

gambling devices. I feel that the present unfortunate tendency should be curbed and discouraged. I shall veto all of these bills.

## HOUSE BILL 385

AN ACT to repeal Sections 292 to 295, inclusive, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", said sections relating to licenses for certain race courses.

In am advised by the Attorney General that there is a possibility that this bill if approved may deprive race tracks of their exemption from the gambling laws.

The bill will be vetoed.

## GAME AND INLAND FISH COMMISSION

## HOUSE BILL 701

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 of Article 99 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-title "Commission", relating to the appointment and terms of the Game and Inland Fish Commission.

This bill would raise the membership of the Game and Inland Fish Commission from five to nine members, seven of whom would be required to have certain geographical residence and two of whom should be selected from the Farm Bureau and the State Grange.

From the extended hearing that was held on the bill, I am convinced that both those who are opposed and those who favor the bill are in agreement as to the fundamental objectives sought to be attained. They disagree as to whether this bill will provide a procedure which would accomplish those objectives.

The bill is opposed by members of the Game and Inland Fish Commission and many of the sportsmen throughout the State. On the other hand it is strongly urged by the Maryland League of Sportsmen. Since the adjournment of the Legislature, several of the members who voted for the bill, have communicated with me asking that the bill be vetoed. In this confusion I do not feel that the bill should receive my approval. Instead I shall appoint a commission to study the whole matter with the expectation that a more harmonious conclusion can be reached.

The bill will be vetoed.