mind may well change the State of Maryland.

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COMMENTS TO PRESS ON ACTION BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
TO OVERRIDE VETO OF BILL TO REMOVE GOVERNOR'S  
POWER TO APPOINT LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD IN  
BALTIMORE COUNTY AND TIE-IN WITH GAMBLING  
INTERESTS\*

June 22, 1967

The only bill that probably deserves some comment is *one that I really wasn't interested enough in to try to affect the outcome of*. That was the Baltimore County Liquor Board bill, which was strictly a matter to place certain patronage in the hands of the County Executive. I think that this bill shows, without any question, the amount of attention given to it indicates that the Senators in Baltimore County who spearheaded this movement for this ripper bill are clearly in the hands of the gambling interests who are fearful of removing pinball machines and other gambling devices that take the Federal gambling stamp from Baltimore County licensed installations, licensed bars. And I think this was a desperation measure to keep us from acting in this area.

In short, I'm hopeful that the existing liquor board, *the one that's there at the present time, will take some action administratively to prohibit these gambling devices*. Clearly they are gambling devices, because they take a Federal gambling stamp and this is a *tacit admission that they are gambling installations*.

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\*See veto message, June 8, 1967.